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Nomads, wanderers...no, just good Christians

WINTERS, Texas.- Sell your house, get to live on the road and work for free in your retirement? That is not everyone's dream, but that's the way some people choose to be, in order to help their fellow Christians.

Some of these traveling souls, whose backyard is the road and front door is the side of an RV parked their vehicles in Winters, and began a rebuilding project for the First Assembly of God minister's home.

The building, located next to the church, will house the new minister, who will be arriving from Wichita Falls.

In the meantime, Howard Ainsworth from Wisconsin; Abe Robertson from Missouri, and BD Simpson from Eureka Springs, Arkansas, along with their wives will be remodeling the house and living next to the site in motor homes.

"We belong to an organization called U.S. Maps RV Volunteers and have been traveling all over the country doing this volunteer work," said Abe Robertson, retired employee of the Missouri Highway Department.

Robertson and Ainsworth got to Winters from Georgetown, Missouri, where they were working in a church building project for the Assembly of God.

BD Simpson, a former accountant, indicated after living a regular life he decided to sell everything, and get on the road along with his wife just to serve other people.

"My wife once asked me if I missed the house, and I told her, 'Well honestly I don't', we are happy living like this and trying to improve the lives of other people."

The RV Volunteers is a group of about 1400 people, with nearly 700 RV's who travel all over the continental United States including Alaska.

"I have been working in Alaska, where we had to travel for very long distances, sometimes more than eight hours, just to play a game," said Howard Ainsworth.

None of these volunteers had prior construction area experience, at least not until they joined the group.

"I used to be a mechanical engineer in the paper industry, my experience was with manual work but not building homes," said Ainsworth.

Defined as seasonal workers who take projects in a region according to the weather conditions, the three couples will stay in Winters for as long as it takes to finish the remodeling project and strengthen the arm of evangelism of their U.S. Missions.



Left: Howard Ainsworth helps BD Simpson set up a door frame. Right: "The working site must have doors and windows for the workers to do their job," said Abe Robertson.



Jeanette and BD Simpson, Howard and Janice Ainsworth, and Abe and Anita Robertson will be in Winters rebuilding the house at the Assembly of God Church.

The National Marrow Donor Program to be at Ag Day

WINTERS, Texas - The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) will be at the Agri-PlexAg Days on Thursday, March 18, which takes place at Ballinger High School. They will be set up during the health fair for those interested in seeing if they are a match for the donor program- it is a very simple process.

The health fair is from 9:00 a.m. to noon. There will also be a presentation on the National Marrow Donor Program starting at 11:15 a.m. in the Home Economics room.

Everyone is invited to assist and learn about benefits of becoming a donor. People interested can also visit the website bethematch.org.

See the Special Ag Days Edition in today's paper for more information on events.

Getting ready for May Festival

WINTERS, Texas - The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce will have its annual May Festival on May 1. Anyone interested in a booth for the arts and craft show, a game booth or interested in playing in the softball tournament should contact the Chamber office at 754-5210.

Local volunteer fireman will be serving their traditional blizzard burgers and iced tea. An ex's football game will be held that evening in Jim Ned at 7:30 p.m. The WACC hopes many Blizzard ex's and their families will be present for May Festival and visit the shops downtown before heading to Jim Ned for the game. For questions or concerns about the May Festival please visit the Chamber at 100 West Dale or call 754-5210.

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce would also like to thank Lone Star Video for their donation to the 2009 banquet. WACC appreciates all of its business members, family members, donors and volunteers.

Early voting starts for runoff election

BALLINGER, Texas - The County Clerk's Office is now accepting applications for early voting by mail for the April 13th Republican Primary Runoff Election. Voters may vote in this Runoff Election if they voted in the Republican Primary or if they did not vote at all in the Primary Election. A voter is not eligible to vote in this Runoff Election if the voter voted in the Democratic Primary. Voters are reminded to please bring their voter registration cards with them to the polls.

There is one statewide runoff for the office of Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 between Debra Lehrmann and Rick Green. There is also one local race for the office of County Judge between Barry Hilliard and Nathan T. Johnson.

A qualified voter is eligible to vote by mail if the voter:

1. Expects to be absent from the county of residency on election day AND during the regular hours for early voting by personal appearance;
2. Is disabled;
3. Will be 65 years of age or

older on election day; or

4. Is confined in jail as follows:

- a. Serving a misdemeanor sentence for a term that ends on or after election day;
- b. Pending trial after being denied bail;
- c. Without bail pending an appeal of a felony conviction; or
- d. Pending trial or appeal on a bailable offense for which release on bail before election day is unlikely.

The last day to receive an application to vote by mail is April 6th.

Any qualified voter will be eligible for early voting by personal appearance at the County Clerk's office beginning April 5th and ending April 9th, Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

Sample Ballots are available at the County Clerk's Office in Ballinger and also at the County Tax Branch Office in Winters.

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

Properties at risk



With winds blowing at more than 45 miles per hour, a forest fire last week threatened several properties located in North Runnels County. Firemen and volunteers from all over the region came to fight the fire, as well as Texas Forest Department staff. Heavy machinery and fire trucks were sent to the site, located about 12 miles Northeast of Winters. See Page 4 for more details.

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Obituaries

Sherry Lurene Easterly

Sherry Lurene Easterly, 46, of Sweetwater, formerly of Winters, passed away Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Sherry's smile brought sunshine to a multitude of people. She was the apple of her father Carson's eye and cherished by her mom Betty and sister Brenda. She was born June 7, 1963 in Ballinger to Carson and Betty Easterly. She lived in Winters most of her life and later moved to a group home, Walnut Creek, in Sweetwater and went to a training center in Abilene where she captivated the hearts of staff and fellow clients at both facilities. Her bright smile will be missed by family and friends here on earth but is shining in heaven as she walks along those streets of gold hand in hand with her father. The family gives many thanks to her friends and family at Living

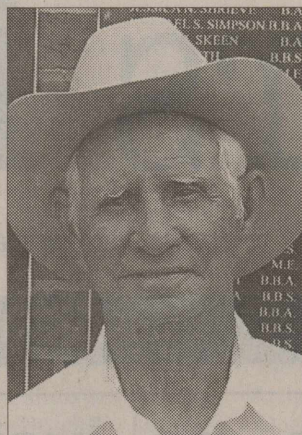


Resources and Culpeppers. She is survived by her sister Brenda Grosshans and husband F.P., as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 13, at 1:00 p.m. in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Kenny Scott officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

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Vollie D. Pierce

Vollie D. Pierce, 80, of Winters passed away Thursday, March 11, 2010. He was born July 11, 1929 in Winters and graduated from Winters High School in 1948. He married Annie Belle Patterson on June 4, 1950 in Winters then moved to Abilene. He worked for Continental-Emsco Oilfield Supply Co. in Abilene and Wichita Falls for 40 years. They returned to Winters in 1992. He was a Mason for 50+ years, currently a member of the Masonic Lodge #643 in Ballinger. He was preceded in death by his parents Johnnie and Dessie Pierce and his brother Jack Pierce.



He is survived by his wife Annie Belle Pierce of Winters; three daughters: Dee Ann Carver and Daryl Taylor of Fort Worth, Mary Lynn Barham and husband Glenn of Wichita Falls and Carol Jean Pierce of Fort Worth; 1 brother: Varnell Pierce and wife Alma Lou of Winters; one sister: Nadine Kute and husband Tom of Abilene; one sister-in-law: Loretta Pierce of Winters; Jim Carver of Mansfield; six grandchildren: Keri Slusher, Courtney Anderson and husband Derrick, Keith Eggins and wife Amber, Erin Pinney and husband Andy, Brad Barham and wife Stephanie and Anna Marie Hughes and husband Von Derrick; as well as nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will be receiving friends in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church in Winters from 3:00- 5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 14, 2010. At his request, there will be no memorial service.

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Winters Area Foundation sets date for Membership Drive

WINTERS, Texas.- The Winters Area Foundation has started its campaign for membership in the Future of Winters Club. Anyone interested in supporting Winters activities may join the club. There is one meeting per year at the annual membership dinner. The purpose of the Club is that by pooling dues, local organizations may enjoy the benefits of a larger donation. The Future of Winters Club has made contributions to the Winters Public Library, Samaritan House, Winters and Wingate Volunteer Fire Departments, Winters 4-H, and Fort Chadbourne Foundation.

The Future of Winters Club will have its annual membership dinner on April 20 at the Winters Country Club. The meal will be "Dinner on the Greens" and features a steak dinner catered by West Texas Rehab and head cook Archie Jobe. The cost of membership is \$100 and includes the price of the meal and entertainment for two people. Other activities that evening will include a "Hole-in-one" competition and the prize for the first successful golfer is \$1000 to be contributed to the local charity of their choice. Other golfing competitions will appeal to the experienced and inexperienced golfers.

Another highlight for the evening will be awarding of grants to local charities. The Future of Winters Club is the active arm of the Winters Area Foundation which is administered through the Community Foundation of Abilene. Newly selected CEO of the Community Foundation, Katie Alford, will be present at the dinner and offer a few remarks about the benefits of foundation giving.

Memberships may be sent to Box 211, Winters 79567 or left at the Winters Chamber of Commerce. You may contact any officer or director for more information. Officers of the Winters Area Foundation are President Susan Conner, Vice-President Mike Bedford, Secretary Lewis Bergman. Directors are Charles Bahlman, Marvin Jones, George Mostad, Armando Tamez, Hilda Woffenden and Gene Wheat. Please consider becoming a part of the future of Winters by joining the Future of Winters Club.

Fred Acosta Cortez

Fred Acosta Cortez, 69, of Winters passed away Friday, March 12, 2010. He was born April 25, 1940 in Winters and was a lifetime resident. He married Mary Mendiola on May 18, 1968 in Ballinger. He worked in the oilfield, at Bahlman Chevrolet, Alderman Cave and Compass Bank. He was a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife Mary Cortez of Winters; 4 children: Lawrence Cortez and wife Julie of Tuscola, Rene Cortez and wife Mary of Ballinger, Becky Pena and husband Armando of Hatchel and Amada Cortez Palacio and husband Henry

of Pflugerville; 4 brothers: Joe Cortez of Haskell, Herbert Cortez of Elizabeth City, NC, Ray Cortez of Abilene and Ernest Cortez of Bryan; as well as 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be held Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Winters with Father Romanus Akamike officiating. Burial will follow at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Ballinger under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

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Birth Announcement

Kyle Todd Johnson

Nathan and Lenise Johnson are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kyle Todd Johnson. Kyle was born on January 21, 2010 at 12:20 am at Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene, TX. He weighed 7 lbs. 8oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long.



Kyle is welcomed by his big brothers, Mason and Cody Johnson.

Maternal grandparents are Roy and Mary Ann Glasscock of Reagan Wells, TX. Paternal Grandparents are Ron and Nancy Johnson of Zephyr, TX.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The U. N. General Assembly has designated March 22 of each year as World Water Day.

Despite the call for U.N. member nations to observe this day and to work toward improvement of water management situations globally, this day has received little attention in the USA and apparently most countries on planet Earth.

Water is vitally essential for sustaining all life and no others substance on Earth carries so profound and spiritual meaning. Looked at globally, the principal difficulty today is fairness of distribution of water and water quality; not absolute scarcity of water.

Nearly 1.1 billion people (17% of world population) are without access to improve sources of waters, and about 2.4 million (40%) have no access to any form of improved sanitation services. The United Nations projects that by 2025, 3.5 billion people, or nearly 50% of the world's population will face water scarcity.

When observed in the background of these frightening figures, World Water Day should take on a new importance for the whole world and especially for us here in West Texas. We know from hard, dry experience of recent droughts how important water is for our farms and ranches, for all of nature-for all of us.

World Water Day is a time to thank God for the wonderful gift of water we have had to renew our appreciation of this most precious life giving gift. Water, a creative force, is essential for all life. It is the common heritage of all creation, a sacred gift. Water is essential for maintaining life, and it cleanses and washes away impurities, it purifies objects for ritual use as well as for making a person clean, physically and spiritually. Preserving and making available fresh water as regards a sacred legacy is a collective responsibility that includes the involvement and participation of all.

Michael Pfifer
Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo

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- Wednesday
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- Thursday
Steak & Gravy, Potatoes & Onions, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Cake.
- Friday
Sloppy Joes, Corn Salad, Chips, Pickles & Onions, Dessert.

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 French Toast w/Sausage, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Tuesday
 Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
 Yogurt w/Animal Cracker, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
 Biscuit, Sausage, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Friday
 Sausage Roll, Juice, Choice of Milk.
JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU
Monday
 Breakfast Pizza or French Toast w/Sausage or Muffin w/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Tuesday
 Cereal or Cereal Bar or Oatmeal or Breakfast Burrito, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
 Sausage on a Stick or Breakfast Pocket or Yogurt w/Ham, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
 Biscuit w/Gravy, Sausage or Cereal or Cereal Bar, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Friday
 Sausage Roll or Cinnamon Roll or Cereal Bar, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
WINTERS ISD LUNCH MENU
 Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extras: Entrees for \$1.00, Milk for .30, Sides for .50.
Monday
 Chicken Pattie on Bun or Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Baked Potatoes, Corn, Tossed Salad, Orange Wedges, Sugar Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
Tuesday
 Grilled Chicken/Bun or Tater Tot Casserole, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Apple Wedges, Brownie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
 Enchiladas or Frito Pie, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Carrot Sticks, Cornbread, Fruit, Bread Pudding, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
 Sloppy Joe or Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Blacked Peas, Carrot Sticks, Pear Wedges, Rice Crispy Treats, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
Friday
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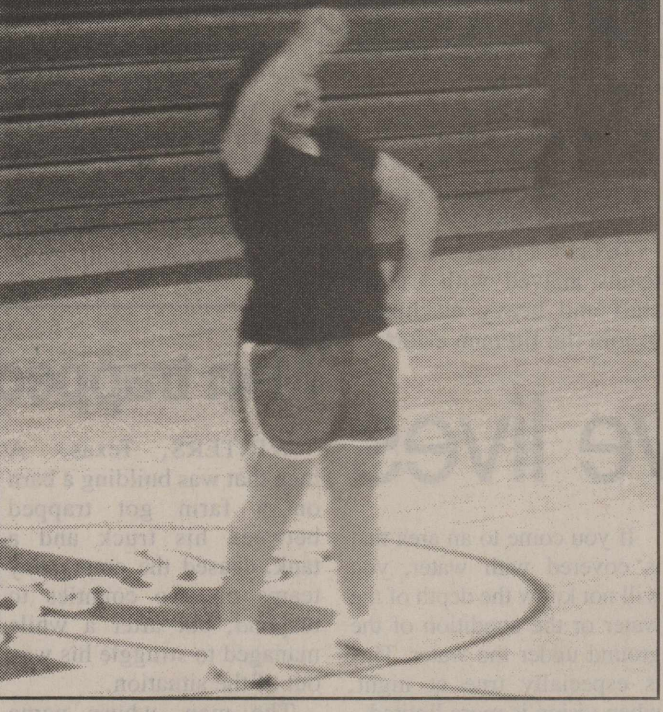
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Cheerleader tryouts at Winters Junior High

WINTERS, Texas.- Aiming high, cheering up and full of hope, the sixth and seventh graders at Winters Junior High School tried out last week for the cheerleading teams that will be on the courts this next season. Trying out for the 8th grade team were Ashley Guy, Brandi Wright, Gabby Jimenez, Jane Hagle, Victoria Sanchez, Christa Bahlman, Bailee Rougas, Casey Wright and K'Lyn Squires. The sixth graders trying to get into the next school year's team are Katey Reyes, Bailey Pierce, Jessica Roman, Bailee Busher and Chelsea Gray.



Cheerleader hopefuls patiently await results.



Victoria Sanchez, daughter of Vanessa Esquivel.



Christa Bahlman, daughter of Chris and Rhonda Bahlman.

WISD Athletic Report

By Stephen Hermesmeier

Blizzards golf getting a putt

Coach Bates
 The Blizzards golf team competed in their 2nd tournament of the season and brought home some more "Hardware"! The team finished 3rd overall at San Saba Invitational. This tournament that had the toughest competition so far, with teams like Abilene Wylie and Wall (which 1st and 2nd), and other 2A schools such as Coleman, San Saba, Comanche, Dublin, Hamilton, Bangs, Rising Star, Priddy, Early. The Blizzards were lead again by Devin Martinez which shot a 84, in some windy conditions and thousands of trees. The other members of the team include Dustin Oswalt (86), AJ Tamez (89), Collyn Pritchard (94), and Strait Daniel (87). The Blizzards are playing very well right now and hope to continue their success into district rounds. The next tournament will be held at Shady Oaks in Baird on the 24th of March. Please keep supporting our Blizzards!

Blizzard Tennis

Coach Villarreal

Consolation Bracket	
Shelly Soto/June Suh	6-1 Teague/Lopez (Clyde)
Shelly Soto/June Suh	6-4 Flanagan/Hernandez (Rotan)
Consolation Finals	
Shelly Soto/June Suh	0-6 Webster/Martinez (Clyde)
Jacinto Hernandez	8-1 T. Mathis (Stamford)
Jacinto Hernandez	5-8 T. Ballow (Greenwood)
Nikolas Kraatz	6-8 R. Knapp (Greenwood)
Consolation Bracket	
Nikolas Kraatz	7-6 Gus Munoz (Sterling City)
Nikolas Kraatz	1-6 D. Doss (Water Valley)

Basketball Boys All-District

1st Team All-District: Cristian Sandoval So. Guard
 2nd Team All-District: Hayden Bergman Sr. Guard, Devin Martinez Jr. Guard
 Newcomer of the Year: Riley Ripley So. Guard
 Honorable Mention: Braden Mikeska Sr. Forward

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Coach Livingston
 7th Boys
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 8th Boys
 Team 6th Place at Roscoe

Softball

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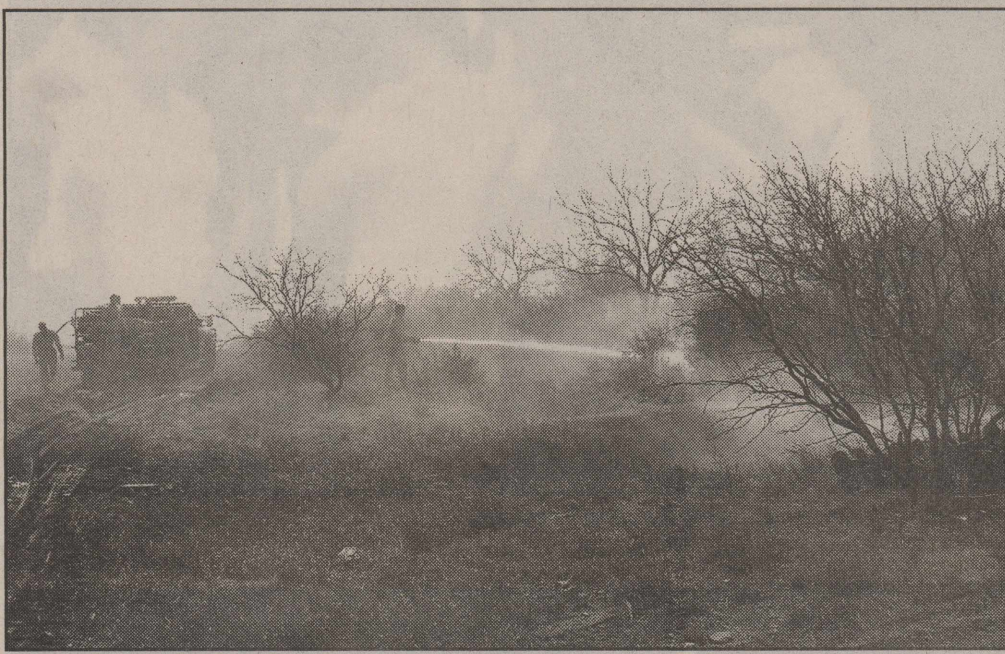
WINTERS, Texas.- Burned trees, damaged fields and scared neighbors afraid of the 50+ mile an hour winds was the scenario last Wednesday, March 10th around the Diamond Ranch, when a forest fire menaced North East of Runnels County.

The strong winds arrived to the region during the morning, and created the perfect recipe for a major disaster.

Firemen from all over the area were at the scene, fighting the flames in this deer breeding and cattle country.

Heavy machinery and fire trucks arrived from Winters, Novice, Jim Ned, Coleman and other near places, as well as volunteer firemen who struggled with the bad winds for several hours.

The ranch is located on County Road 197, 2.5 miles north from Farm Road 1770 and 12 miles North East from the city of Winters.



Firemen and volunteers fight a fire located in North Runnels County.

A sign on the fence listed Jerry C. Daniels as the owner and Tom Ford as ranch manager, but calls to inquire about the damages were not answered.

Rex Miller, a neighbor whose home is across a hill

and right into the wind direction, was concerned about the fire getting out of control.

"This wind is very bad for a fire, I hope they can turn it off fast because there are a lot of properties that could

be damaged," said Miller.

Houses, oil and gas wells are located around the ranch that was on fire.

Texas Forest Service teams arrived with trained staff and heavy machinery to join the firemen efforts.

Public Records

Court Records for March 18, 2010

Divorce filings

- Jaclyn Stanley vs Mark Stanley
- Meagan Nichole Williams vs Andrew Dalton Williams,
- Pablo Jaun Delacruz vs Isabel Delacruz

Misdemeanors

- State of Texas vs John Holland Cook Speeding Appealed from City Court
- State of Texas vs Arren R Keesee Speeding Appealed from City Court

Criminal filings

- Regino Rodriguez, MTR
- David Tucker, Judgement
- Jeanne Shaver Masterson, MTR

Jail Log

- Wamqua, Cody J, 19, Coke County, Theft
- Reyna, Guadalupe, 29, RCSO Theft by Check
- Story, Michael, 43, Coleman County, Theft of copper wire x2
- Gray, Kevin R, 40, RCSO, DWI 3rd or more
- Brarham, Rick, 29, Coke County, DWI
- Molina, Luke M, 29, RCSO, DWI with open container
- Valencia, Jose A, 20, Concho County, Burglary
- Tue, Travis J, 30, RCSO, Poss. controlled substance

Working together to save lives

BALLINGER, Texas.- Due to the risks related to the rain season, the National Weather Service organized the Flood Safety Awareness Week, from March 15th until 19th.

Jason Johnson, Service Hydrologist, for the National Weather Service at San Angelo, informed about the flooding threats from coast to coast all the year around.

National Flood Safety

Awareness Week is intended to highlight some of the many ways floods can occur, the hazards associated with floods, and what people can do to save lives and property. More resources are available at the Flood Safety web page located at <http://www.weather.gov/floodsafety>.

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other severe weather

related hazard. The Centers for Disease Control reported that over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into or near flood waters. Why? The main reason is people underestimate the force and power of water. Many of the deaths occur in automobiles as they are swept downstream. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded.

The National Weather Service (NWS) worked with the Federal Highway Administration to develop an incident sign and a warning sign focusing on the hazard of flooding. The Warning Sign, "When Flooded, Turn Around Don't Drown," is compliant with the Federal Highway Administration's regulations and can be produced and deployed as an official road sign. This Warning Sign should be deployed at locations where the incidence of flooding is high, the onset of flooding is rapid, and/or where flooding occurs in isolated locations.

If you come to an area that is covered with water, you will not know the depth of the water or the condition of the ground under the water. This is especially true at night, when vision is more limited.

Follow these safety rules: Monitor the NOAA Weather Radio, or your favorite news source for vital weather related information. If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding. This includes dips, low spots, normally dry creeks and draws, canyons, washes, etc. Avoid areas already flooded, especially if the water is flowing fast. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. Turn Around Don't Drown™ Road beds may be washed out under flood waters. NEVER drive through flooded roadways. Turn Around Don't Drown™ Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions. Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.

Flood watch and warning information is available on your local television stations and radio stations. This information is also available on the web pages of the Weather Forecast Office in San Angelo (<http://www.weather.gov/sanangelo>). You may also tune into NOAA Weather Radio. NOAA Weather Radio is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather and river information direct from nearby National Weather Service offices.

Man trapped by his truck

WINTERS, Texas.- A man that was building a barn on a farm got trapped between his truck and a tank, caused the emergency teams on two counties to respond, but after a while managed to struggle his way out of the situation.

The man, whose name was not available to the rescue teams, made the emergency call last Tuesday, March 9th, about being trapped between his own vehicle and a tank, and urged them to get to the site located on the County Road 183.

All of the emergency teams were put on alert, because the man, still on the phone with the operator, stated that he couldn't feel his own feet.

Winters Fire Department was called to the scene, as well as Taylor County rescue teams but after a while the call was cancelled, when the man informed that he was able to get out of the situation by himself.

There was no record of the man being sent to any hospital or the injuries suffered after the accident.

North Runnels Water Supply Annual Meeting

WINTERS, Texas.- The North Runnels Water Supply Corporation will hold its 3rd Annual Membership Meeting Monday, March 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Winters Activity Center located at 601 Wood Street, winters, Texas.

Included on the agenda is the 2009 Financial Statement Audit, presented by Merrit McLane, Hamby CPAs. Also, the ballots for the three Directors (3-year term) will be counted and revealed. The Director's terms for Ted Ahrens N.R. Boles and Barron Guy will expire at this meeting.

For the 3 year term, seeking re-election are incumbents: N. R. Boles and Banon Guy. Ted Ahrens will not seek re-election. Ted Ahrens has served on NRWSC Board since 2001.

The Board of Directors, employees, and members of the Corporation would like to express their appreciation to Ted Ahrens for their outstanding service to the water system. Other candidates for election are James Griffith, Rick Ikeler and Steve McCulloch.

New officers for the year will be elected at the annual meeting. Presently serving as officers are N. R. "Roeneal" Boles, President, Ted Ahrens, Vice President, and Craig Gehrels, Secretary Treasurer. Present directors are Raymond Lindsey, Barron Guy, Will Duggan, Tim Timmerman and Lowell Freeman.

There will be a drawing for door prizes and refreshments will be served. All members of the corporation are urged to attend this annual meeting.

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BALLINGER, Texas.- A long time Runnels County resident is turning 100 years old. Vivian Hollis (Mitchell) Workman was born on March 28, 1910 in Coryell County, Texas to William

Arthur and Myrtle Alice (Chisum) Mitchell. She was born in her grandparent's house which was on land that is now part of Fort Hood. The Mitchell and Chisum families were both

large families, so Hollis grew up with many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Her parents moved Hollis and her sister Fay to Runnels County, Texas by horse and wagon in 1916 to a farm they purchased in the Wingate-Pumphrey area. Many from the Mitchell and Chisum families also settled there.

Hollis attended school at Puckett and Independence often walking or riding a pony to school. Hollis and Fay moved into Winters and lived with their grandmother, Lydia Mitchell, to attend high school. She met Albert Ray Workman in the fall of 1928 while picking cotton on her father's farm. Ray's family, which was also very large, had traveled from east Texas to the Wingate area to pick cotton and was working on the Mitchell's farm. They fell in love and were married on June 2, 1929. They first lived near Palestine where Ray found a farm to rent.

Ray liked the Runnels County area, so they rented a farm near Lawn. They farmed in several areas such as Pumphrey, Miles, and Mereta. They bought a farm at Hatchel and moved there on January 1, 1943. Ray loved that farm and continued to farm until his death on March 3, 1974.

Hollis always enjoyed riding and viewing the countryside. In the late 1970's she began taking bus tours all over the United States, parts of Canada, and even to Alaska. She continued to travel until her arthritis made it too uncomfortable. Hollis

also enjoyed all kinds of hand work such as painting, crocheting, knitting, and lots of quilting. Even after moving to the Ballinger Healthcare and Rehab she continued to crochet and gave away hundreds of her pot holders.

Ray and Hollis continued the tradition of having large families. They had 10 children from 1931 until 1954. Born to this marriage were James, Ruby, Eldon (Shorty), Myrtle, Arthur (Butch), Dorothy, Dean, Mary, David, and Jimmy. Hollis suffered the loss of three of her sons through the years; James, Dean, and Jimmy. Hollis has 24 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 3 great great-grandchildren. She is a member of the Seventh Street Baptist Church in Ballinger. She enjoys playing bingo and many of the other activities at the center. Vivian's secret to longevity is that she never worries about what she can not control. She always says, "Worrying never helped anything." Because of her firm belief in God, she knows that all things will be right in the end.

A celebration in honor of Hollis' 100th Birthday will be held on Saturday March 27, 2010 at St. Mary's Parish Center located at 600 North Sixth Street in Ballinger from 2 PM until 4 PM. The public is invited to come and visit with Hollis. She asks that you do not bring gifts; your presence will be your gift.



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Hospital Auxiliary meeting

WINTERS, Texas.- The North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary will meet Monday March 22, 2010 at 5:30pm. The meeting will be at North Runnels Hospital. All supporters of North Runnels Hospital are encouraged to attend. For further information please contact Bettye Pinkerton at 325-754-4488.

A valuable asset

WINTERS, Texas.- Straight from Uvalde but rooted in Winters, Paula Geyer came to serve her community in several ways. Since her arrival in November as a full time police officer, head of the School Liaison program and Code Enforcement, and working with the Animal Control program, Paula has given to the community with her expertise.

Paula's education in English and Psychology have helped her to teach and counsel these students as they work toward graduation. The results are beginning to show as five of the seven students in the program have already graduated from the alternative high school.

Granddaughter of Helen who married Bid Ivey, Paula came to Winters fol-

lowing her heritage, and now focuses her efforts on rehabilitating young people who have made some poor choices which ultimately led them to an alternative education program.



As a Police officer and High School instructor Paula Geyer becomes part of the Winters community.



Family Medicine Nurse Practitioner joins Ballinger Clinic staff

Ballinger Hospital Clinic is pleased to add Renee Gamble, FNP, MSN, BSN, to its medical team serving the people of Ballinger and Runnels County.

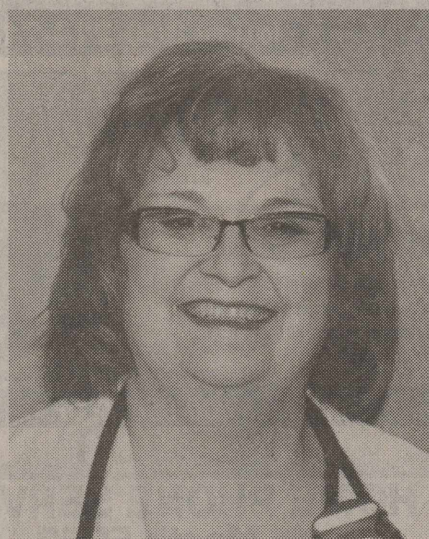
Mrs. Gamble's specialty is family medicine; she is seeing patients at the clinic now.

"I am very happy to be in Ballinger and to be involved with the Ballinger Hospital Clinic," Mrs. Gamble says. "I get a great deal of satisfaction from smaller town medicine where you really get to know your patients."

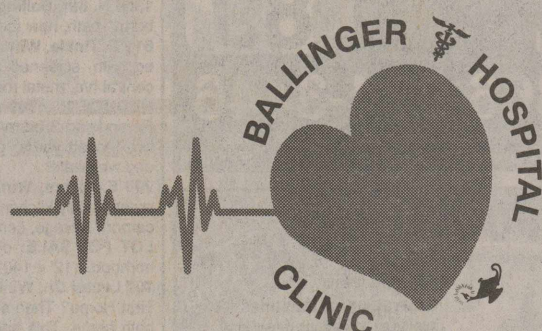
Mrs. Gamble worked at Kimble County Hospital for more than 17 years before coming to the Ballinger Hospital Clinic.

She earned her master's degree in nursing from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and her BSN from Angelo State. She also holds an associate degree in applied sciences from ASU and an LVN degree from St. Joseph's School of Nursing.

Mrs. Gamble and her husband, David, have three children and four grandchildren.



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Winters ISD School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of the month at 603 North Heights.

Hospital Board Meetings
The North Runnels Hospital Board meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month.

Literary Service Club
Literary Service Club meets at 6 p.m. the third Monday of the month.

Public Library
Winters Public Library meets at 4:30 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month at the Library.

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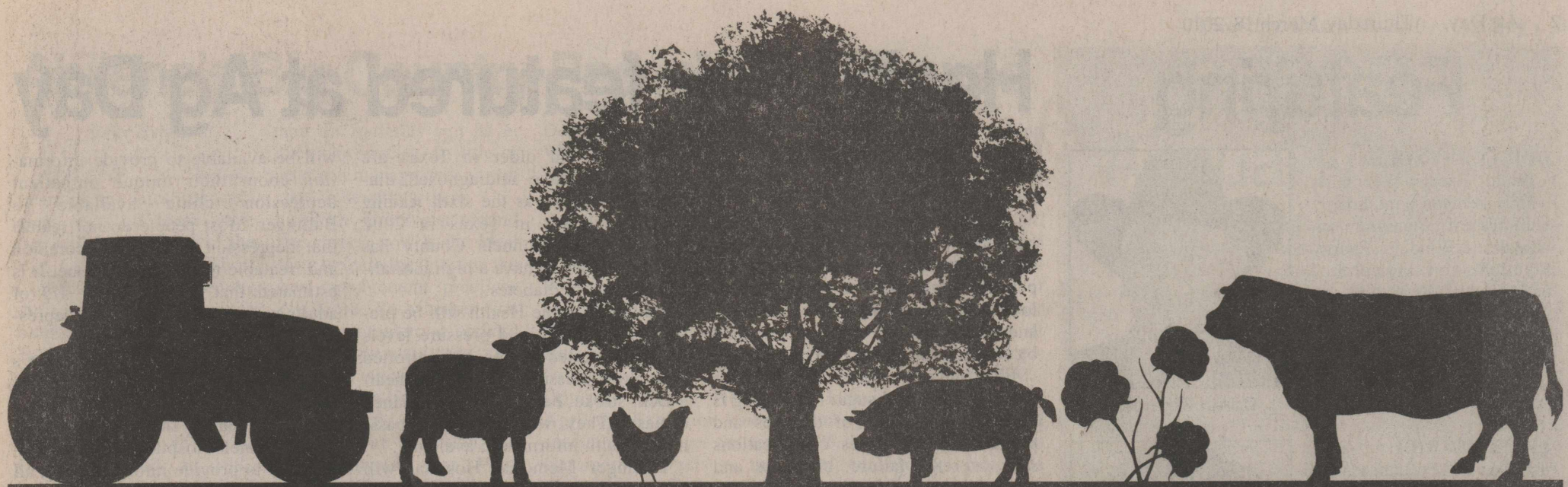
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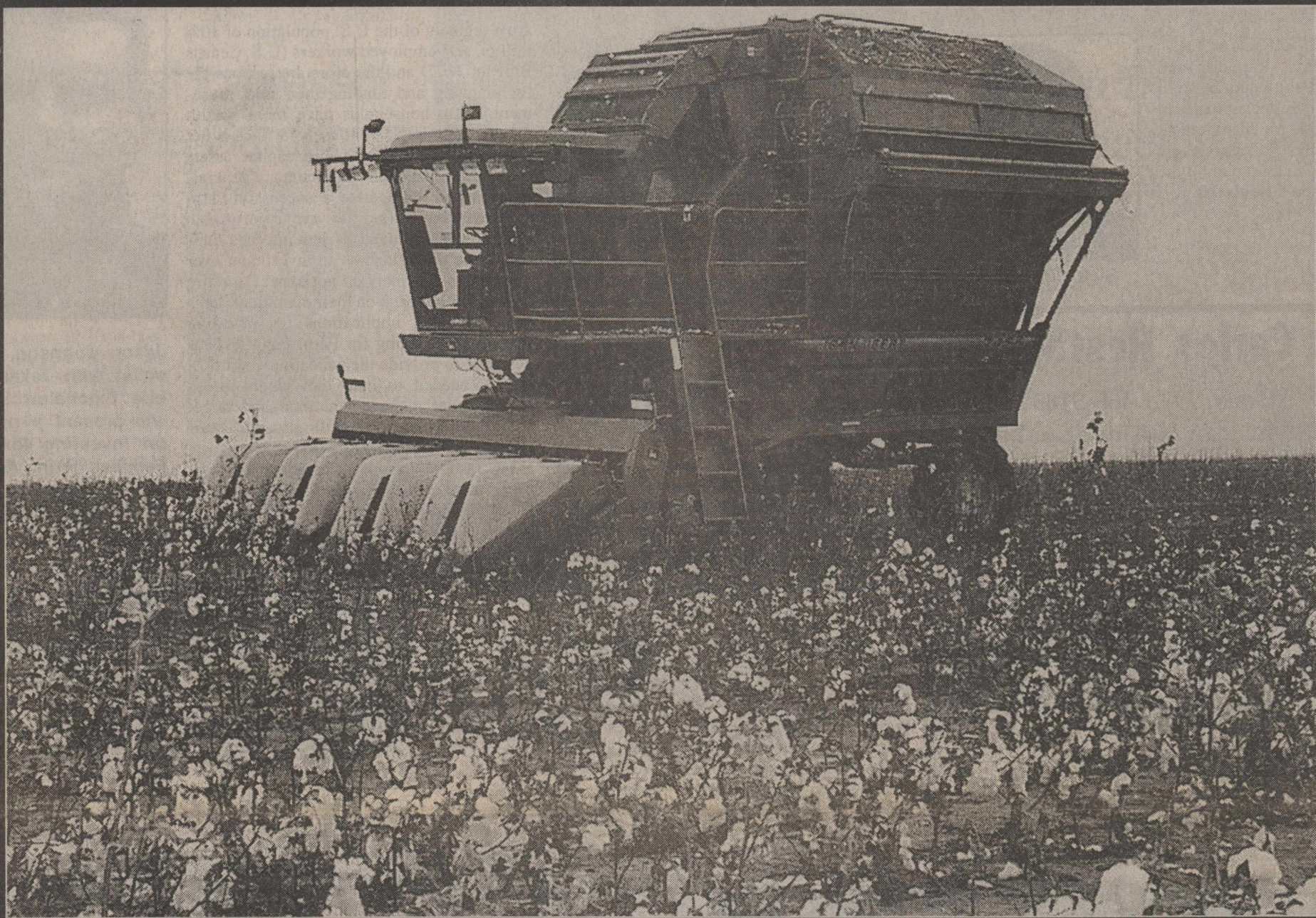
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25th Anniversary

Ag Day is here, everyone is invited!

Once again this year a special attraction of AgriPlex Ag Day is the recognition of several award winners and scholarship winners during the awards program assembly scheduled to begin at 11:45 in the Ballinger High School Auditorium.

The Runnels County Farm Family of the Year will be announced by the Cecil Kalina Family, the 2008 recipients. The 2010 AgriBusiness of the Year Award will be introduced by Toby Virden, of KRUN, who received the award in 2008. Also two

Runnels County high school seniors will receive the Pat Lee 4-H Memorial Scholarship during the awards ceremony. These scholarships are awarded to senior 4-H members who have excelled in their project work and academics.

This year a special recognition will also be given as we salute the 25th Anniversary of AgriPlexAg Day. Everyone is invited to attend the Awards Ceremony and then enjoy a complimentary noon meal sponsored by the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association and local and area agribusinesses.

AgriPlex Ag Day program for March 18

9:00 a.m. Registration and Booth Visitation

10:00 a.m. Small Wind Energy Solutions for Agriculture
Doran Reynolds, Wind Specialist, Henderson Wind Energy

10:30 a.m. Status of Wind Energy Projects in Runnels County
Greg Wortham, Texas Wind Energy Clearing House, Sweetwater

11:00 a.m. The Economic Impact of Feral Hogs and Deer on Crops
Bill Thompson, Economist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

11:45 a.m. Awards Program - Auditorium
Prayer for Rain - Fr. Hugh Wade
25th Anniversary Celebration - Allen Turner, Mandie England
Farm Family of the Year
Agribusiness of the Year
Pat Lee Scholarship Presentation

12:15 p.m. Complimentary Lunch
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1:30 p.m. The Impact of "Cap and Trade" on the Concho Valley
Dr Joe Outlaw, Economist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

2:00 p.m. New Technologies in Cotton Root Rot Mangement

Rick Minzenmayer, EA-IPM, Texas AgriLife Extension

2:30 p.m. Break and Booth Visitation

3:00 p.m. Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association Annual Mtg
Presidents Report: Richard Pelzel, SRPCGA President
SRP Boll Weevil Eradication Assessment
2009 PIE Repor Collin Klattenhoff
"The Future of Cotton": Roger Haldenby, Vice President Plains Cotton Growers Assoc.
Cotton Board Report: Bob Stanley, Cotton Board Rep.
National Cotton Council: Bret Cypert, NCC Staff
Comm. For Advancement of Cotton: Doyle Schniers, CAC Committee
Closing Remarks: Richard Pelzel

4:30 p.m. Completion of Continuing Education Credits
2 CEU's; 1-General, 1- IPM
4:40 p.m. Adjourn

HEALTH FAIR

9:00 a.m. - Noon Health Fair - Cafeteria
* Screenings for:
Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar
Cholesterol,
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Home Economic Department

10:45 a.m. Cancer Prevention
Marcie Owen, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

11:15 a.m. National Marrow Donor Program
Loberta Johnson, Julie Smiley, Cooks Childrens Hospital

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1:30 p.m. Lasagna Gardening
Melissa Sturdivant, Texas AgriLife Extension

2:15 p.m. Investment Education for Farm Families
Dr. Jason Johnson, Texas AgriLife Extension

3:00 p.m. Door Prizes and Wrap Up
3:15 p.m. Break and Booth Visitation

TEENAGE SURVIVAL

Youth Program - Cafeteria 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m. Youth Internet Safety
Traci Terrill, Education Specialist

2:00 p.m. Youth Survival Concurrent Sessions
Toxic Plant Awareness Cancer Awareness Wildlife Safety

Educational Programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

Featuring

DORAN REYNOLDS

Wind Energy Specialist with Henderson Wind Energy will present a program on "Small Wind Energy Solutions for Agriculture" beginning at 10:00 a.m. He will discuss the practical use of small wind turbines for families and businesses.



Doran Reynolds

TRACI TERRILL

Education Specialist with Region XV Education Service Center in San Angelo will give a program on "Internet Safety and Security for Youth" during the Ag Day Youth Program at 1:30 p.m. Her program will educate youth on how to stay safe in a world of texting, tweeting, and blogging.



Traci Terrill

RICK MINZENMAYER

EA-IPM, Runnels and Tom Green Counties will highlight new technologies in cotton root rot management for Concho Valley Farmers beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.



Rick Minzenmayer

Health Fair featured at Ag Day

By Sandy Taylor
CEA-FCS

A health fair will be conducted in the cafeteria in conjunction with Ag Day on March 18, from 9 a.m. until noon, persons can participate in cost-free or low-cost preventive health screening's, and health education efforts provided by several area health care providers.

Blood glucose monitoring will be available, as blood sugar monitoring is critical to detection of diabetes and prevention of diabetes complications such as renal failure, blindness and loss of limbs or life. According to the Texas Diabetes Council an estimated 1.7 million persons aged eighteen year and older in Texas have been diagnosed with diabetes. While another estimated 425,157 person aged eigh-

teen years and older in Texas are believed to have undiagnosed diabetes. Diabetes was the sixth leading cause of death in Texas in 2002 through 2006. Runnels County has been identified to have a high mortality rated due to diabetes.

Ballinger Home Health will be present to monitor blood pressure levels for all interested parties. Uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to a heart attack, stroke, heart failure, or kidney disease. They will also have basic home health information available.

Ballinger Memorial Hospital will conduct cholesterol screening to help assess coronary and general health. For the most accurate cholesterol reading, the client should fast prior to the screening.

The BMH Stepping Stones program

will be available to provide information about their unique outpatient depression clinic available in Ballinger. Most people do not realize that depression is the most common and treatable mental health issue. It is estimated that approximately 1/3 of adults will experience clinical depression at least once.

The West Texas Rehab Center's Audiology Department, The Texas Department of State Health Services, The Texas Family Institute, as well as North Runnels Hospital will all be represented to provide information on all the services they offer.

Health fair service are an excellent way to inform yourself about health care and service provided in the area, monitor your health, and take advantage of inexpensive services.

Investing for farm families

Sandy Taylor
CEA-FCS Runnels County

Farmers and ranchers have numerous resources to enable them to become more skilled at managing critical decisions regarding their agricultural operations. However, few resources exist that provide the same level of empowerment regarding the interrelated nature of family financial management decisions and farm/ranch business objectives. With the support of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation, an innovative team comprised of agricultural economists and family and consumer science experts collaborated to develop a curriculum that integrates these financial management issues. This newly available resource is titled "Investing for Farm Families."

Every Farmer and landowner faces unique circumstances when it comes to examining the interconnected nature of their farm and family finances and investments. Farmers

are a segment of the U.S. population of 10.6 million self-employed workers (U.S. Census Bureau, 2007) and therefore are responsible for planning and funding their own retirement. Farm households have more wealth than the average U.S. household. This is not surprising because valuable capital assets such as farmland and equipment are generally necessary to operate a successful farm business. Farm families are comfortable investing in farmland as it reinforces their allegiance to the land as an investment over stocks. Most farmers do not expect to retire as much as cut back on their operations. This has significant implications for investing strategies. Investing for Farm Families was designed to provide the education and information needed to help individuals assess their current management plan and target future activities that will advance their objectives.

Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension Economist for Texas AgriLife Extension will be discussing a financial program to help farm families achieve financial independence.



Jason Johnson, Economist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service will present a program on Investing for Farm Families during AgriPlex Ag Day beginning at 2:15 in the Home Economics room.

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producer to contribute 35 cents per head on all sheep and goats or 20 cents per acre for all cattle producer. Please make your check payable to the Runnels County Trappers Fund and mail them to at 608 Sealy Ave. Suite A, Ballinger, Texas 76821 or, if you wish to deliver your check in person, you may do so at the office located in the old Napa Building, in Ballinger at 608 Sealy.

Runnels County 2010 Trapper Program Updates

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Abilene's Big Country Pecan Short Course

Steve Byrns

ABILENE, Texas.- Learning the latest management news on Texas' state tree will be the focus of the Big Country Pecan Short Course to be conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Taylor County from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. March 26.

The site for the meeting will be the AgriLife Extension office in Taylor County located at 1982 Lytle Way on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center.

"When you think of the most-loved trees in West Texas, pecans invariably top the list," said Melissa Sturdivant, AgriLife Extension horticulturist in Taylor County. "And depending on your end goals

and the varieties you have, they can involve as little or as much management as you care to devote to them.

"With spring just around the corner, now is the ideal time to learn the latest on the best-management practices out there. So whether you have a commercial orchard or a single yard tree, this program should top your spring to-do list."

Topics and speakers will include: Site Selection and Best Varieties for West Central Texas, Dr. Larry Stein, AgriLife Extension horticulturist and pecan specialist, Uvalde; Pruning and Management of Pecan Trees, John Begnaud, AgriLife Extension horticulturist (retired), San Angelo; Nutrient Management of Pecan Trees, Stein. Also Grafting

Demonstration, Larry Don Womack and crew, Womack Nursery, DeLeon; Marketing Aspects for Pecan Producers, Mendy Shugart, Texas Department of Agriculture of Anson, and Womack; Pecan Management Products, Ralph Porter, Dow AgroSciences, Abilene; Diseases and Control Options, Monte Nesbitt, AgriLife Extension pecan specialist, College Station; Common Pests and Management Options, Bill Ree, AgriLife Extension entomologist, College Station, and Local Issues: Monitoring and Trap Programs, Sturdivant.

A total of 6.25 continuing education units will be offered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Seven credits will be offered by the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association and the International Society of Arboriculture. The number of Texas Department of Agriculture Structural credits is still to be determined.

Individual pre-registration by March 24 is \$20 and \$35 thereafter. The fee covers educational materials and lunch.

For more information or to pre-register call the AgriLife Extension office in Taylor County at 325-672-6048.

Horticulturist to present the Lasagna Gardening

Sandy Taylor
CEA-FCS Runnels County

The weather definitely plays a big role in our gardening activities. With the drought we have had the past few years most have not been inspired to grow herbs and vegetables, such as those you might use to make a classic Italian lasagna dinner. Lasagna gardening is a non-traditional layering method you can use to create better soil while keeping your gardens neat and attractive.

If you want to have the best soil with the least effort than lasagna gardening is the answer. And because of the of the healthy growing environment, lasagna gardens are plagued with fewer garden pests.

You will surround yourself with beautiful healthy growing spaces and enjoy the pleasures you get from gar-



Melissa Clifton Sturdivant, Horticulturist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service will present a program on Lasagna Gardening during the AgriPlex Ag Day beginning at 1:30 in the Home Economics room.

dening! So come and get inspired to grow a garden and beautiful landscape. Melissa Clifton Sturdivant, Extension Horticulturist will present an unforgettable gardening program.

North Runnels Buffer Zone

Thanks to the Texas Wildlife Services personnel, the north Runnels buffer zone will be continued in 2010. Beginning March 8, TWS personnel started flying the area from Crews over to Norton to continue to minimize the spread of feral hog populations and assist in taking of coyotes, bobcats and other predators. High winds and inclement weather have a great impact on their attempts to fly, so exact dates and times can not be determined. However, rest assured they are working diligently during the months of March and April to get this job done. If you are aware of large numbers of feral hogs, please contact Wayne Johnson and let him know so that they can maximize their results.

Wayne is currently working diligently to manage predator numbers around the county. Since January, he has taken 63 coyotes in Runnels County and numerous cats, foxes, and feral hogs.

We expect this numbers to be drastically increased with the flying of the buffer zone. To report trouble or contact Wayne, you can call the

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SRPCGA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association will be conducted during AgriPlex Ag Day activities in Ballinger on March 18, 2010. The meeting is scheduled in the Ballinger High School Auditorium at 3:00 p.m.

Richard Pelzel, SRPCGA President, will give the President's Report and announce the Southern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Assessment. The 2009 PIE Tour Report will be given by Collin Klattenhoff, cotton producer from Miles. "The Future of Cotton" will be presented by Roger Haldenby, Vice President of PalinsCotton Growers Association. Bob Stanley, Cotton Board Representative will give the Cotton Board Report followed by the National Cotton Council Report by Brett Cypert, Texas NCC representative. Doyle Schnierswill wrap up the presentations with a report on the Committee for the Advancement of Cotton. The annual meeting should conclude around 4:30 p.m. with completion of CEU certificates.

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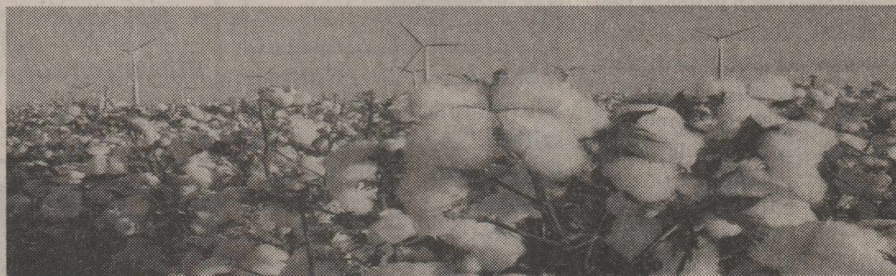
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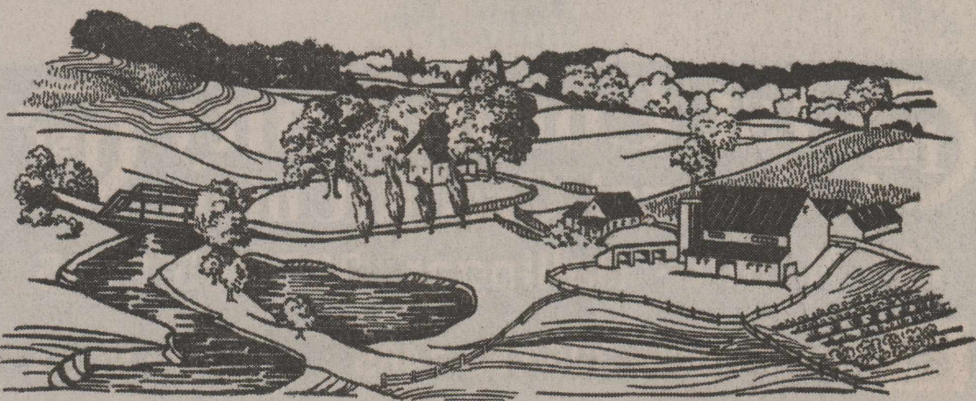
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