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## Briefly

### Early voting ends Friday

Early voting began Oct. 19 and runs through Friday at the new courthouse annex at 600 Strong Ave. (corner of 6th Street and Strong Avenue) in Ballinger. Early voters may cast ballots from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday.

There will be combined elections for two seats on the Ballinger ISD Board of Trustees as well as at large positions for alderman in Miles and two at large seats on the Miles ISD board.

### Flu shots, immunizations

Texas Department of State Health Services will have immunization/flu clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance or underinsured, and adults with no insurance. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 754-4945. If there is no answer, leave a message.

The clinic in Winters will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015, at the Professional Building, 110 South Main St., Suite 108. For your convenience, please use rear entrance (Grant Street).

The clinic in Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12 at 600 Strong Ave. Please bring child's immunization records and if the child has Medicaid, please bring the card.

### The last drop

Fall weather has officially arrived and brought some moisture with it. Even though the rest of the state was deluged with rainfall, Runnels County missed out on much of the rain. According to the National Weather Service in San Angelo, during the rain event from Oct. 22-Oct. 25, Ballinger received only .61 inches of rain. However, 1.38 inches was reported in Wingate. San Angelo, did not fare well either, reporting only 1.25 inches during the three day event, while Sterling City, northwest of San Angelo, reported over 5 inches of rain, forecasters said.

A cold front is expected to arrive in Runnels County today and is expected to bring precipitation with it. A 50 percent chance of rain is predicted today, turning to 60 percent on Friday and decreasing to 40 percent on Halloween. Temperatures are expected to be mild on Halloween with the high reaching only 71 and the low expected to dip to about 52 degrees.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 23.71 inches of rain while 26.22 inches has been reported in Wingate. The NWS reported 22.74 inches of rain has fallen in San Angelo.

## Commissioners keep burn ban in place

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The Runnels County Commissioners turned down a bid to lift the burn ban throughout the county due to dry conditions, according to County Judge Barry Hilliard.

The rainy conditions did not converge over Runnels County last week like they did statewide, with

the most rain reported at 1.3 inches, recorded near Winters.

"There is still too much dry matter throughout the county," Hilliard said following the meeting.

Commissioners will canvass the votes for the Nov. 3 election at a special called meeting on Nov. 16.

In other business Tuesday, commissioners heard details on the Texas

Community Development Block grant to repair waterlines and infrastructure in Rowena for \$288,750 through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Commissioners approved the salary of the county auditor at \$46,500 annually, which is no change from last year. Two assistant's salaries were set at \$26,915 annually which does not

include normal county benefits for all employees.

Commissioners also approved the use of the county auditor to audit the books of the Emergency Services District 1 in Miles. The City of Miles pays the City of Ballinger annually to provide ambulance services there.

Commissioners took no action on the purchase of a refrigerator and air

conditioner at the meeting opting to go out for additional bids.

In addition commissioners:

- Approved the county treasurer's quarterly report.
- Approved the county tax collector's monthly report.
- Approved the payment of all current accounts.

## BLIZZARDS PLAY HARD IN DEFEAT



CHAD MCDUFFEE | ENTERPRISE PHOTO  
 Patrick Reyes #81 making a tackle on a Bronte running back, Friday, Oct. 23, 2015 in Winters.

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Winters Head Coach Matt McCarty knew going into the game against Bronte that his opponent played good defensive football. What fans saw on Friday night was much more than McCarty could

have anticipated in a 33 - 8 loss.

The Blizzards were able to get on the board in the second quarter as a result of some poor snaps by Bronte, but they weren't able to score a touchdown until late in the third quarter. A.J. Smith put the ball in the end zone after a long pass completion

from Kyler Richards to Chris Diaz.

Barring the long completion it was a quiet night for the Blizzards. "They had an answer for everything we tried to do," McCarty said.

Winters had two special young men in attendance on Friday, Ethaniel Reyes and Armando Rodriguez,

graduates of Winters High School and recent Marine Boot Camp graduates. Reyes and Rodriguez took part in the pre-game coin toss.

Winters will finally be healthy in their next game and McCarty is excited that he will have so many players back because some have not played to-

gether at all this season.

Winters will need to win this week in order to keep their playoff hopes alive and it's just what they intend to do.

The Winters Blizzards (1-6, 1-2 district) will face the Miles Bulldogs (3-5, 1-2 district) in Miles at 7:30 p.m.

## Ag Committee members stand united

STAFF REPORT  
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WASHINGTON - The House Committee on Agriculture in Washington announced Tuesday that they stand against reopening the farm bill to new crop insurance cuts.

Agriculture Committee Chairmen Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and Rep. K. Michael Conaway, R-Texas, and ranking members Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., and Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn., made the following statements on the budget deal.

The members of Con-

gress stand united against reopening the 2014 Farm Bill to further cuts, emphasizing that the proposed cuts to crop insurance in the budget agreement would undermine a critical risk management tool for American agriculture producers and consumers.

"Farmers and ranchers have done more than their fair share to reduce government spending," said Chairman Roberts. "To target the number one priority for producers with additional cuts will undermine the delivery of this

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## 'THE PRIDE OF WEST TEXAS'



CHAD MCDUFFEE | ENTERPRISE PHOTO

The Winters Band dubbed "The Pride of West Texas," competed in the UIL Area Marching Contest held in Waco on Tuesday. The competition was postponed Saturday due to inclement weather. They donned rain gear Friday, Oct. 23, 2015 during the Winters vs. Bronte football game at Blizzard Stadium.

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**FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES**

**Alvin Lynn Cook**

Alvin Lynn Cook 63 passed away on October 14, 2015 Alvin was born on March 24, 1952 Alvin Was great handyman there was nothing he could not do. Alvin was preceded in death by his parents J.L. and Virginia Cook, and brother Jimmy, survived by Brother Steve and his wife. He also had nieces and nephews that were close to his heart. Arrangements were made through Rosewood Memorial Funeral Home.



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**Watch out for trick or treaters this Halloween**

The Winters Police Officers would like to remind all motorists to keep an eye out for our younger community members while Trick or Treating this coming weekend. A great many children are expected to be on the streets with the Halloween festivities falling on a Saturday night and while the days are getting shorter and night coming earlier, children will most likely be out after dark. Many of these children will be wearing costumes that will restrict their vision and with the excitement of running from house to house it can be assumed most will forget to watch for moving vehicles.



**Randall Davis**  
Winters Police Chief

The community can do a lot to ensure the safety of our children by making sure the areas around your homes are welcoming and well lit, as well as maintaining your property, keeping the area free from rubbish and debris.

Parents can further help ensure the safety of the children by investing in reflective clothing and costumes and setting rules and safety guidelines for your children before going out for the night. Parents should consider escorting their children during the night while visiting known or trusted home owners.

Please do not allow your children to eat any unwrapped candy, or candy in packaging with broken seals. Parents should personally inspect all candy before allowing it to be eaten. Any candy coming under suspicion should be discarded.

Winters Police officers will be out in the neighborhoods and frequenting the Haunted House sponsored by REASON located on Main Street. It is the goal of the Winters Police Department for all the little spooks, monsters, super hero's and princesses to once again have a safe, accident free, incident free, fun filled night. We are looking forward to seeing everyone having a great time.

*Words cannot express our gratitude for the love and support the community has shown our family during Connie Briley's illness and her death. Thank you for the visits, phone calls, flowers, food and prayers. Thank you to the staff at the North Runnels Hospital for taking great care of Connie and thank you to the Winters Funeral Home and First Baptist Church for making the funeral process as comforting as possible. We are blessed to have such wonderful people in our lives.*

**San Joseph Salinas Valverde**

San Joseph Salinas Valverde, 55, passed away in his home on October 12, 2015. Joseph was born in Winters, Texas. He grew up and lived his life in Runnels county. Joseph spent the better half of his life passionately working for Wingate Gin and Elevator. Joseph served in the United States Army as well as the Texas National Guard. Joseph was preceded in death by his father Manuel Valverde of Goldthwaite, Texas. He is survived by two sons, Skye Joseph Salinas of Abilene, Texas, San Joseph Salinas Jr of Wingate, Texas. One daughter and son in law Stephanie and David Hadlock of Winters, Texas. Two grandsons Ashton and



Zander Hadlock of Winters, Texas. His mothers Juanita Valverde of Goldthwaite, Texas and Maria Valverde of Midland, Texas. Two brothers Ray Valverde of San Antonio, Texas and David Valverde of Midland, Texas. Two sisters Linda Aguirre of Midland, Texas and Nora Valverde of Midland, Texas as well as many nieces and nephews that he loved very much. All arrangements were made through Rosewood Memorial Funeral in Ballinger, Texas.

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**BLIZZARD ANNOUNCER AWARD**



PHOTO COURTESY JOE GERHART

Barron Guy, the announcer for the Blizzard games, was presented a plaque by Winters ISD Superintendent Bruce Davis for 29 years of announcing the games during the game Friday, between Winters and Bronte Oct. 23 at Blizzard Stadium.

**WINTERS CROSS COUNTRY**

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



The District 7-2A, which consists of Albany, Anson, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Roscoe, Stamford and Winters, recently held the district High School and Junior High Cross Country meets at the Hamlin Country Club Golf Course. Pictured is Winters' top 7th grade finisher, and lone medalist, Hailey Renfro, who placed 5th. Top Winters finishers were: 7th Grade Girls - Natalie Lara (12th), Arazeli Reyes (13th), and Jayden Galvan (14th); 8th Grade Girls - Jezebel Gonzalez (22nd), Marley Smith (23rd); JV Girls - Jenessa Wade (13th); Varsity Girls - Bailly Knight (33rd); Varsity Boys - Alex Hernandez (16th) and Slater Lindley (19th).

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Trick or treat!**

The Senior Citizen Nursing Home Annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. Bring all candy or monetary donations to the SCNH. Contact Pat Hollis by October 24.

**City Council meetings**

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

**AA resumes in Winters**

Alcoholics Anonymous has resumed in Winters. The first meeting will be Tuesday Nov. 3. The group will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays thereafter. The meetings will be from 7 to 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Winters 204 W. Truett St. in Winters.

**Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group**

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month from. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and caregiver perspective. There is no charge for this public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer's Association.

**Sobriety First AA Group**

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The group will meet Saturday with prior arrangements. Please use the Avenue A and Seventh Street entrance. Child care is available. For more information please contact the church at 325-365-2323.

**Alanon meetings**

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger at 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday night. Enter on the Avenue A and Seventh Street side. Alanon is open to all family and friends of alcoholics or drug users. Child care is available. For more information call 325-365 2323.

**B.E.S.T. Fall Festival**

B.E.S.T will have its Fall Festival 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. The costume contest will be at 4:30 p.m. and Bingo and booths will open at 5 p.m. Admission is one non-perishable food item per person. All admission fee will be donated to the Winters Samaritan House.

**Blizzard fundraiser**

The Winters Athletic Booster Club is holding a fundraiser to benefit the Blizzard student athletes. Tickets are \$10 each and that enters the participant in three drawings. The grand prize is a 60X24 portable barbecue pit made by Texas Best Pit. Additional prizes will be a Tundra 45 Yeti ice chest and a Yeti Hopper 30. The drawing will be held at Nov. 6 at the last home varsity game. Tickets may be purchased from any booster club member. Message the Winters ISD Facebook page for more information.

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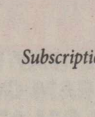
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# Winters ISD menus Oct. 30 to Nov. 5

## Breakfast

Oct 30  
Blueberry muffin, cereal w/ grahams,  
Peaches, fruit juice  
Choice of milk

Nov 2  
Pancake on a stick, cereal w/ graham,  
Mandarin oranges, fruit juice  
Choice of milk

Nov 3  
Donuts, cereal w/ graham,  
Raisins, fruit juice c  
Choice of milk

Nov 4  
Yogurt, bagels, cereal w/ graham,  
Blizzard berries, fruit juice  
Choice of milk

Nov 5  
French toast, cereal w/ graham,  
Banana, fruit juice  
Choice of milk

## Lunch

Oct 30  
Chef Salad, cheeseburger, fish, baked

Nov 1  
chips,  
Baked beans, salad/carrots, diced pears  
Choice of milk

Nov 2  
Chef salad, corn food, cheesy potatoes,  
green beans,  
Salad/carrots sticks, peaches  
Choice of milk

Nov 3  
Chef salad, Frito pie, tacos, pinto  
beans,  
Salad/carrot sticks, applesauce  
Choice of milk

Nov 4  
Chef salad, lasagna, grilled cheese  
sandwich,  
Broccoli w/ cheese,  
salad/carrot sticks, grapes  
Choice of milk

Nov 5  
Chef salad, steak fingers, chicken ten-  
ders, mashed potatoes,  
Salad/carrot sticks, fruit cup, raisins,  
Cinnamon grahams  
Choice of milk

## TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

# Thomas Campbell Clark

Thomas Campbell Clark played an important role in shaping many of the civil liberties Americans enjoy today during his career. As part of a long and distinguished legal career, Clark became the first - and to date, only - Texan to serve on the United States Supreme Court.

Clark was born in Dallas in 1899. As a young man, he received a degree from the University of Texas in 1921 and completed law school the next year. He quickly returned to Dallas, eager to begin his law career.

He worked for the next few years in private practice in Dallas. In 1924, he married Mary Ramsey, the daughter of a former state supreme court justice, and eventually had three children with her. With a growing family to support, Clark joined the district attorney's office in 1927. He left after a few years to return to private practice, but in 1937, he received a great opportunity when he became a spe-

cial assistant to U. S. Attorney General Homer S. Cummings.

At the attorney general's office, his career advanced quickly. In 1938, he was assigned to the antitrust division, combating monopolies. After World War II began, Clark investigated cases of espionage and subversion against the United States. By 1943, he was serving as assistant attorney general in the War Fraud division. Through this work, he several defense contractors indicted who sold shoddy equipment to the military or outright stole money from the government during the war.



Dr. Ken Bridges

Shortly after Harry S. Truman became president upon the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945, he appointed Clark as the new attorney general, having been impressed by Clark's work against contractor fraud.

When Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy died in 1949, President Tru-

man appointed Clark to fill the position. As a member of the Supreme Court, Clark helped usher in drastic changes in civil rights laws across the nation. In 1950, in Sweatt v. Painter, he ruled with the court's majority that the University of Texas must admit African-American applicants. With Terry v. Adams in 1953, he helped strike down the "white primary," which allowed state political parties to exclude minorities from their primary elections. In 1954, he was part of the High Court's unanimous ruling in the Brown v. Board of Education case that ruled racial segregation in all schools to be unconstitutional.

Clark was also part of the majority decision in Gideon v. Wainwright in 1963, which declared that states had to provide attorneys for anyone accused of a crime. This decision led to hundreds of wrongfully convicted inmates being freed. He was also part of the unanimous New York Times v. Sullivan decision in 1964 to protect newspapers and free speech by redefining libel as a

statement that is both knowingly false and meant to defame another person's reputation.

Tom Clark retired from the Supreme Court in 1967 and was replaced by Thurgood Marshall. Shortly after his retirement, his son, Ramsey Clark, was appointed attorney general by President Lyndon Johnson.

He remained very active in his retirement. He became director of the Federal Judicial Center, a program designed to help courts with research and training for judges, shortly after its founding. He stepped down from the center in 1970 and continued to serve as a visiting judge for the US Court of Appeals, acting as a temporary judge for special cases. He died quietly in New York City in 1977. Years later, Clark High School in San Antonio, was named for him as well as the Tom C. Clark State Office Building in Austin.

Dr. Bridges is a Texas native, writer, and history professor. He can be reached at arkenbridges.com.

# Winters Junior High first six week 2015-2016 honor roll

### Sixth Grade "A"

Jon Busher  
Charles Childress  
James Killough

Mario Moreno  
Dayvin Oats  
Myra Ochoa  
McKenzie Ventress  
Calistra Yanez

Joseph Escalona  
Jayden Galvan  
Tarren Hagle  
Matt Jacob  
Evelyn King  
Kenneth Mason  
Mara Mostad  
Dayton Nava  
Mario Quintero  
Hailey Renfro  
Arazeli Reyes  
Alexander Salas Denley  
Logan Schneider  
Shyla Seaney  
Olivia Smith

### Eighth Grade "A"

Domynic Alvarado  
Karlee Busher  
Christopher Craig  
Hunter Duggan  
Audrey Glascock  
Skylar Lee  
Isabella McMahan

Miranda Rodriguez

### "A-B"

Payton Anderson  
Isabella Costa  
Jezebel Gonzales  
Sonnie Hagle  
Brianna L'Abbe  
Ronnie Lassiter

Tiffany Martinez  
Christan Ornelaz  
Graciela Reyes  
Miguel Rodriguez  
Rico Sanchez  
Jayden Sanoria  
Daniel Torres  
Mollie Weaver

# Red meat causes cancer? Bull!

Apparently, it's time to beat up on beef again. And bacon. And processed meats.

This time it's the World Health Organization. Their International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) wants you to believe that

eating ham, bacon, pastami and salami are hazardous to your health. Right up there with exposure to arsenic, asbestos and cigarettes.

Gene Hall  
Texas Farm  
Bureau

They say processed meats cause cancer. They conclude that red meat "probably" does the same.

Misguided, malicious, malarky! The report defies common sense. Dozens of studies show no correlation between meat and cancer. It ignores the fact that red meat is rich in protein and a good source of vitamins, iron and zinc.

It doesn't take into account the probability of getting cancer is based on a number of factors. Including age, genetics, socioeconomic characteristics and lack of physical activity.

Eating red meat as dangerous as smoking cigarettes? Really?

Looks to me IARC is smoking something. And it sure ain't brisket!

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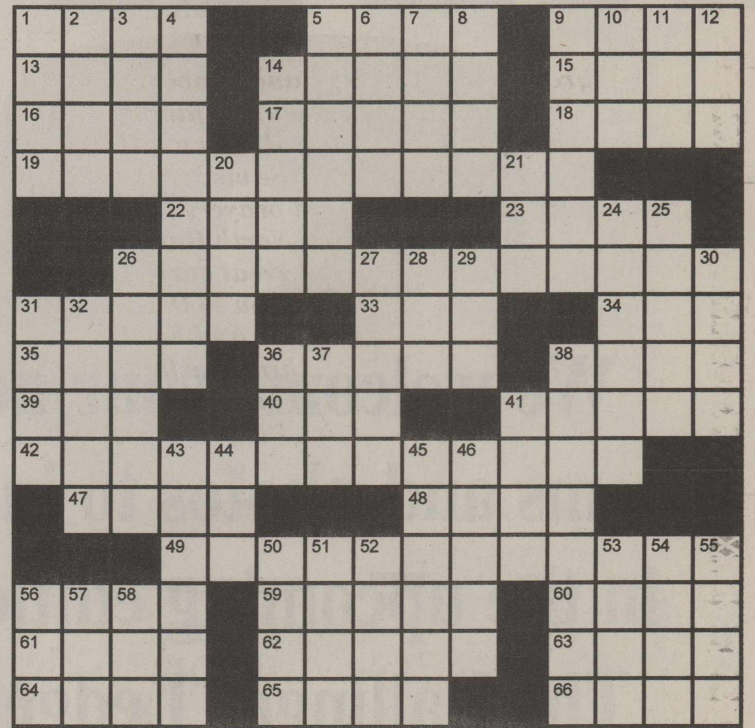
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"Trick or Treat"

- Across**
- 1 Fleece
  - 5 Island south of Borneo
  - 9 Perceive by touch
  - 13 Roman robe
  - 14 "The \_\_\_ the Hat"
  - 15 Peeve
  - 16 Tesla founder Musk
  - 17 Montezuma, e.g.
  - 18 Facts
  - 19 TRICK
  - 22 Atmosphere
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  - 65 Hubbub
  - 66 Barely gets, with "out"
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  - 2 RC, e.g.
  - 3 Bug-eyed
  - 4 More than crazy
  - 5 Middle East marketplace
  - 6 Env. notation
  - 7 Prevaricates
  - 8 Ancient Peruvian
  - 9 Nancy's comic-strip aunt
  - 10 Article in Die Welt
  - 11 Santa's helper
  - 12 Writer Rosten
  - 14 Where "Aida" premiered
  - 20 Shares
  - 21 Disney frame
  - 24 Gorge
  - 25 \_\_\_ friends
  - 26 Ethically indifferent
  - 27 One of the Flintstones
  - 28 Wedding vow
  - 29 Author Harper
  - 30 Marquis de \_\_\_
  - 31 Ballet move
  - 32 Biting
  - 36 "The Sweetheart of Sigma \_\_\_"
  - 37 Popular fruit drink
  - 38 Tour-de-France, for one
  - 41 Nap
  - 43 Beach shelter
  - 44 There's a holy one every yr.
  - 45 More drawn-out
  - 46 Quincy of music
  - 50 Thanksgiving dish
  - 51 Losing proposition?
  - 52 Cross letters
  - 53 Criticism
  - 54 Cruel person
  - 55 Some corporal punishment
  - 56 One of the finest
  - 57 "To Autumn," e.g.
  - 58 Kipling's "Gunga \_\_\_"



### LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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## Weather Whys

Q: What is a gustnado?

A: A "gustnado," which is actually a slang term, is a short lived, low-level rotating cloud that can form as a result of the outflow, or gust front, from a severe thunderstorm, says Brent McRoberts of Texas & M University. The term is a blend of the words "gust front tornado" and they usually last just a few seconds to a minute or so. "The outflow is a product of strong downdraft winds that spread outwards when hitting the ground, causing intense winds at the surface," he says. "A gustnado can form in an unstable environment. They typically range in height from 30-300 feet and unlike tornadoes, are not connected with the cloud base of the thunderstorm."



# Runnels County ROLL-UP

## Public Record

### Runnels County Jail Record October 29, 2015

Name	Age	Agency
Shane M. Sutton	38	RCSO
MTR-terroristic threat		
Cynthia T. Medina	44	RCSO
FTA- Theft by check		
Jessica R. Buskemper	30	RCSO
Possession of controlled substance		
Summer D. Hernandez	22	BPD
MTR-theft		
Barry S. Steedham	53	CCSO
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## VETERAN'S CORNER



Sandra G. Van Zant

Legislation that would extend the same federal hiring preference to fathers that is available to mothers of service members killed or permanently and totally disabled in action has passed the House and was sent onto the President to be signed into law. The "Gold Star Fathers Act" (S. 136), which passed the Senate in May, takes its name from the symbol of parents whose children are killed in action. Such parents are referred to as "Gold Star Parents" because they traditionally display a Gold Star flag as a symbol of their loss and sacrifice.

The federal government has long recognized the sacrifice of Gold Star families by granting unmarried and separated Gold Star mothers—and unmarried and separated mothers of totally and permanently disabled veterans—a 10-point hiring preference when they apply for federal jobs. This legislation will make this hiring preference gender-neutral, extending it to unmarried or separated fathers of service members killed or totally and permanently disabled in action. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 365-3612.

—Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer

## Reward offered in cemetery theft

BY CELINDA HAWKINS  
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The Old Runnels Cemetery has been a target for thieves over the last few months officials with the Runnels County Sheriff's Office reported. According to Deputy David Sellars, two benches

and a religious figurine were stolen from the cemetery. The memorial benches were stolen from the graves of Taylor Boman and Jamie Sue Palmer. The figurine was stolen from the grave of Justin Byler, who was killed Oct. 31, 2005 in Iraq. Sellars said there is an on going investigation into the

disappearance of another graveside adornment.

The items have been stolen over the last three months, Sellars said. The Old Runnels Cemetery is located between Ballinger and Hatchel on FM 2887 and does not have a secure gate, Sellars said. Plus there is no caretaker on site at the cemetery, he

said. The Runnels County S.O. is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the person or persons responsible for the thefts. Those with information on the thefts may call the Runnels County S.O. with information at 325-365-2121.

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## DPS trooper seizes over \$2.7 million in heroin

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At approximately 4:45 p.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2015 Dodge Charger traveling eastbound on IH-40, for a traffic violation, near Conway in Carson County.

The driver of the Charger was identified as Jessie Beltran, 24, of Thermal, Calif. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered nine taped bundles of heroin that were in a backpack located in the trunk of the Charger.



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Beltran was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, first degree felony, and booked in to the Carson

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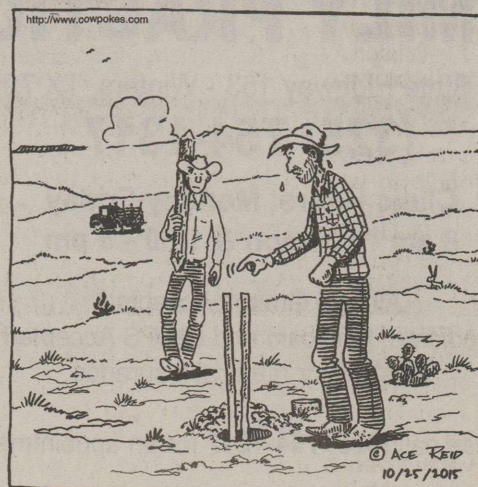
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**Bottom Left:** Bronte's #10 gives extra effort to run down Winters' Chris Diaz before he scores while losing his helmet during the game Friday, Oct 23, 2015 at Blizzard Stadium. **Above:** Ethaniel Reyes and Armando of the U.S. Marine Corps. and 2014 graduates of Winters High School, performed the coin toss at the Winters vs. Bronte football game Friday, Oct. 23, 2015. JOE GERHART | CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

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important protection for agriculture. While Congressional leaders may sell this package as providing budget stability, it is anything but stable for farmers and ranchers. It took years to negotiate and pass a new Farm Bill. Producers have signed contracts and purchased policies. These proposals to make further cuts to the crop insurance program were not included in the House or Senate passed budgets, in any appropriations bills or in the President's budget request. Once again, our leaders are attempting to govern by backroom deals where the devil is in the details. I will continue to oppose any attempts to cut crop insurance funding or to change crop insurance program policies."

"Make no mistake, this is not about saving money. It is about eliminating Federal Crop Insurance," said Chairman Conaway. "The House Agriculture Committee was not consulted regarding any changes to policies under the jurisdiction of our committee. This provision is opposed by an overwhelming majority or our committee members. It was debated and defeated during the 2014 farm bill process, and to move forward with it now breaks

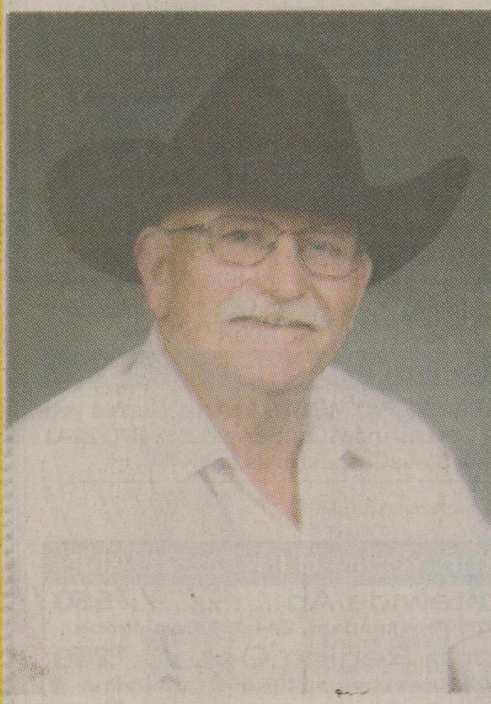
faith with the American producer. I am working alongside many of my colleagues to have the provision removed. If it is not removed, I will vote against this bill and work to defeat its passage. The American people deserve better than continued backroom deals struck in the middle of the night that entirely undercut the legislative process."

"I oppose any efforts to cut or reopen Farm Bill programs. It is particularly disappointing to see cuts to crop insurance in the budget agreement," said Ranking Member Stabenow. "These types of cuts only undermine the economic certainty that the Farm Bill provides. The Farm Bill made meaningful reforms to help reduce the deficit. Any attempts to reopen any part of the Farm Bill to more cuts would be a major set-back for rural America and our efforts to create jobs."

"We made major cuts when we wrote the Farm Bill," said Ranking Member Peterson. "It is not appropriate to cut agriculture again. The Farm Bill should not be raided. I oppose any cuts."

*This report includes information submitted by the House Committee on Agriculture.*

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Roy believes truth, hard work & good communication can bring everyone together from all walks of life. This not only means caring for our smallest children to our oldest adults but also in supporting our businesses,

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