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**Getting the season started** Jimmy John Ripley makes a catch and runs for a touchdown at the scrimmage the Varsity Blizzards held vs. TLC in San Angelo last Saturday.



**JV Blizzards gaining speed and strength** Mikey Martinez running with the ball for the Junior Varsity team.

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## County drafts new tax rate, plans for senior citizens centers

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**BALLINGER**- Runnels County Commissioners Court discussed and deferred a vote regarding the location of the central kitchen to serve all three senior citizens centers in the county, with the options of Ballinger and Winters being considered as cooking headquarters.

Monday afternoon, in a called meeting, the Commissioners Court also voted on a new proposed tax rate for Runnels County, setting the new rate at .62 per \$100 of appraised property value.

Commissioner Ricky Strube made the motion, and said that the county has not had a tax raise since 2008.

"Since 2008 we haven't raised taxes in Runnels County, we've stayed with the effective rate, it was even lower one year, which means that all we did is barely get enough money to operate on... over the years we've been using this money," Strube said.

"If you got a savings account and you keep dipping in it and not putting back in it, it kind of runs out, and that's what we've done," Strube added.

Commissioner Strube said that "regrettably we are going to have to raise taxes, so that we have money to operate and maintain the jail, the senior citizen centers, keep paving roads, keep paying utilities."

Judge Barry Hilliard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

"We have gotten to a point where with the reduction of federal government we are

still going to have to borrow from the savings," Judge Hilliard said.

If approved, the proposed rate will increase taxes on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$18.62.

Public hearings to receive input regarding the proposed tax rate were scheduled for Tuesday, September 3 and Thursday, September 5, 2013, both hearing starting at 10 a.m., at the Runnels County Courthouse.

Regarding the operation of the senior citizens centers in Miles, Ballinger and Winters, County Judge Barry Hilliard and Precinct 2 Commissioner Ronald Presley presented a plan, as discussed with the recently appointed Runnels County Head Cook Barbara Heathcott, to carry all the cooking for the centers at the facilities in Winters.

According to the plan, the Ballinger and Miles centers would be used for distribution and for congregate meals only.

This new plan faced the opposition of Precinct 4 Commissioner Ricky Strube and Precinct 1 Commissioner Bobby Moore.

"Barbara Heathcott contacted me, and said there is more storage and more room in Winters, she requested having the kitchen over there, she convinced me it would be much easier for them, we would only have one vehicle then, it would leave Winters, come to Ballinger and then to Miles," said Judge Hilliard.

Commissioner Strube opposed the plan, stating that the kitchen in Ballinger is a

better option to carry this plan.

"The facility we own here in Ballinger is brand new and it's still my choice," Strube said. "If it needs to be updated to accommodate the dishwasher and whatever, with a bigger sink, bigger dishwasher (lets do it)."

Commissioner Bobby Moore agreed, saying that regardless of the number of vehicles the distance it's still the same. He added that at public hearings regarding the operation of the senior citizens centers, the citizens of Ballinger were told that the plan was to cook in Ballinger.

"We sat over here in Ballinger in that meeting and told to that people that we were going to cook in Ballinger, if we haven't said that it may have been a little easier to change it up," said Moore. "I don't know about (taking) the equipment out of this kitchen, because all this was bought with their own money, donations from foundations," added Moore.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Ronald Presley joined the Winters side "I like the Winters deal because they are comfortable with it, I also like the idea to use the Winters deal because we'd only had to have one vehicle," he stated.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Sam Scott didn't have a clear choice, and the item wasn't voted on. All commissioners and County Judge agreed to analyze the options, and vote on the item at the Commissioners Court scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

## Monday last day to file for General Election ballot

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**WINTERS**- In light of the upcoming 2013 November General Election, the deadline for candidates looking for a place in the ballot is quickly approaching. The last day for filing will be this Monday, August 26, 2013, at 5 p.m.

This year each one of the City of Winters, Winters Independent School District and North Runnels Hospital will be having openings in their governing bodies. The openings could lead to an election if more than one candidate files for office.

The City of Winters will be having openings for Mayor and Council Member Places No. 1 and No. 3. Incumbents are Mayor Lewis Bergman, Council Member Place No. 1 Jim Lincycomb, and Council Member Place No. 3 Rene Woffenden. As of press time the only candidate filing for reelection was Council Member Place No. 3 Rene Woffenden.

Questioned about his intentions to run for reelection, Mayor Lewis Bergman said that he is still considering that possibility, and encouraged anyone interested in

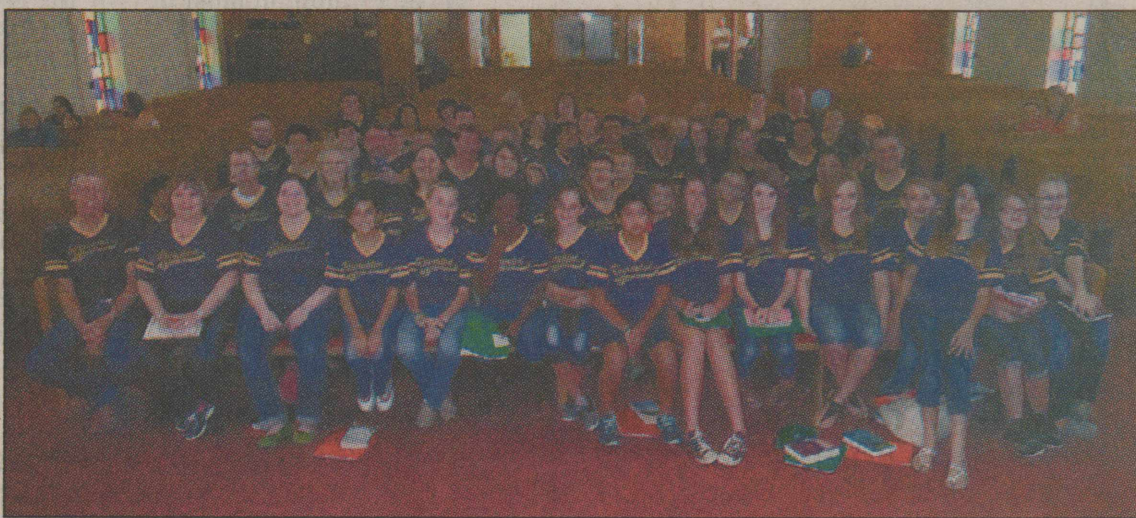
filing to do so before this Monday's deadline.

Winters ISD will be having two openings due in the November General Election: Places No. 1 and No. 7. Incumbents running for those positions are Board Member Place No. 1 Doug Bryan, and Board Member Place No. 7 Bill Brede-meyer. As of press time no other candidate had filed for reelection.

The North Runnels Hospital Board of Trustees will be having three places up for election. Members up for reelection are Marvin Jones, Joe Guajardo and Freddie Grohman. As of press time there was no information available on the candidates filing for the North Runnels Hospital Board of Directors election.

Generally, the filing deadline is the 71st day prior to Election Day according to the Texas Election Code.

This year election day will be on November 5. Due to the first day to file for a place in the ballot falling on a Saturday (July 27), the date goes back to Monday, July 29. Deadline to file for a place in the ballot will be Monday, August 26, 2013.



## FBC holds revival and community service

D-NOW, the First Baptist Church of Winters' youth group, held a revival and community service. During that time the students and their sponsors painted all four metal "Welcome to Winters" city signs with a new coat of paint. They are also working on the sign at Bradshaw.

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## Local youth participates in Brigades leadership camps

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**SAN ANTONIO**- Brady Calcote of Winters participated in the Texas Brigades summer leadership camps in June and July. He was among 156 high school students that took part in this award-winning leadership development program.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and empower youths with leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy.

There were seven Brigade camps this summer;

two Buckskin Brigades, two Bobwhite Brigades, Bass Brigade, Waterfowl Brigade, and the newest addition, Ranch Brigade. Participants must be between 13 and 17 years of age, and submit a complete application for consideration. Dates for 2014 will be available by January 1.

Participants are available to give presentations to schools and civic groups.

For more information, go to <http://www.texas-brigades.org> or contact Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, at (855) TXBRIGS, or via email at [hholdsworth@texas-wild-life.org](mailto:hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org)

## Drive friendly this back to school: TxDOT

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STAFF REPORT

**AUSTIN**- Back-to-school means back-to-traffic, and as students return to the classroom this fall, the Texas Department of Transportation calls on drivers to "Drive Friendly. Drive Safe" to reduce crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists.

In 2012, vehicles on Texas roads struck more than 5,000 pedestrians resulting in 2,962 serious injuries and 481 fatalities. Vehicles also struck more than 2,000 bicyclists resulting in 1,450 serious injuries and 56 fatalities. Compared with the previous year, 2012

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Betty Sue Hall

Betty Sue Hall (Mrs. Jack D. Hall) of Abilene, Texas passed away on August 12, 2013 at the age of 84. A private family graveside service was held at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene, Texas, under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

She was born April 18, 1929 to Yetive and Walter Sweeney. She and Jack were married February 25, 1947 in Big Spring, Texas and celebrated 66 years of marriage this past February. Survivors also include children Jackie (Don) Campbell, Jody (Dean) Goodman, Dru (Franklynn) Hall and Chanc (Terry) Hall all of Abilene. She was preceded in death by a son, Glenn David Hall, in August 2012. Affectionately known as GanGan, she is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren, sister-in-law, Kay Black, of Ballinger, Texas and numerous nieces and cousins.



Raised as an only child by a single working mother, Mom was the consummate Mother to all who came in contact with her. We mourn our loss but rejoice in knowing that she no longer is in pain.

The family appreciates the compassionate and loving care given by the staff at The Oaks at Radford Hills for the past 3 years. During this period, we were also privileged to have had Hendrick Hospice nurse, Leslie Boggess.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory, Abilene, Texas 79601 or to the charity of donor's choice.

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Oma Lee Overman

Oma Lee Overman, 94, of Austin, formerly of Winters, died August 15, 2013. She was born Oma Alice Lee O'Dell June 7, 1919 in Pawnee, Oklahoma and came to Texas after her birth and lived in Runnels County most of her life. She was the oldest of 14 children. She was married to Youra Blackmon and from that marriage came four children. She later married Douglas Overman in 1972 until his death in 2000. She was a cook at the Winters hospital and a member of the Wingate Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son and two daughters: Vergil Lee Blackmon and wife Janice of West Fork, Arkansas, Barbara Ann Blackmon of Austin and Patricia Kay Spradling and husband James of Austin. Three brothers: Suvern O'Dell and wife Martha of Wingate, Kenneth O'Dell and wife Jean of Winters and Franklin O'Dell and wife Chris of Winters. Ten grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter: Priscilla Stanfield, six sisters and four brothers.

Services were Saturday August 17, 2013 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Lakeview Cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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North Main Church of Christ Back-To-School Blessing North Main Church of Christ invites you to the annual Back-To-School Blessing at 5 p.m. Sunday, August 25. Please join us for a community wide blessing of our teachers, students and administration. A hamburger supper will follow the service.

Winters Public Library partakes in the Dove Fest The Winters Public Library invites all children to enjoy Dove Fest by attending "Wild About Birds," with bird stories and activities. This is a free event with refreshments. Saturday September 7, 2013 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Winters Public Library, 120 N. Main Street.

Meet the Blizzards night on August 27 Meet the Blizzards will be held Tuesday night, August 27, at the Winters City Park at 6 p.m. Free hot dogs will be served, bring your own drinks and chips, there will not be a concession stand.

At 6:30 p.m. we'll meet the Blizzards including Junior High and High School cheerleaders, cross country team; Junior High, Junior Varsity and Varsity football teams, and the band.

Meet the Blizzards will be followed by a homemade ice cream supper. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Come out and get the season started off right. Sponsored by the Winters Athletic Booster Club.

WJH, WHS open house and voluntary parent meeting Winters Junior High and High School will be having open house from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 23. There will be a voluntary parent meeting at 7:15 that night in the auditorium.

Back to School with BEST Saturday, August 24, back to school with BEST (Blizzard Elementary Support Team). Movie Night at Sticker Stadium in Winters. Movie starts at 9 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be served!

Class of 1993 reunion The WHS class of 1993 will be hosting their 20th year class reunion on September 27 and 28. The class will meet at Blizzard Stadium for the homecoming game on Friday. Saturday, events will kick off with a 2 p.m. tour of the school campus followed by family fun at the park.

The class dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at Casa Cabana. At 8:30 p.m. Class of 1993 will host a night of music and dancing with a band at the Winters Country Club. There will be a cost for class members per adult. All WHS classes are invited to attend party at Country Club for a donation. For more information contact Sara Jackson-Vance at (210) 464 1695 or sarajacksonvance@gmail.com.

WISD to continue with meal program The Winters Independent School District announced that it is making plans to continue the Provision II Meal Program for all of its students in grades Pre-K thru 12th grade. The National School Lunch and Breakfast Program for the 2013-2014 school year will provide for all students in grades Pre-K thru 12th grade to receive

breakfast and lunch at no cost. For additional information please contact: Lisa O'Dell at (325) 754 5574.

Winters Elementary Meet the Teacher Night Winters Elementary will host its annual Meet the Teacher Night on Friday, August 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All parents of WES students are encouraged to come by and meet their student's teacher. This night is a time for parents to come by and briefly get acquainted with their student's teacher.

If you wish to have a lengthy visit with the teacher please call the office and ask to set up a time for a parent/teacher conference on another day. We will have the teacher contact you to set up the conference.

If you do not know which teacher your student has you can come by the office and we will give you the teachers name. If you have any questions please call the WES office at (325) 754 5577.

Winters Dove Fest The Winters Dove Fest and hunters appreciation barbecue will be held Saturday, September 7, 2013 at the Winters Community Center 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dove hunts, raffles, entertainment, gun and knife show, motorcycle fun run, clay pigeon fun shoot and live and silent auctions will be held. For more information visit Winters Dove Fest on Facebook, call at (325) 977 1036 or email at WintersChamber@outlook.com

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m., first Thursday of the month at the Lone Star Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors' The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger. If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

Winters Women's Club Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call 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.

From the Chief's Desk Life in the fast lane

By Randall Davis Winters Chief of Police Welcome to the fast lane. It seems like a lifetime ago when everyone cruised the highways in expensive cars traveling at the posted 55 mph speed limit. At times it felt like sitting on your over stuffed sofa watching the world pass in slow motion. Now with the posted speed limit at 75 mph on most of the highways we travel, with speeds greater than that on interstate highways the world definitely is moving at a faster pace. I can remember when I was younger on a road trip with my parents traveling to Amarillo, Texas,

thinking I would reach my own retirement age before laying eyes on the civilized world that had become a distant memory in the rear view mirror. I was convinced we had stretched our journey to the very edges of the Earth. Now in this modern age of massive highways and greater allowed speeds, a trip across the massive expanses of the great State of Texas can be conveniently and comfortably reduced to quick jaunt through the country side. But with the added speed and convenience of a faster lane also comes greater risks requiring quicker and more responsible thinking while behind the wheel. Over the past several years as a police officer I have had the misfortune of investigating many auto accidents and have become amazed at the engineering of safety features and capabilities of the modern automobile. However safe your car may be we tend to always be pushing them to the limits. No vehicle whether being operated at 35 mph or 75 mph has been engineered to the degree it can avoid a mishap on its own. The driver is still in control and has the responsibility for the safety of his or her own passengers along with any other motorist on the roadway. Greater speeds translates to greater distances a vehicle travels during a set pace and a reduced reaction time to avoid an accident at an accelerated pace. When traveling at the new highway speeds of 75 mph, a vehicle will travel 110 feet per second. This translates into the distance of a city residential block being traveled every 2 seconds and the distance greater than a football field in less than 3 seconds. A quick glance at a road-map, out a side window, or into the back seat to check on the kids can often be enough time of not having your eyes on the roadway to avoid disaster. This may sound like I'm opposed to the greater speed limits but, in reality, I kind of like the idea of shortening the time spent between point A and point B, I just kind of like the idea of every one getting to point B safe. Labor Day, one of the most traveled holidays in the U.S. is quickly approaching and soon after the Holiday season will be upon us with the Thanksgiving Holidays. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation records maintained since 1982, the single day of "Labor Day" ranks as the second most deadly holiday of the year, outnumbered only by "Thanksgiving Day." Please, every one, lets not be a statistic, enjoy the trip, but lets keep our eyes on the road, drive responsibly, and come home safely.

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# USDA seeks applicants for funds to assist rural entrepreneurs

### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

TEMPLE- USDA announced this week the availability of loan and grant funds to support rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises.

"By supporting very small business enterprises through the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, USDA has been able to direct assistance to small firms that otherwise might not be able to obtain credit," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

"This program has shown that even a modest investment of federal dollars can have a huge impact for the local economy in small towns across rural America," he added.

"USDA Rural Development strives to improve the overall quality of rural communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director. "By providing loans and grants through the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, we can assist with the development of local, rural businesses. These businesses will in turn benefit the community by creating job opportunities and providing needed goods and services to rural residents."

USDA's Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program was established under the 2008 Farm Bill to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and

microenterprises, which are defined as rural businesses with 10 or fewer employees. About \$12.2 million will be provided to eligible applicants this year. Under the program, USDA may provide loans of up to \$500,000 to Microenterprise Development Organizations. They, in turn, make microloans for business start-up or development to eligible microentrepreneurs who are unable to obtain conventional credit elsewhere. Grants of up to \$30,000 are available for MDOs to provide technical assistance and training, particularly in rural areas that have experienced significant outmigration.

RMAP applications are due by September 13, 2013.

More information about how to apply is available in the August 14, 2013 Federal Register. View it here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-08-14/pdf/2013-19765.pdf> or by contacting USDA Rural Development Texas State Office Business and Cooperative Programs at (254) 742 9780.

Since the program began, USDA has provided 97 loans totaling more than \$37 million and 124 grants totaling more than \$9.5 million to 110 MDOs. These organizations used the USDA funding to make more than 760 microloans to 712 rural microenterprises. This assistance to individual businesses has created or saved an estimated 2,700 jobs.

Secretary Vilsack said that the announcement is another reminder of the importance of USDA programs, such as RMAP, for rural America. A comprehensive new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would further expand the rural economy, Vilsack added, saying that's just one reason why Congress must get a comprehensive Bill done as soon as possible.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America

to continue leading the way — strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities.

USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values. President Obama and Agriculture Secretary Vilsack are committed to a smarter use of Federal resources to foster sustainable economic prosperity and ensure the government is a strong partner for businesses, entrepreneurs and working families in rural communities.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, has a portfolio of programs designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities.



PHOTO: AGRILIFE/DR. CALVIN TROSTLE

Like most grain sorghum in the South Plains in August, this Hale County hybrid forage seed production field was in excellent shape due to recent rains.

## South Plains corn and late-planted sorghum doing well

### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- Thanks to recent rains, South Plains corn is in good shape, as is grain sorghum, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"The rains we've had since mid-June have been a tremendous benefit," said Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist specializing in corn and sorghum, Lubbock. "Certainly, producers are pushing corn as best they can with irrigation and close attention to spider mite and corn earworm control."

Producers planted more grain sorghum in West Texas because of earlier projected high prices, but then there was considerably more planted on fields after failed dryland cotton, according to Trostle.

"We have the prospects for a very decent dryland grain sorghum crop in West Texas," he said. "The rains have pushed the crop to a point where we may be able to finish out the crop with just a little more rainfall. There's certainly cause for optimism."

Though numbers of acres actually replanted to grain sorghum after failed cotton are not available, they are substantial, Trostle said. One factor was most of the failed cotton due to drought was on dryland, and grain sorghum was a good option as it can be planted relatively late in the season.

"There are certainly areas that make you say, 'Wow! There's a lot of sorghum here,'" he said. "South Lubbock County, Lynn County would be examples. I think I can name seven or eight farmers I know that replanted at least 3,000 acres themselves."

There's been a substantial amount of haygrazer — sorghum Sudan — that's been planted this year as well, according to Trostle.

"The nice thing about haygrazer it that even though it's mid-July, and the opportunity to plant presents itself, we encourage people to go ahead and plant because you don't have to rely upon physiological seed maturity to have a successful crop," he said.

In the Lubbock area, about July 5 to 10 is the latest grain sorghum should be planted, Trostle said.

"But we've got another couple of weeks with the sorghum forages and be confident we can make a crop," he said.

Even though the U.S. Drought Monitor map still shows most of the Panhandle and South Plains region in severe to exceptional drought, the maps don't tell the whole story, Trostle noted.

"The maps can't show a little spot four miles wide by 10 miles long that has had 10 inches of rain since mid-June," he said. "There are some spots here and there that have had 8, 9 and 10 inches, and most of that rain has come slow so there's minimal runoff."

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrillife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

## Back to school: Increase in fatalities

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saw a 13.2 percent increase in pedestrian fatalities and 19.1 percent increase in bicyclist fatalities.

"When you drive friendly and drive safe, you're doing your part to help save lives," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "Being responsible behind the wheel is especially important in and around school zones, and other areas where vulnerable pedestrians and bicyclists interact with vehicles."

Equally concerning are nationwide crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists. On average, one pedestrian is killed in a vehicle crash every 119 minutes, and one injured every eight minutes. Additionally in 2011, 677 bicyclists were killed in nationwide vehicle crashes and 48,000 were injured. To help drivers "Drive Friendly. Drive Safe" this back-to-school season and year-round, TxDOT offers the following tips:

- Pay attention - put your phone down.
- Obey posted speed limits.
- Be on the lookout for bicyclists on the highway and at intersections.
- When passing a bicyclist, move to another lane, if possible, and offer plenty of room.
- Watch for bicyclists who may need to maneuver around potholes and debris.
- Be on the lookout for — and yield to — pedestrians, especially when approaching crosswalks, intersections and buses.
- Watch for children who may dart across the street to catch a school bus.
- Regardless of which direction you're traveling, always stop for school buses with flashing red lights.
- Drivers who fail to follow traffic laws are at risk of injuring or killing themselves or others.

### CAFETERIA MENU Subject to Change\*

#### Aug. 26th-30th Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

**Monday**  
Biscuit/Sausage/Gravy or Cereal, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Tuesday**  
French Toast/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Wednesday**  
Sausage on Stick/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Thursday**  
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Friday**  
Cinnamon Roll or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

#### Winters ISD Lunch Menu

**Monday**  
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Pizza or Spaghetti/Bread Stick, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Watermelon, Choice of Milk.

**Tuesday**  
Chef Salad or Chicken Pattie/Bun or Steak Fingers w/Gravy/Bread Stick, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

**Wednesday**  
Chef Salad or Frito Pie or Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Coleslaw, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Apple, Choice of Milk.

**Thursday**  
Chef Salad or BBQ Rib/Bun or Chicken Nugget/Gravy/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.), Bread Stick (H.S.), Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli Salad, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Cantaloupe, Choice of Milk.

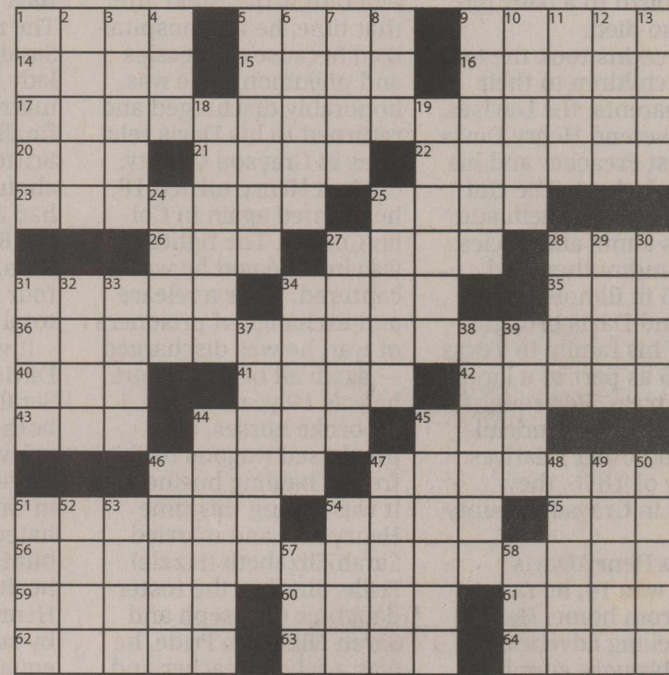
**Friday**  
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Fish/Graham Cracker, Curly Fries, Italian Green Beans, Lettuce/Pickles Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Orange, Choice of Milk.

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- Willing
  - Shell game
  - Nautical quarters
  - All excited
  - Hunter's garb, for short
  - Cropped up
  - Airport lot
  - Bio info
  - "What's gotten \_\_\_ you?"
  - Poles with footrests
  - Sunrooms
  - School since 1440
  - Fond du \_\_\_
  - Be worthy of
  - Actor Vigoda
  - Dish's runaway partner, in rhyme
  - Sask. neighbor
  - Grazing area
  - Photographic gear with shorter-than-normal focal lengths
  - "So...?"
  - "Come \_\_\_!"
  - Sierra \_\_\_ Africa
  - "That's a go"
  - Salt Lake City collegians
  - "\_\_\_ Rosenkavalier"
  - Baseball's Slaughter
  - Cash cache
  - Lowlife
  - Wile E. Coyote's supplier
  - "Wonderfull!"
  - Electrical conduit
  - By itself
  - Like \_\_\_ of bricks
  - Passed with flying colors
  - Chihuahua change
  - Beaujolais, e.g.
- DOWN**
- Some charity fund-raisers
  - Disco-era phrase
  - Nickel-copper alloy
  - Silly Putty holder
  - Like the Grand Canyon
  - Magna \_\_\_
  - Shells, e.g.
  - Item in a bucket
  - Smoker's purchase
  - Adam of "Chicago Hope"
  - One way to cook
  - "\_\_\_ it a shame?"
  - Darkroom items, for short
  - Albania's capital

#### Three-D



American Profile Hometown Content

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- Cardinal and cherry
- Star-related
- African succulent
- All gone, in a way
- Jazz pianist Marsalis
- "Not to mention..."
- "\_\_\_ there, done that"
- The good life
- Dance movement
- Air freshener scent
- 4-1, e.g.
- De Mille of dance
- Opposite of all
- Football team complement
- St. Philip \_\_\_
- Joins forces
- Crooner Vic
- Cultural: Prefix
- Grafter's need
- "Hold the rocks," at a bar
- Stuck in Pamplona?
- Loses, as weight
- Crack from the cold
- Stir up
- They occasionally clash
- Wine area in Italy
- Slangy refusal
- Word before dance or bride

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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## Weather Whys

Q: How often does lightning hit airplanes?

A: It does often, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The best government estimates are that lightning strikes commercial airplanes several times a year," McRoberts explains. "Most pilots are told to avoid thunderstorms and to try and fly around them, but lightning still hits planes often. In the early 1980s, NASA equipped a jet and intentionally flew it into more than 1,000 thunderstorms over a period of several months. It was hit at least 700 times by lightning. A few years ago, we know that the plane carrying the president of France was hit by lightning, and the same thing occurred to former British Prime Minister Tony Blair's plane that was hit by lightning in 2005 but had no major damage."

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# ROUND-UP

## Runnels County

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### THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY

## The Pearces and the early days in Runnels County

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WINTERS— Henry Davis Pearce was born in Adams County, Illinois, June 4, 1845. His parents, William and Mary were married September 6, 1846. After Henry, a sister Amanda Alvira was born. Their father died when Henry was 2. Their mother married several years later, to a Mr. Benjamin Perkins. In 1851, Henry and Amanda Alvira's mother died when giving birth to a baby girl that also died.

Mr. Perkins took the two Pearce children to their grandparents, the Davises. The Reverend Henry Davis, a Baptist Preacher and his wife took them. The children lived with them and various aunts and uncles. The grandmother died in 1855 in Illinois. The Reverend Davis brought part of his family to Texas in 1856 as part of a large wagon train. He brought the orphaned grandchildren and other relatives. By May of 1856, they settled in Grayson County, Texas.

When Henry Davis Pearce was 14, he ran away from home. He was seeking adventure. Alvira brought supplies for him to the barn and he left from there with a few dollars in his pocket. He got a job on a boat on the Mississippi River and worked his way back to his Pearce grandparents. His grandmother found him a job and saw that he soon was getting instruction in the three R's. By 1861, he started working his way south on a barge. The clouds of war were thickening between the north and south. The workers on the barge were sympathetic to the north,

Henry was sympathetic to the south. He expressed his views very strongly and the Captain became enraged. He put him off in swamp country, probably Louisiana.

He got passage on a steamer hoping to get to Texas. The water in the stream was so low he got off with his carpet bag and struck out on foot. Not quite 16, he stopped at Sabine Parish and was mustered into the Confederate Army. Soon after that time, he was hospitalized because of measles and pneumonia. He was honorably discharged and returned to his Davis relatives in Grayson County.

When Henry turned 18, he enlisted again in Collins County. The fighting was intense and he was captured. After a release and exchange of prisoners of war, he was discharged — again all of this before he was 19 years of age. He broke horses, and purchased wagons for his freight hauling business. It was during this time Henry met and married Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzie) Pride. She was the foster daughter of Joseph and Sarah Elizabeth Pride, he was a school teacher and moved to Texas for his wife's health. His wife, Ellen McDonald Pride had tuberculosis (known at that time as Consumption) and continued in poor health. She was expecting a baby and her neighbor became very close and helped her. Ellen noticed how gentle and caring she was with her new infant. Finally, knowing her days were numbered, she just ask that the neighbor give her a lot of love and take her.

After Ellen died, Mr.

Pride would not part with any of his children so he hired a 16-year-old girl, a former student to come and help with the work and children while he kept his job as a teacher. He died of a heart attack when baby Sarah Elizabeth was 1-year-old. Ellen's neighbor came forward and wanted the little girl she was given (by the mother) earlier. The relatives approved and the other relatives took the older children. The neighbor's name was Sarah Elizabeth Bass. The lady that took Lizzie had married several times and finally married Joseph Britton. Little Lizzie was about 7 at this time. She had another daughter and Mr. Britton had four children. After they married, four more were born for a total of 10.

It was 1875 when Henry Davis Pearce and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzie) both orphans during their growing up years, and three children were living in Grayson County. They hated to leave this place, but Henry was having health problems. In 1874, Henry had cancer removed by surgery. The cost was equal to the entire crop that year. The Dr. Maxey of Plano advised him to find indoor work. They kept seeing people passing in wagons, covered and going west. Soon they carried all of their possessions in a covered wagon and hack and headed west. Lizzie carried a honeysuckle cutting from her backyard given to her by her mother from the John Britton yard in Collins County. Lizzie passed these cuttings on to her descendants.

The Pearces made their way to Brownwood. While

there, little Lillie was born but only lived for 15 months. By 1879, they moved to Paintrock, Texas. Henry took work with a survey crew. Lizzie taught the children the three R's and scriptures from the Bible they bought in East Texas. In his work, Henry finally found the piece of land he wanted. It was 960 acres in the William Howell Survey of Tom Green County, that would soon be included in Runnels County. It was on Valley Creek. He bought it for 50 cents an acre. The day he brought the family, they all decided where they wanted the home. He was interested in getting the county organized so his home was put on hold. In this area, people were leaving as well as moving in. He and W.N. (Newt) Copeland rode all around to get the necessary 158 signatures to request Coleman County to divide. They presented the petition to the Coleman County Commissioners Court January 12, 1880 in a called meeting and Runnels was separated and laid out in four precincts.

Indians were a common sight for the family. Every time Henry left tools out, they disappeared and he had to travel all the way to Walthall to replenish his supplies. The house was ready so they moved in from the tent. The floor was dirt and the roof covering was thought to be treated cotton ducking of a heavy kind. The date was near when the work on the organization of Runnels County would be finished. Henry continued to be gone most days. They decided to visit their neighbors on a Sunday and found them to be 15

miles away.

Henry's sister, Alvira in Sherman, Texas called him to come. A lot of various events took place during that time for the family. A snow storm and a mountain lion were the most significant. Henry returned but with a baby soon to come, Henry went to get a mid-wife living near Paintrock. He left at 3 a.m. and the weather was calm. Soon the winds begin to blow and as time progressed, dust filled the air. After a while, the little room that was attached was beginning to separate from the other room. The flapping sound could be heard also. As the day wore on, the ducking on the roof was coming loose. Lizzie and the oldest son, Hubert worked to nail it down with Lizzie standing on a barrel. A bunch of wild hogs came over the hill toward the house. Hubert got the gun and planned to shoot above but one fell. Never wasting anything, they took care of the hog, packed it in salt and cleaned up everything.

Another siege with the wind and dust was coming so they stayed in the room. It became very fierce and completely ripped the ducking from the roof. The contents of the room were drawn out and scattered. It was becoming very cold. They brought in wood and water. The wood was for a fire and the water was to put out the fire if it got out of control. Lizzie saw that each child had a bath and continued working to make all ready as the baby was on its way. It was 3 a.m. that the little girl, Ethel arrived, March 1, 1880. She was the first white baby born in the

new county. With the help of the older children, the little family managed. Work got around that the Pearce home had nearly blown away. A young lawyer, recently a sheep-herder, George W. Perryman came to help.

Henry all the while had been doing well, but when he reached Paintrock, he was to learn the midwife was gone. She had grown weary of the monotony, the lonely country and had gone back east. He was discouraged and reached a point, he could go back home or go to Menardville. He went home. He had been doing a lot of thinking. Both Henry and Lizzie wanted their children to have an education and with the skin problems Henry had, they did not need to delay a move. Most of their one-time neighbors were leaving to go back where they came from. One expressed when he came by the Pearce home, he could not take the wind-dust storms and would not bring his family to live here.

By mid-April, the Pearce family was on the move. This move would take them to Runnels City, the new County Seat of Runnels County.

They put up a tent and were the only family for a while. Henry went back to Valley Creek to get lumber for an outdoor toilet. He was appointed by the Commissioners Court to serve on the committee to dig a well. He then went to Brownwood to get lumber for their new home. The first home in the new county seat was a one room building for Mr. George Perryman. It was his living quarters and his

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# THE IDLE AMERICAN

## Various states of mind...

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Dr. Don Newbury

Repeated ads help us remember that the mind is a terrible thing to waste. They are handy to have around, though, if only for misplacing, blaming, changing and/or wandering.

In later years, minds tease us mercilessly, often spotlighting recall of long ago events, but insist on "taking the Fifth" on occurrences during the last day or two.

They take leave without notice, often without leaving forwarding addresses, and are known for lapses that can stretch into minutes, or even until the next day. It makes the mind no difference if a finger, ready to puncture the air for emphasis, seems frozen in time while the numbness of mindlessness turns us into mimes....

We seniors kid much about our minds. We joke

about their abandoning us when we need them most, but in one respect, we ask for it.

After all, we strive to keep "body and soul" together, but what about the mind? It's as though our minds may be out to lunch at any hour of their choosing, exempt from duty at any specific time.

So, minds flit about like butterflies. They, uh, seem to have minds of their own....

At our house, where we've begun marriage year number 48, mind games prevail. When the wife has a memory lapse, fails to remember the grocery list or forgets myriad other things, an oft-heard excuse provides a ready "crutch."

"It's the anesthesia," she sniffs, citing major sur-

gery performed more than four years ago.

My excuse is just as good — or maybe better. "Senility is wonderful," says I. "You've already worn that expression out today," she snorts, "and we're just now finishing our second cup of coffee..."



TEXAS

COLUMNIST

Don Newbury

We have the oldest minds on our cul-de-sac, with younger families in the other nine homes.

The youngest couple, probably 35-ish, moved in recently next door and just had their first baby.

My wife prepared a nice chicken dish soon after they brought the baby home, and my only duty was to carry it next door, ring the bell and wish them well....

I changed the script.

When Dad answered the door, I asked, "How does your garden grow?"

Over the years, I've begun numerous conversations with these exact words. Often, they have elicited recitation of the next line: "With silver bells and cockle shells and pretty maids in a row."

This time, though, they triggered no response. Mother Goose never had a blunter look, even on her worst day. He cocked his head, mumbling that they don't have a garden....

Feebly, I told him it was a line from a nursery rhyme remembered from my cradle.

Then, blankness set in. I couldn't think of which rhyme. So, I started guessing. "Oh, surely you remember 'Mary Had a Little Lamb,'" I muttered, reciting several lines before realizing there are no garden references in it. Then I tried "Humpty-Dumpty."

He smiled weakly and took the dish inside. I returned home, blushing profusely. Brenda asked why, so I told her the painful story and was informed this line is from "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary..."

Maybe we're being optimistic when claiming to have "half a mind" to do something. Sometimes when we're in the middle of a story, only to hit a "senior moment" that leads to silence, we'd kill to have even half a mind.

"When that happens to me, it drives me crazy," a golfing friend said.

I answered, "That's not a drive, that's a putt..."

We own two rescue dogs of questionable lineage. They have little to do beyond providing accompaniment for chair naps, eating, sleeping and taking rides in the car.

Surely they don't need help remembering what

they seem to do automatically.

However, a big display at the store today gives me pause. Offered were \$30 pet beds with — get this — memory foam pads. Even worse, my wife wanted to buy a couple, and probably will on her next shopping foray....

Our lapses give grandchildren something to joke about.

A few days ago, one of our "grands" couldn't think of the name of a new app he wanted for a computer game.

"You'll just have to forgive me, Poppy," he said. "I'm having a junior moment..."

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### Winters Activity Center fundraiser to be held on Friday

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT


WINTERS- A drive-thru fundraiser, sponsored by the Winters Activity Center for Runnels County Meals on Wheels program and centers will be held on Friday, August 23, 2013, 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at 601 Wood Street, Winters, Texas.

Pork loin will be served with potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert.

Enter on Broadway Street. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

Proceeds of this fundraiser to benefit the Winters Activity Center for the Runnels County Meals on Wheels program and centers.

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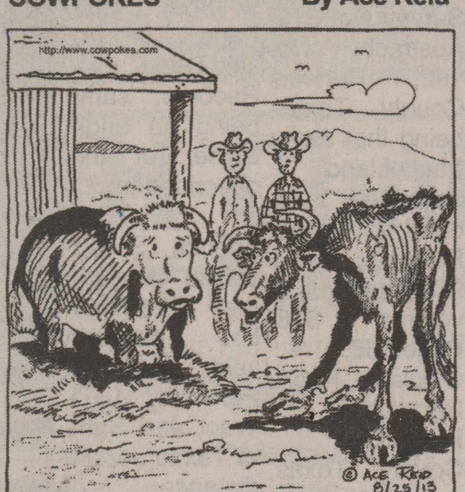


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<b>Weddings</b>		
Names		Issued
Micahel Paul Patton and Melissa Lynn Boerger		Aug. 15
<b>Divorces</b>		
Names		Filed
Lindsey Ann Clemens vs. Ryan William Clemens		Aug. 15
Brandi Nixon Carlisle vs. Bryan Keith Carlisle		Aug. 14
Jason Alan Strube vs. Shay Elizabeth Fischer		Aug. 12
Justin Allen Pullin vs. Shelly Denise Overgard Pullin		Aug. 12
<b>Runnels Co. Jail Record</b> August 20, 2013		
Name	Age	Agency
Ryan J. Graves	45	Coke Co.
	MTR	
Stephanie R. Caldwell	27	McCulloch Co.
Marcela A. Barela	36	McCulloch Co.
James A. LaRock	40	Concho Co.
Fail to identify, false ID		
Vernon L. Lomas	39	Coke Co.
Sexual assault		
Norma Arispe	42	DPS
DUI 3rd or more		
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Assault		
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Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon		

### The Pearces: Henry was appointed Postmaster FROM PAGE 4

In June, Henry was appointed Postmaster with Lizzie and Hubert his assistants. He kept the mail in a box for tools used also for a place for people to set. Weekly, new faces showed up in the new town. Soon people saw the law office, Post Office and a saloon but no store for supplies. In time Henry as well as many others lost a lot of their property because of faulty titles. As has been noted, nearly all of the population was Confederate soldiers and their families. Also becoming a part of the population were the cowboys. With the settlers came the sheep and cattle on the open range.

Henry was soon appointed to a road jury to help survey for the Runnels-Coleman road. Finally the Pearce home was finished. It had three rooms; the front was rented to the county for \$10 a month for 3 years at a time for the County Courthouse. The middle room was for Lizzie's restaurant and the Post Office.

She cooked meals every day for the residents. Henry was the Justice of Peace. The back room was partitioned with curtains into separate rooms for the family. The home with the three rooms had a wooden floor and a shingle roof. All buildings in Runnels City were new and there were no "old-timers" in the new city. It continued to grow and soon had a school.

At this time, the cowboys were everywhere to help control the cattle and sheep. Runnels County officials received a letter from Austin. Someone was needed to represent the area in Austin. Help was needed to make laws about fencing the land and laws regarding the fence cutting that was becoming a problem. Mr. T.L. Odom was chosen. The cowboys resented this move. The fences were ruining this wide open space where they had jobs. The restaurant operated by Lizzie was the place where they would eat their meals while in town.

The year was 1883 and the day was Monday the 12th day of November. The Honorable Commissioners' Court met in regular term. The following were all present: Runnels County Judge Sylvester Adams, Commissioners, R.F. Counts, Henry Paddleford, Job Davis, J.D. Yarbro, Sheriff John McEwen Formwalt and W.L. Towner, County Clerk. The court approved the minutes of the previous meeting, then adjourned until the next day, Tuesday November 13, 1883.

All were present when the meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. The first order was to review the Runnels City-Content road in the direction of Content. It would run along fence lines or property lines. It had been advertised for 20 days so it was eligible to be declared finished. All other roads were under review that ran out of Runnels City. All had been advertised for 20 days and were declared as finished. The court ordered Mr. H.C. Jordan appointed Justice of Peace to fill the vacancy by the resignation of Mr. Henry Davis Pearce. The court looked at the Treasurer's Report and found it to be incorrect. They ordered corrections be made that were necessary to balance. The County Treasurer, Mr. B.W. Taylor presented his resignation. The court accepted and entered it into the minutes.

Mr. J.B. Cotten was appointed the County Treasurer. He was bonded. The court paid \$34.50 to the Coleman County, Texas Sheriff, Mr. B.H. Pittman for boarding of a prisoner from September 27, 1883 to November 12th, 1883, 46 days at .75 cents per day. Rent was paid for 3 months for \$6 for the County Surveyor, Mr. George W. Perryman, Lawyer. Other county payments were made. The court adjourned after a full day, November 17, A. D. 1883.

**Resources:**  
Runnels County Historical Commission Histories  
The Pearces Pioneering Days in Texas, Zelma (Haley) Strom  
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