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Beer and liquor election to be held in November

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters City Council certified the petition of a local option election for sale of beer and liquor within the city limits, and unanimously approved a motion to include the item in the November 6, 2012 General Election ballot.

On Monday, July 30, at the regular Council meeting, aldermen certified the signatures of just over 200 registered voters previously validated by the Acting City Secretary, and approved the motion made by Rick Dry and seconded by Chris Bahlman.

"I think the turnout is going to be high because is a presidential election along with some other pretty well contested I think we look forward for a big turnout and I think most of those people that vote for the presidential election will be interested in the topic," said Lewis

Bergman, Winters City Mayor. "I think the likelihood of its passage is pretty good."

The petition was presented by a group of local businessmen under the name of Winters Economic Coalition, and if it's passed by the voters would end a citywide lifetime ban allowing the legal sale of off-premises beer and liquor in convenience stores as well as mixed drinks in restaurants.

The petition and required signatures of local voters was presented on June 27, 2012 to the City Secretary, and was discussed in the July 30, 2012 City Council regular meeting.

Bergman said that if the voters approve the petition the city would be getting revenue that currently is going somewhere else "We will have some impact, I don't think it is going to be the gigantic economic boom that some

make it out to be, (but) on the other hand anything on the positive is good for a city like ours. I think the more money they spend here, the less they have to go out of town for any item, they are more likely to spend dollars here," Bergman said.

Bergman added that the trouble associated with alcohol abuse is already a reality in Winters, and currently the sale is not generating any revenue for the city. "As far as trouble, I think we already have the trouble from the people who consume alcohol, and abuse it, that shows up in the police report somewhere, we already have that so I don't expect that will increase, hopefully we'll get some sale dollars to offset that."

At the regular City Council meeting several agenda items were discussed and approved.

Sage Diller, from Enprotec Hibbs and Todd,

presented the update on various water related projects for the city.

Council members passed a motion for the City to be registered in the buy-board, in order to evaluate options for the purchase of a backhoe for the Water Department. Ted Evans, from Yellowhouse Machinery Company, made a presentation with his company's bid. The Water Department will evaluate options with two more companies before deciding about the purchase.

At the Council meeting a motion was approved to pass a petition from the American Red Cross. The Red Cross requested to use the Community Center in the event of a disaster.

The City Council discussed a about a financial assistance request from the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation to replace the low intensity runway lights (LIRL) with medium intensity runway



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

The Winters City Council passed a motion last Monday to include a beer and liquor election in the November General Election ballot.

lights (MIRL) for the city airport. The estimated cost of the project would be \$358,000, of which 10 percent should be paid by the city. Current regulations does not require the new lights, and after the discussion no action was taken on the agenda item. Other agenda items

discussed were the approval of using Hotel/Motel tax to pay for a page in the 2013 TMCN Guide, the installation of a water meter at the gun range, at the Rodeo Arena Road, and the reimbursement to Chief Nathan Johnson for a stolen firearm when a patrol car was burglarized.

WISD earns highest fiscal accountability rating

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Winters Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system. The Superior Achievement rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Winters ISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the tenth year of Schools FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas School districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of Schools First is to achieve quality performance in the management of school district financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"We are very pleased to earn the distinction of Schools FIRST Superior Achievement rating, it is quite an honor for our school board and community" said WISD Superintendent Don Kuempel, "although there remains to be many challenges with decreases in state



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WISD Superintendent Don Kuempel, Jr. and business manager Glenda McKneely proudly accept the Superior Achievement certificate.

revenue, this rating is symbolic of the administration and the board of trustees commitment to continue to be good stewards of our local taxpayers' dollars. This rating also demonstrates how schools are accountable not only for student achievement, but also for achieving these results in a cost-effective and efficient manner."

The Schools FIRST accountability rating system

assigns one of four financial accountability rating to Texas school districts, with the highest being "Superior Achievement," followed by "Above-Standard Achievement," "Standard Achievement" and "Substandard Achievement." Districts with serious data quality problems may receive the additional rating of "Suspended-Data Quality."

District that receives the "Substandard Achieve-

ment" or "Suspended-Data Quality" ratings under Schools FIRST must file a corrective action plan with the Texas Education Agency. Business Manager Glenda McKneely said "I totally consider this a team effort. The School board, Superintendent, Teachers, Staff and Tax Payers all played a pivotal part and deserve credit for this outstanding rating. I am blessed to be part of such a great team."

Chick Inn marker deadline nearing

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Chick Inn was a Drive-In Diner on the south side of Winters during the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. It was the teen hangout and south end of "the drag" during those times. Many folks who grew up in Winters have fond (and some not so fond) memories of the Chick Inn.

A group is working on securing a historical marker to recognize the time of the diner and in particular the Chick Inn in Winters. A pre-application has been submitted to the Texas Historical Commission.

In order to secure the historical marker, we must convince the Historical Commission that the Chick Inn had a significant impact on the community. This will take a lot of stories and information. Only a few stories have been received at this time. Everyone who went to the Chick Inn has some type of story—they do not have to be major events. Just remembrances will work. Please send your story as soon as possible. The committee needs the information now in order to submit the application by September.

Please send your story to Joe Eckols, 404 East Davilla St., Granger, Texas 76530 or send an e-mail to joeeckols@yahoo.com or write it on Facebook "Chick Inn Memories." Information and donations for the marker can also be sent to Z. I. Hale Museum, PO Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567.



Baseball and glory Ballinger and Winters players represented Runnels County at the State 12U Baseball Tournament held in Harker Heights.

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Farm Bureau membership drive to be held on Aug 6-10

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- It's membership drive time again for the Runnels County Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau directors will be out and about looking for prospective members during the county's annual membership drive, August 6-10.

"There will be activities during the week to encourage everyone to learn more about Farm Bureau and its wide variety of membership benefits," said Runnels County Farm

Bureau President Collin Klattenhoff.

There will be a meeting for young farmers and ranchers at The Turnrow on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone under the age of 40, who is involved in agriculture is invited to attend.

There will be a program on the opportunities Farm Bureau offers young people in agriculture.

"Young farmers and ranchers are the future of our organization and Farm Bureau offers

many exciting opportunities for young members," Klattenhoff said. Anyone planning on attending should RSVP to the Runnels County Farm Bureau office at (325) 365-2562 by August 3.

Farm Bureau Insurance will be offering new and current members the opportunity to win a gas grill during the month of August. Contact one of the three Runnels County Farm Bureau agents to find out how to get entered into the drawing for the new grill.

There is no purchase necessary to win.

"Farm Bureau is not just insurance," said Klattenhoff, "We are a grassroots organization dedicated to preserving agriculture and the rural way of life. Farm Bureau offers its members a wide variety of benefits that easily offset the cost of membership."

One of the newest benefits offered to members is the private offer from General Motors. After 60 days of membership, Farm Bureau members

can receive a discount on select vehicles. Farm Bureau members also enjoy access to Texas Farm Bureau Insurance, discounts on hotels, rental cars, amusement park tickets, prescription drugs, and much more.

Information on becoming a member of Runnels County Farm Bureau is available at our office located at 809 Hutchins Ave. in Ballinger, by calling (325) 365 2562, or from any Runnels County Farm Bureau Director.

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August 9 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Grades 8 and 9 uniform check out

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Athletic Booster Club meeting

The Winters Athletic Booster Club will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2012 in the Winters ISD Special Events Center at 6 p.m. The meeting coincides with the athletic physicals for all Seventh, Ninth, and Eleventh grade athletes and equipment distribution for high school football players.

Officers will be elected and plans made for Meet the Blizzards as well as other upcoming events. Any parent, family member, or friend of a WISD athlete, both junior high and high school, along with any and all Blizzard fans are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Booster Club is looking forward to working with the new coaching staff and excited about some new spirit projects to support the Blizzard and Lady Blizzard athletic programs.

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 select shot.

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.

NEWS OF AN ARTSY NATURE FROM COLEMAN

Heritage Hall Gallery showing a wide collection

The Heritage Hall Gallery will open September 1, 2012. The Gallery will showcase art-work of all kinds in a pleasant surrounding including but not limited to original fine art, wood, pottery, glass, porcelain, bronze, metal, jewelry and photography.

It will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment at other times. For information on Gallery Application you may contact Kathy Andrews at ckandrews@web-access.net (325) 624-5544 or Kay Mitchell cbkm@web-access.net (325) 625-1140.

Fiesta de la Paloma kicks off Oct 3

The Annual Fiesta

de la Paloma Art Show this year again will be a membership show. The show will open to the public October 3, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The show will be open October 4-6 from 9 to 5. Awards will be presented at 4:30 on Saturday October 6, 2012. Jo Beth Gilliam of Lubbock will be the Judge this year. Jo Beth teaches workshops, has had her work accepted into Splash 10 Best of Watercolor, 2008; a North Light Publication featured her work in the 2012 "Artist Touch." Her works have exhibited in Security State Bank, Abilene; Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, Texas; South Plains College at Levelland, Texas. Jo Beth is presently represented by Folger Gallery, Midland, Texas and Abilene-n-Art, Abilene, Texas, and Rendr

Frame and Gallery in Lubbock. You may view her work at the web-site of Folger Gallery: FolgerGallery.com/Gilliam

Warming up for a fun time in Colorado

Ginger Test, Annual Colorado Gold Workshop in South Fork, Fun Valley, Colorado will be September 8 through September 15. Lodging is available as well as trailer parking spaces. For information and a fun time in Cool Colorado, call Ginger (325) 723 2035 (leave message) or cell phone (325) 669 1108 (leave message if no answer). Email: terry_t1957@yahoo.com

Comanche's 31st Pow-Wow Art Exhibit and Sale

Our neighbors and art friends in Comanche have invited artists to enter their 31st Annual Co-

manche County Pow-Wow Art Exhibit and Sale. The entries will be received Thursday September 20 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. For entry information contact the Comanche-Chamber@verizon.net or phone (325) 356 3233 and talk to Caron. There will be adult divisions as well as children K-12. Adult Best of Show is \$250 with other cash awards. The show will be up September 22 and 23, 2012, produced by the Comanche County Art Association - Paula Vaughn (325) 356 5324 or Susan Myers (325) 356 0046.

FAL reminds members to bring in brochure entries

Fine Arts League members are reminded to get their entries into the brochure cover competition now. Deadline for entry is August 15.

NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT (AVISO DE FECHA LÍMITE PARA PRESENTAR SOLICITUDES PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA)

Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the City of Winters, Texas, Regular Election ballot may be filed during the following time:

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Start Date: July 21, 2012 (Fecha Inicia)	End Date: August 21, 2012 (Fecha Limite)
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (Horario de la Oficina)	

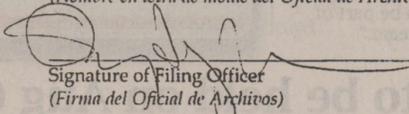
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310 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567

Address to mail applications for place on the ballot (if filing by mail):
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WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

SONORA - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Sutton and Schleicher counties will conduct the Ranch Herd Management Workshop: Making Ranching Work with Fewer Livestock program beginning at 8 a.m. Aug. 15 in the Sutton County Civic Center in Sonora.

"Virtually all our region's livestock producers had to reduce their herds in 2011 due to the severe drought and record-breaking heat," said Pascual Hernandez, AgriLife Extension agent in Sutton County. "Though conditions have moderated somewhat this year, most pastures are still in poor condition, so restocking is not an option."

"Ranchers often need a certain amount of income from the ranch to pay the bills. Less livestock and skyrocketing feed costs can make that a challenge. Thankfully, livestock prices have been excellent, so the whole point of this program will be to help producers maximize profits from the livestock they

have by targeting peak markets and minimizing their overall overhead."

The day's speakers will include Dr. Rick Machen, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Uvalde; Benny Cox, Producers Livestock Auction, San Angelo; Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, superintendent of the Texas AgriLife Research Station at Sonora; and Dr. Dale Rollins, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist, San Angelo.

The program topics will include:

- Beef Outlook - Condition of the beef herd, enduring with fewer cows, market expectations and securing feed sources.

- Sheep and Goat Market Report - Auction numbers; conditions, trends and expectations for the fall market; ethnic holidays and types of animals desired; and comparing prices of

similar weight hair sheep and wool sheep lambs.

- Preparing for the Feeding Season - Historical rainfall and recovery patterns; assessing forage supplies; and forage recovery/outlook for Fall-Winter 2012-13.

- In Times of Drought, Feed Deer? Feed Livestock? Feed Neither? - The challenges of feeding; does feeding make economic sense?

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for those with a valid private pesticide applicator license.

Individual preregistration is \$10 by Aug. 10 and \$15 thereafter. The fee covers refreshments and workshop materials.

For more information and to preregister, call the AgriLife Extension office in Sutton County at 325-387-3101.

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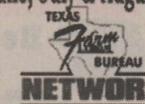
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Front row: Payton Campbell, Brandon Teplicek, Matthew DeNigro, Orlando Ochoa, Luke Holik, and Justin Ramon. Back row: Dylon Crabb, Cole Zentner, Keynan Gonzales, Dryden Virden, Riley West, and Austin Keesee. Coaches: Beau Gonzales, Mark Gonzales. Not pictured Henry Howell and B.J. Howell.

Dream Team competes at State Tournament

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- The Ballinger Dream Team traveled to Harker Heights, Texas this past week to compete in the 2012 TTAB State 12U Baseball Tournament.

Play began on Monday evening against the Harker Heights Riverdogs, with Keynan Gonzales and Dryden Virden pitching. Big hits from Dryden and Riley West in the third inning started the scoring for the Dream Team. Defensively, big catches from Matthew DeNigro and Orlando Ochoa stopped the Riverdogs from any further runs after the first inning. Dream Team kept the bats moving to take the game with a score of 11 to 4.

Immediately after the first game they played the Harker Heights Sand Gnats, needing only three innings to shut them out with a score of 21 to 4. Dylon Crabb pitching the first two innings and Orlando and Riley finishing out the third. Scoring began strong in the first inning. The third run was scored when Austin Keesee took

first base after being hit by a pitch. Most of the batting line-up had big hits and almost everyone scored a least once. Great defense was provided by Brandon Teplicek, Austin, Peyton Campbell, and Orlando in the outfield. Although he wasn't able to play, B.J. Howell provided great support for the whole team from the dugout.

On Tuesday, play began against the Eastland Longhorns, with a very impressive pitching performance by Dryden. Lead-off batter, Cole Zentner began the Dream Team scoring with his initial hit to right field, followed with hits by Keynan and Dryden to bring him in. Peyton's big center field hit in the third inning kept the team fired up, and Dylon's right-field double scored two more runs in the fifth inning to increase the lead. The Dream Team won the game after seven innings with a score of 4 to 3.

The team played the Albany Lions on Wednesday, with Keynan pitching and Orlando and Riley finishing out the last two innings of the game. Big

catches by Justin Ramon, Matthew, and Luke Holik helped defensively, but errors plagued the Dream Team, and runs were not scored until the sixth inning from hits by Cole, Keynan, Dryden, Dylon, and Riley, and a hit-by-pitch for Matthew. The Dream Team fell 9 to 3.

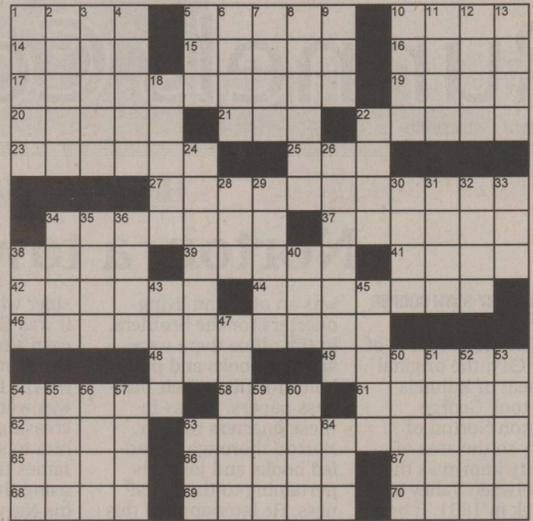
The final game was played on Thursday morning against the Presidio Astros with Keynan and Dryden pitching. Despite a home-run by Dryden in the first inning scoring three, the defense of Presidio proved too tough until the fourth inning when Keynan hit a double to center field and them scored after Orlando's hit to left field. The team rallied in the fifth inning where they scored five runs off of hits by Cole, Dylon, Dryden, Riley, and Keynan, and another hit-by-pitch for Matthew. Time expired and the game was called without playing the sixth inning. They lost 13 to 9.

The Dream Team placed third out of 13 teams that participated in the tournament and represented Ballinger and Runnels County well.

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ACROSS

- Grin from ear to ear
- B-29's quartet, for short
- Make ready for surgery
- "Wanna Do" (Sheryl Crow hit)
- Available for rental
- Still capable of exploding
- Dead end
- Old phone button abbr.
- "Old MacDonald" refrain
- Lassie's mate
- Was really awful
- Biological quintet
- Earth-friendly prefix
- Navy, e.g.
- Bay, Jamaica
- To go (eager)
- Iranian of old
- Ship's guidance system
- Bowed, in music
- Short round of tennis
- Puts on one's thinking cap
- Play follower, usually
- Neptune's domain
- Housed temporarily
- Silvery fish
- HBO alternative
- "Peachy!"
- Retreat to a safe house
- One who's constantly taking shots
- Last word
- LUNCH (store sign)
- Statistics calculation
- Took one's turn



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- South African novelist Alan
- Bellicose deity

DOWN

- Toyland visitors
- "Dallas" matriarch
- "Star Trek" extra
- Revealing skirts
- School gp.
- Bowler's shot
- podria
- The Carolinas' River
- Piggy abode
- Novel's essence
- Longtime Philbin cohort Kelly
- Deadlocked
- Exec's extra
- Biblical verb
- Soft seat
- Kind of sheepdog or pony

- Stuffed deli delicacy
- Eva or Zsa Zsa
- Practice piece
- Old Venetian magistrates
- "Pygmalion" penner
- Silent performer
- Temptation scene
- Time to give up?
- Jabba the ___ of "Star Wars"
- Gridiron great Graham
- Absorb, with "up"
- Won ___ soup

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Weather Whys

Q: Has there ever been a day when it was sunny all over the United States?

A: The short answer is probably no, but no one really knows for sure, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Modern weather records only go back about 100 years, so if there were cloudless days in the U.S. before then, it would not have been recorded. "This very question has been asked before," he says. "The National Center for Atmospheric Research has some of the top weather people in the world, and their best guess is that it's probably impossible for the entire U.S. to have a cloudless day. Modern satellite images have been in use since the early 1970s and they provide us with the best overall pictures of the U.S., but the best answer appears to be a 'no.'"

UIL finds 9 positives for anabolic steroids

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

Texas UIL released their 2011-2012 Anabolic Steroid Testing Report. The statistical report of the testing program that took place between September 2011 and May 2012 includes information such as the total number of tests conducted, the number of positive results and the breakdown of student-athletes tested by sport and gender.

Of the 3,311 tests conducted, there were nine confirmed positive results and two protocol violations. One protocol violation resulted from a selected student that did not report for testing and one was the result of a substituted specimen.

Of the 217 schools where tests were conducted, 3,087 boys were tested representing 11 sports and 224 girls were tested representing 10 sports.

The sports with the most student-athletes tested were football for males (1,366) and volleyball for females (30). The total number of student-athletes tested for each sport, includes multiple sport participants. Therefore, the individual sport numbers will differ from the total number of athletes tested. Overall, there were 1,045 senior student-athletes tested, the most of any grade level.

RUNNELS CO JAIL RECORD

Name	Age	Agency	Charges
Israel Nunez	17	WPD	DOC
Jerico Price	22	--	Poss. of drug paraphernalia
Zagene Bentrup	37	WPD	P.I.
David Shelton	25	Concho	Warrant
Phillip Spahr	45	BPD	Asslt FV. w/ Prev. conviction
Kyla Lollins	28	WPD	Warrant ordinance violation
William Stafford	38	BPD	DWI
Aristeo Alfaro	17	WPD	UUMV Retaliation
Gwenn Love	--	--	--
Christopher Medina	24	WPD	Warrant
Jospeh Bybee	27	Coke	Warrant
Ralph Wagley	52	Coleman	Theft warrant
Eddie Alvey	44	Coleman	Theft warrant
David Mendoza	21	Concho	Illegal entry
Leon Jean	19	BPD	Purch./Furnishing alcohol to minor
Caleb Collins	21	BPD	Purch./Furnishing alcohol to minor, Poss. drug paraphernalia, P.O.M.
Joseph Soto	19	WPD	Public Intoxication
Alexander Kelly	22	BPD	DWLI
Jeremiah Luera	24	BPD	Tom Green Co. Warrant
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HISTORICAL MARKERS AND THEIR HISTORIES IN RUNNELS CO

Norton, a town with history in banking

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WINTERS— H.D. Pearce of Runnels City, the original county seat of Runnels County, took George Washington Norton of Kentucky to the area of the county known as the divide between Valley and Oak Creek in 1881. It became obvious Mr. Norton liked what he saw and sometime later purchased a large tract of land.

George W. Norton was the son of William and Mary Hise Norton. William was born September 2, 1781, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. In 1806, William went to Kentucky living near Lexington. In 1810, he moved to Russellville, Kentucky. Here he became a manufacturer, both wholesale and retail of nails and other commodities. He married Mary April 11, 1813. They had six sons and three daughters. In addition to the manufacturing, he had a store, blacksmith shop and a farm. William's parents were Quaker but never identified with any church until later life when he joined the Baptist Church. The sons were prominent laymen in the church. Politically he was a staunch Democrat, but in Logan County his party was probably a party of one.

It was while the family lived in Russellville, Kentucky William died in 1858, and Mary died in 1878. George Washington Norton, the namesake of Norton, Texas, Runnels County, was born September 6, 1814. He married Martha Stuart Henry of Louisville, Kentucky in 1847, a descendant of Patrick Henry, the famous statesman and orator of the Revolutionary War era. George and Martha were the parents of seven children. As a young man, Norton and his brother John L. started a business in Russellville. The store was a general store. In this store they sold a variety of items. Inside the building

was an office in living quarters for the brothers. In the office there were account books and pigeon holes for filing their business papers. In was in these quarters that Mr. Norton thoroughly studied books and journals pertaining to their business. He later applied this knowledge to the banking and real estate business. September 4, 1843, just before his 27th birthday, George's brother and business partner died.

George W. Norton's next endeavor involved banking. In 1850, the Southern Bank of Kentucky began business with Norton as its' first president. It was known as the Norton-Long Bank in Russellville. The bank started with paid-up capital of one and a half million dollars. The state of Kentucky owned six hundred thousand dollars' worth of the bank. Eventually the Norton-Long bank had four or five branches in different parts of the state. In Georges' funeral address given by Dr. John Broadus, indicated the Southern Bank of Kentucky of which he president, though located at a village on the border, was at the outbreak of the War, the strongest bank in the State, having connections in New Orleans and New York.

The financial crisis of 1857, saw a strong run on the bank by patrons to demand their money and all the demands were promptly met. In later years, after Norton and his family had moved to Louisville, a man who still had notes of the Southern Bank of Kentucky, which had been liquidated, approached Mr. Norton to redeem the notes. Norton promptly paid the man \$17,000 for the notes from his private funds.

The Southern Bank of Kentucky or as it was known in Russellville, the Norton-Long Bank was the site of the first Younger and James bank robbery. Nimrod Long was the ca-

shier when Cole Younger, it was thought, tried to cash a counterfeit bill. Long attempted to dash for the back door and was wounded with a slug creasing his head, causing him to spin around. Jesse James tried to stop him using the long barrel of his Navy Colt. Long managed to leap for the door as colts roared. The gang members were poor shots and Nimrod Long managed to get out and alarm the public. The seven bandits that were involved managed to evade the barrage of gunfire from the townspeople. Five thousand dollars in cash and nine thousand dollars in bonds were taken. The famous Pinkerton man, Yankee Bligh finally captured one of the gang members known as Big George Shepherd and he was sent to prison. Other accounts indicated there were also bags of gold and silver taken.

Varying accounts later indicated no one could be sure which side George W. Norton was sympathetic to during the Civil War, as they had ties with both the North and South. During the winters of 1861-1862, the Confederate Provisional Government was set up in Bowling Green, Kentucky. George W. Norton received a summons to go there and for several hours was questioned about the bank's condition and the amount of money in its vaults. Fearing confiscation by the confederate soldiers, Norton returned home and called the directors to a meeting to protect the assets. The directors trusted him and Mr. Marmaduke B. Morton, the cashier, to assist him in moving the money. The two successfully moved the money to a safe place and returned it a few weeks later without any loss.

Banking laws changed in 1863, when National Banks were established. The Southern Bank decided to end its' 13 year

history and went into voluntary liquidation. The state got \$800,000 of its' original \$600,000 investment. George W. Norton made it through the war with his fortune intact.

George and family and his brother William F. Norton and family were all living in Louisville, Kentucky so they joined together and conducted banking and real estate business until 1885 when they both retired. They were very successful and owned property over some 12 to 15 states.

George Washington Norton was 67 years of age, the year being 1882 when he arrived in Runnels County. The possible reason he came to Runnels County was that H.D. Pearce of Runnels City may have played an important part. Mr. Pearce was a Confederate Veteran and a staunch believer in the cause of the Confederacy. He was also an important leader that worked tirelessly to convince people to move into Runnels County by advertising in eastern papers. It is also possible the two had become acquainted through the Southern Baptist Church, because Mr. Norton was the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention and was President of the Financial Board of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was also instrumental in the Seminary's move from Greenville, South Carolina, to Louisville, Kentucky in 1877 and continued to support the institution. The Peaces, Henry and Lizzy helped to organize a Baptist Church in 1881 in Runnels City.

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Town of Norton

Named for George W. Norton of Kentucky, who about 1882 bought and later developed the divide between Oak and Valley creeks.
Post Office, established in 1894. Was at first in home (1.5 mi NE) of Postmaster Marion A. Wilkerson. This facility and a few country business — including stores, cotton gins, blacksmith shops — were drawn into town, which was platted by O.C. Bivins in 1903.
First homes are said to have been built by Dr. W.W. Mitchell and Les Trimmier. High School was established in 1906. Early institutions included several churches and a Masonic Lodge. (1970)

Texas Historical Marker in the town of Norton.

Miller, Mr. Norton paid 50 cents per acre for the vast land area he acquired and then sold in 100 and 200 acre tracts for \$3.50 to \$8 per acre. Norton became a village by drawing in its surrounding stores, schools, churches and homes. Most of the land surrounding was either from the Burnett School Land Survey or H. and G. N. Railroad Land. George W. Norton, banker and capitalist died on July 18, 1889, and was buried at Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky. In the certified will, which is included in the deed records in the Runnels County Courthouse, he stated that "if not erected in my lifetime I desire a suitable monument to be erected on my lot at Cave Hill Cemetery not to exceed in cost \$5,000." A large granite monument is located at Mr. and Mrs. George W. Norton's family plot at Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky.

The town got its name with the coming of the Post Office November 27, 1894. It was located about 1 mile northeast of the present Norton location. The post office was a room with a porch of the Wilkerson Home. The mail was brought by horseback twice a week from Maverick. October 13, 1902, the office was moved into Norton. The first store was built in 1901 but was soon moved to nearby Marie. A general store was

built in 1903. The first homes were built in 1901. Dr. W.W. Mitchell had his medical practice in Norton until 1950, except during WWI when he left to serve in the military. Dr. Stallingsworth practiced in the community during that time. The town also had a telephone exchange, drug store, cotton gin, barber shop, blacksmith shop, bank, a garage that also sold gasoline. There was a Masonic Lodge over the general store, also several schools. They later became Norton High School.

The one room building on the Duncan farm was used as a school house and a church building. The Methodist Church at Center Valley a mile west of Norton in 1901 was used as a school until the schoolhouse was complete in Norton in 1906. The North Norton School was built about 1901 and was added to the Norton School in 1939. A small school called "Who'd A Thought It" on the Bob Taylor farm, and the Gentry School on the Ed Gentry farm across Oak Creek, along with the Oak Creek and Marie Schools all became part of the Norton School. In 1937, the high school from Maverick, whose school began in 1890, and was one of the oldest in the county, joined the Norton School. June 8, 1968, the Norton High School District was annexed to the surrounding districts.

The Norton Methodist Church was moved from Center Valley to Norton. Later, it was enlarged and used for many years. The Norton Baptist Church was organized at the North (Old) Norton Schoolhouse July 24, 1901. It was known as the Fairview Church then, but later changed to Norton Baptist Church January 31, 1903. The first building was erected in Norton in 1913 and was used until a new educational building was finished in 1941 and the

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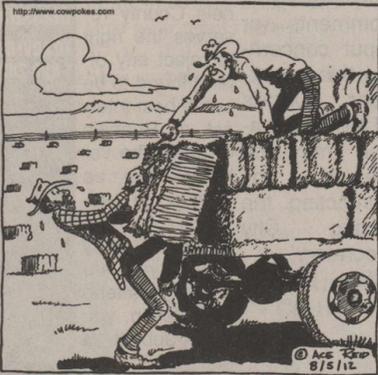
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Ballinger Masonic Lodge 643 recently held its installation of officers for 2012-2013. The lodge also presented two scholarships to graduating Seniors from Winters High School and Ballinger High School. Pictured here are: **Top left:** Miss Sara Lara, with her parents Rudy and Eloisa Lara, and Ballinger Masonic Lodge 643 Worshipful Master Larry Lusby. Sara was the recipient of the Lodge's \$1,000.00 scholarship given to a graduating senior from Winters High School.

Top right: Mr. Anthony Hurst, with his guardians Mike and Cinnamon Carter, and Ballinger Masonic Lodge 643 Worshipful Master Larry Lusby. Anthony was the recipient of the Lodge's \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating senior from Ballinger High School.

Bottom left: Mrs. Elaine Paske, member of the Ballinger Park Board, receiving a monetary contribution by the Lodge, from Larry Lusby WM.

Bottom right: Ballinger Masonic Lodge 643 officers for the 2012-2013 year, recently installed include: Tommie Turney, Donald Paske, Mark Lee,



Dale Monse, Robert Oliver, Larry Lusby, Johnny Fulton, Odell Denton, James Brown, R.J. Laird.

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Norton: The Presbyterians had a church in 1908

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auditorium in 1950. The Presbyterians had a church in 1908, but moved in 1934. The Church of Christ worshiped in a Tabernacle near North Norton area until 1965. A new building was soon erected.

It was August 2, 1912, when a cyclone struck Norton and caused a lot of

damage. One person died and several were injured. February 28, 1929, the General Store with the Masonic Hall above burned and the fire spread, destroying the barber shop, grocery, the Dr.'s office and the drug store that housed the post office. Two gins had burned and one rebuilt.

The Norton Cemetery was started January 1901 with the burial of the five-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Louden. It was on a plot of ground by the Methodist Church at Center Valley and was known as Center Valley Cemetery until the town of Norton was laid out.

One of the stipulations that George W. Norton required before the town site of Norton was platted out by O. C. Bivins in 1903, was that Norton was to have a public square. Although he requested certain specifications, Mr. Norton never lived to see the square laid out. Many outdoor activities such as baseball, football and other events have taken place over the years.

According to Mrs. Jacque Cope, a daughter of Dr. Mitchell and long-time teacher at Norton, recalled that the Highway Department had a difficult time to legally pave Bivins Avenue that went through the center of the square. The Avenue is known now as FM 383. She also noted there was a hand dug water well in the center of the Avenue, the main street that had to be filled and covered before paving. The well was considered the "best in town".

The Norton Post Office closed June 30, 2005 due to postal cutbacks. Residents were allowed to keep Norton addresses, although mail was delivered from Ballinger, Texas and Bronte, Texas. The community center continues to serve the citizens. There is one gin, operated by the Lange Brothers and is now called the Norton Gin Company. The Norton Lions Club continues to meet in the renovated elementary school they manage where various meetings continue to be held.

The streets are paved and the population seems stable. The streets were named after families living in early day Norton. They are: Mitchell, Pettit, Bass, Julian, McCaughan, Taylor, Eastland and Bivins.

Saturday, October 17, 1970, the Runnels County Historical Survey Committee held the dedication of an Official Texas Historical Marker at the Norton Community Center at 2 p.m. along with the Homecoming Activities. During the dedication, supper was served and patriotic songs were sung.

Resources:
Runnels County Historical Commission Marker Histories
History of Norton, the Town and the Man, Anthony W. Lange, May 1, 2010
Abilene Reporter-News, Abilene, Texas, October 15, 1970
Ballinger Ledger, Ballinger, Texas, October 15, 1970
"The Pearses Pioneering Days in Texas", Book by Zelma (Haley) Strom.

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The public hearing will be held on August 15, 2012 at 9:00 am at the office of Runnels CAD, located at 505 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, Texas. A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget. \$ 342,475.00

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget. \$ 22,805.00

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. 6

The number of employees compensated under the current budget. 6

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 505 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, Texas.

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