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Getting closer to his district to be

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - State House redistricting will be getting the people of Runnels County closer to their Representative, and this will be reflected in the decisions taken in Austin said House District 72 Rep. Drew Darby.

Darby, who would be becoming in 2013 the Runnels County Representative, came to Ballinger last Thursday, June 30, to participate as guest speaker in the Noon Lions Club installation of officers.

According to the Texas redistricting scheduled for 2013 and if he is elected, Darby would be becoming Runnels County Representative in the Texas House instead of current House District 53 Rep. Harvey Hildebrand.

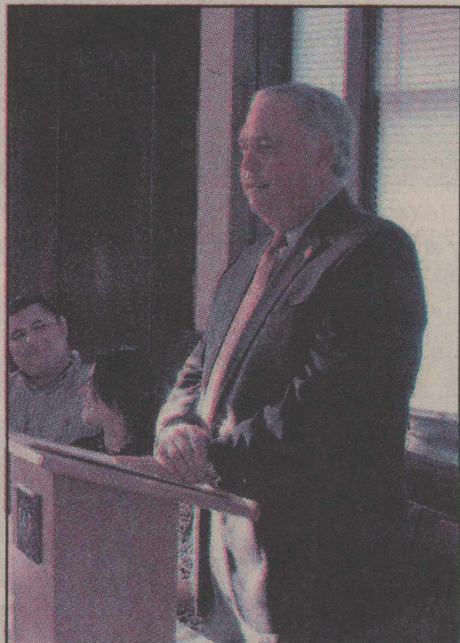
Although the redistricting was approved by the current legislature it is a process still subject to litigation, and existing district boundaries for the state House and Senate remain in effect until the term of office for legislative office holders expires at the beginning of the legislative session in January 2013.

The new district lines will be used in 2012 only for the purpose of determining the district boundaries for voters voting in the 2012 primary, primary run-off and general election. Individuals elected to office in November 2012 will represent the newly configured districts when they are sworn into office in January 2013.

For Darby coming to Ballinger is nothing new. He has owned a business in town for several years.

Having the district seat in San Angelo, remarked Darby, would get the people closer to their Representative. Hildebrand's district seat is currently in Kerrville, Texas.

Darby said that he will be working closely with school districts, and that after working with the budget education will not be facing the severe cuts anticipated by many "as a matter of fact superior education is getting 6 percent more funding for this biennium."



Drew Darby

Burn ban reinstated after disaster declaration

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - Runnels County Commissioners Court held a called meeting last Tuesday, July 5, to reinstate the burn ban after the disaster declaration issued by Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard, which prohibited all burning activity through the Fourth of July weekend.

The new ban, voted by the Commissioners Court, will allow burning for specific cases and under controlled circumstances.

Judge Hilliard said that the disaster declaration was issued as an emergency measure to prevent the spread of wildfires in the area.

Runnels County, as well as West Texas, is living one of the worst droughts in recorded history, and the fields are filled with plenty of combustible material. Gusty winds blowing constantly also increase the fire hazard.

Commissioners reinstated an order prohibiting outdoor burning. Burning activities are still allowed under a controlled environment and under supervision of the corresponding Commissioner.

Prior to an outdoor burn citizens of Runnels County must consult with local authorities, which will decide on a case-by-case basis if the burning is possible based on the forecast issued by the



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Commissioners court reinstated a burn ban that allows controlled and regulated fire activities with special permission evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

National Weather Service, and will verify that the area has been plowed. A proper water amount and supervision will also be required to burn.

Citizens are encouraged to report burning activities to Runnels County Dispatch, Fire Department and/or local Commissioners.

Celebrating Independence



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Last week the Runnels County Courthouse lawn got "flagged" by 3,000 American flags placed by Texas Farm Bureau representatives, who traveled throughout West Texas placing small American flags around county courthouses. A group of individuals coming from San Angelo placed the flags last Thursday, June 30, and will be coming after Independence Day to clear the lawn and properly dispose of the flags. Runnels County was one of 24 counties in West Texas selected for the flag placement.

Drought, fire hazard intensifying

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
 STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION - A whopping 97 percent of the Lone Star State is in the midst of a drought, with almost three-quarters facing exceptionally bad conditions, according to a national report released last Thursday.

The National Drought Monitor shows that most of Texas is at the highest intensity level registered for drought. State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon has said this is one of the worst droughts Texas has seen since 1895, when the state first began keeping records.

The drought has devastated land and forestry this year and aided in creating conditions that are ripe for wildfires. Since fire season began November 15, 2010, almost 13,000 fires have burned 3.3 million acres in Texas.

Typically Texas sees more wildfires in July than June, according to Texas Forest Service Predictive Services Department Head Tom Spencer. With a hot, dry summer forecast across the state, the number of wildfires isn't likely to decrease.

"We expect fire activity to continue," Spencer said. "These are dangerous conditions."

Burning trash, gathering around a campfire, tossing out a lit cigarette and even driving a hot car through tall grass all can lead to an increase in wildfires when combined with vegetation that has been dried out by the summer sun.

With 90 percent of wildfires caused by humans, Texas Forest Service continues to urge Texans to use caution when doing anything outdoors that could cause a spark.

RUNNELS CO. HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

The Rock House on Depot Street

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
 STAFF REPORT

November 22, 1898, R. J. & Mary Baron dedicated 29 acres of their estate that would be known as the City of Baronville. This same area would later be known as Bolf. Before this time, most of the surrounding territory was the property of the Santa Fe Railroad. Three stations were named after the children of a railroad official: Miles, Hortense (later changed to Harriet), and Rowena.

March 8, 1899, the Nichols Land & Cattle Co. gave a partial release to 156 acres, designated to the town of Baronville. February 4, 1904, the Barons consented to have the name changed to Rowena. This was also the wish of the citizens. When the Barons came to Rowena there was only one

house-the Santa Fe Section House. The Barons built the first residence.

In 1899, George Schuhmann built the first store and lumber yard, also the first Post Office on Depot Street which was then Main Street. A hotel was erected nearby. Mr. Schuhmann's son, John was quoted as saying "about 1901-1903, Joe Cervenka built the Rock House on Depot Street. The purpose was a feed store and a store for grain". He used the store for four years. It was later used for a bowling alley. In the 1940's, the building was leased by a San Angelo wool firm as a warehouse.

For many years, it was in a bad condition. The Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 9196 bought it for \$600 from the Cervenka Estate for their post home. The improvements added brought the cost to \$2500. The rock

walls are 24 inches thick. The rocks were hauled by a horse-drawn wagon from Rocky Creek, three and one-half miles northwest of Rowena. Sand and lime were used as the mortar.

The VFW and Auxiliary perform many public services and allow community organizations to use the building.

The Recorded Texas Historical Landmark Medallion was dedicated at the July 4, 1967 Annual Barbeque held at the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 9196.

Photo Courtesy Ruth Cooper

San Angelo Standard Times

July 5, 1967

Miles Messenger June 30, 1967

Ballinger Ledger June 29, 1967

Concho Herald Paint Rock,

Texas June 29, 1967

Rowena Press, Rowena, Texas

June 30, 1967

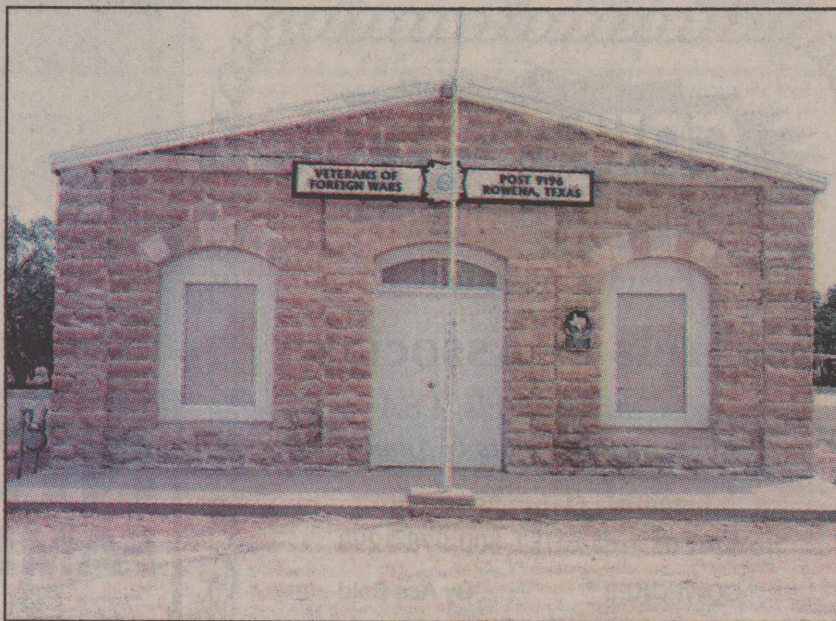


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Fellowship prays for rain at Rural Mass held in Winters

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
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WINTERS - Hope, sharing and a prayer for rain that helps farmers, ranchers and all in West Texas to alleviate one of the worst droughts in recorded history, brought the rural community together last Thursday, June 30, at the Rural Life Mass celebrated near Winters.

The ceremony was presided by Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer and priests from Diocese of San Angelo, which includes 29 central West Texas counties, and hosted by Fr. Hubert Wade, of St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, in Ballinger.

"This is a mass for seed, soil and oil," said Bishop Pfeifer about the traditional celebration that has been held yearly in different places in West Texas for the last 26 years.

This year nearly one hundred people attended the ceremony held at Gary and Dinell Jacob ranch, located at State Highway 153 in Winters.

The mass honored those who make their living on farms, ranches and oil fields. Catholics gathered to thank God for the endurance of the people, charity of neighbors, and the strength of all to endure and rise above adversities.

"All of us are involved in some form with the rural life," said Pfeifer.

Farmers and ranchers provide animals, growing of the food, packaging and handling, and the transportation of these products that we all need.

Pfeifer blessed crops, water and even mounted a horse and blessed it sprinkling them with holy water.

People come from all over the area to participate in the yearly celebration.

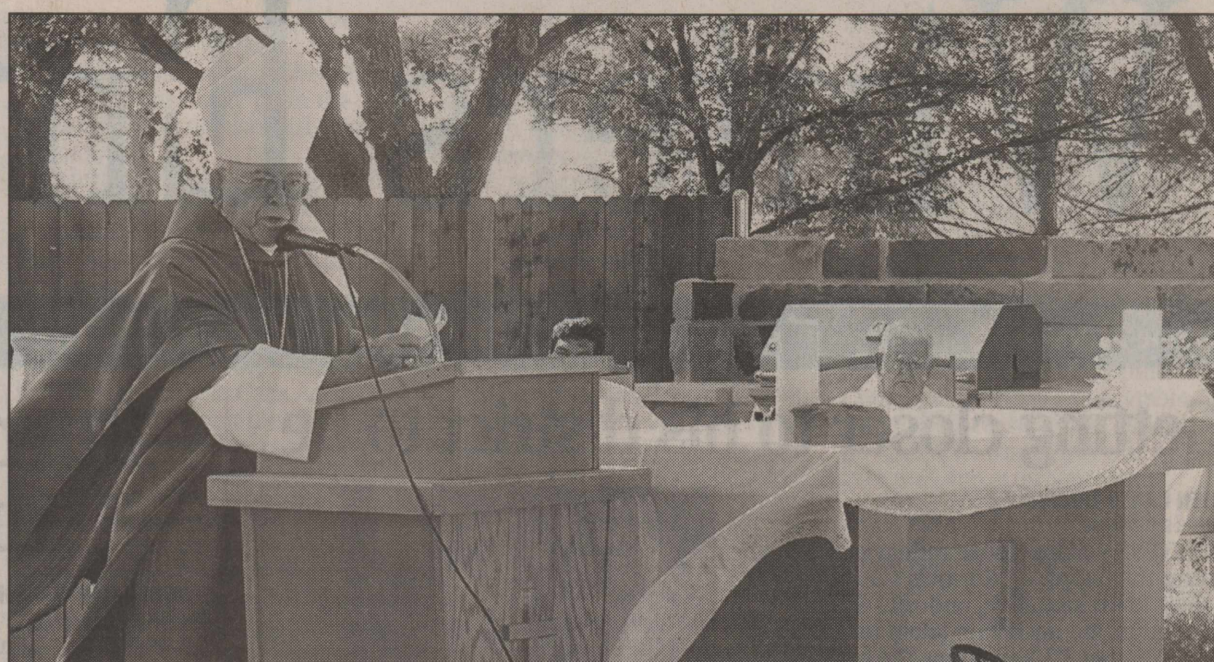


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The altar set at the Gary and Dinell Jacob ranch, just out of Winters, was decorated with a toy tractor for the Mass presided by Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer.

Rodeo ambassadors perform at cowboy reunion

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO - The San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Ambassadors were invited to perform at the Texas Cowboy Reunion in Stamford, Texas. This is the third consecutive invitation by Gary Mathis, a director of the Texas Cowboy Reunion, our Ambassadors gladly accept.

The Cowboy Reunion is such a fun filled rodeo whose contestants are working cowboys, not professional rodeo cowboys. Events such as Senior Calf Roping, Reining Competition, Junior Steer Riding, Calf Scramble and contestants from the stands join in the fun, Wild Cow Milking and of course the Wild Mare Race are exciting.

Your Ambassadors represented the Stock Show & Rodeo Association and San Angelo with pride and were well received by the audi-

ence Friday and Saturday nights. Their fast paced maneuvers captured the audiences' attention the moment they entered the arena. The audience applauded, whistled and yelled with excitement while the Ambassadors performed the pinwheel, slants and the "T" formation for TEXAS. Compliments were made by many regarding their performances. Tryouts for the Ambassador program are Sunday, July 10, for more information please call 325-656-0600.

Team members consisted of Bryce Cox, Captain, Haley Hernandez, Co-Captain, Johnna Pullig, Marissa Griffin, Shaylee Thomas, Jael Williams, Bailey McGlothlin, Mackynna Wood, Jennifer Allen and Kelsey Hullihen.

Come see them perform this Saturday, July 9 at the Volunteer Fire Fighters Ranch Rodeo Benefit starting at 10 a.m. in the 1st Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena.



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The San Angelo Stock show and Rodeo Ambassadors will be performing this Saturday, July 9 at the Volunteer Fire Fighters Ranch Rodeo Benefit starting at 10 a.m. in the First Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena in San Angelo.

Veterans Board

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Runnels County qualifies for federal disaster assistance

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Agriculture designated 213 counties in Texas as primary natural disaster areas after one of the worst droughts in more than a century. Runnels County is not considered as a primary natural disaster area but also qualifies for assistance as a natural disaster contiguous county.

The state sustained excessive heat, high winds and wildfires that burned hundreds of thousands of acres.

"Many producers have lost their crops due to the devastation caused by the drought and wildfires," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

The declaration will help farmers and ranchers through the recovery process and become once again productive suppliers of food, fiber and fuel.

The drought, wildfires and other natural disasters — which began January 1, 2011, and continues — caused 30 percent or more loss of forage crops, pasture, corn, oats and wheat in the following area counties among a total of 213 counties including Scurry, Coke, Coleman, Comanche and Concho among others in the West Texas area.

Farmers and ranchers in Runnels County also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their county is contiguous.

Farmers and ranchers in some counties in Arkansas,

Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous.

Counties designated by this declaration natural disaster area June 24, 2011, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses.

FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

USDA also has made other programs available to assist farmers and ranchers, including the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), which was approved as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008; the Emergency Conservation Program; Federal Crop Insurance; and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Brice family reunion 2011

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STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - A good time was had by the Brice Clan on Father's Day weekend, June 18 and 19, 2011, as 93 family members attended the Brice Family Reunion held at the Winters Community Center, Winters, Texas. The reunion is in its 43rd year.

Those in attendance from San Angelo were Juanita Bradley, Leslie Brice, Joyce Weidner, Rusty Weidner, Austin Weidner, Brenda Braden, Sandy Camp, Misty Martinez and Haney, Ryleigh and Cassie, Jimmy and BS Martin and Britni and Johnathan; Marty Hartman, Sandi Steele, Shirley Strakos, Sarah Gandy, Ben and Rita Blakeney.

From Odessa were Beth Brice, Ann and Eddie Bedrick, Georgia & Steven Collier, Judy Snowden.

From Comanche were Leon Brice, Taylor Brice, Debbie Parker.

From Belton were Gary Brice and Kendall, Gloria and Bobbie Smith, Fayrene and Marvin Henager, Vicki and Eddie Watts, Amy Cominsky and Reese.

From Copperas Cove were Ashley Fulton and Ethan.

From Clifton were Jim Bob and Laura Webb.

From Lubbock were Vonda and Dwayne Grun, Gena and Nathan Wright.

From College Station were Kristen

Grun.

From Abilene were Alicia Sims and Aubree.

From Coppell were Cecile Webb and Breanna, Abby and Henry.

From Lewisville was Bryce Webb.

From Sweetwater was Billy Brice.

From Tuscola were Terrie Sanders, Patsy Roberson.

From Moody were Kenneth and Cynthia Henager and Sarah.

From Pendleton were Janie and Olen Baker.

From Mineral Wells were Odell and Horace Jr. McGinnis, Sherry and Craig Johnson, Brandon and Brandy McGinnis and Braley and Braylon, Sara and Preston Mendez, Scarlet Morgan and Cassidy and Taylor.

From Palacios were Francis Faglie, Bobby Joe Faglie.

From Sabinial was Zachery Faglie.

From Merkel were Tina and Gaylon Mitchell, Traci Pena and Joseph.

From Ballinger was Darlene Kelly.

From Ingram were W.A. and Dot Henley.

From Aspermont were Dale and Linda Bradley.

From Wingate was Troy Hensley.

From Miles was Cathy Carter.

From Winters was Oleta Webb

Tom Huffman was a visitor from San Angelo.

Coleman County Coop to hold annual meeting in Coleman

BALLINGER LEDGER
STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN - Coleman County Electric Cooperative will have its 73rd Annual Membership Meeting on July 22 at the Coleman High School. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., with the Business Meeting at 7 p.m.

Along with the annual reports presented by the President and General Manager, there will also be a representative from Golden Spread G&T.

Coleman County Electric Cooperative joined Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. in November 2003.

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative is a generation and transmission cooperative comprised of 16 electric distribution cooperatives.

We plan to have homemade ice cream and cookies prepared and served by the Coleman County 4H-er's. Attendance gifts will be given to each member reg-

istering, as well as, attendance gifts for the kids. There will also be the usual prize drawings for the adults and children.

As you know a couple of years ago we made some changes in the ballot procedure. We would just like to remind you that if you mail your ballot or you bring your ballot to the meeting, be sure and vote for the directors of your choice, put the ballot in the envelope and sign the outside of the envelope. The signature must be on the outside of the envelope for your vote to be counted.

Please mark July 22 on your calendars and make plans to attend this year's meeting in Coleman. Come and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow members while participating in the business activities of your own Cooperative.

July Coop Power will be mailed out about July 6.

Daingerfield State Park to Reopen After Yearlong Closure

Renovated Scenic Park Open Again to Visitors; Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Set for Autumn

DAINGERFIELD, TX—After almost an entire calendar year of closure for repairs and renovations to facilities and campgrounds, Daingerfield State Park is once again set to host visitors at its Pineywood and lake setting, beginning Friday, June 24.

During the last 11-plus months, Texas Parks and Wildlife invested more than \$5 million in capital improvements and repairs to the 500-acre park located in far Northeast Texas. The money, which was appropriated in previous bienniums, has been used to upgrade campgrounds to include full hookup sites with water, electricity and sewer connections; three new restroom complexes; a new wastewater system and major overhauls to historic structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corp, which were constructed more than 70 years ago.

Buildings such as the large Bass Lodge

overnight group facility that accommodates 15 people has new furnishings, new furniture, new appliances and central climate control; the boathouse near the ramp of the park's centerpiece 80-acre lake has been renovated and features a new dock with canoe and paddleboat rentals. And the large pavilion-combination building has been remodeled with restrooms, a group meeting room and a State Park Store with convenience and souvenir items.

"There will be a 'wow-affect,' for sure," said park superintendent John Thomas. "When people come here, they'll notice some real changes. We have been able to add facilities and upgrades that people have been requesting for a long time. We went from old restrooms—some of which weren't even usable—to state of the art. And it will be nice to offer folks the convenience of a State Park Store. And for campers, we now have 40 full hookup sites instead of just 10." The park will initially open for day use and

camping on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Friday, and reservations can be made beginning July 1 at the state park reservation center in Austin. To date, all of Daingerfield's campgrounds and cabins are already booked full for July 1-4, evidence that reopening the park is a popular notion among outdoor enthusiasts.

An official grand opening and ribbon cutting of the park is being tentatively set for sometime in the fall.

"The park has a great partnership with the city of Daingerfield and surrounding communities to support its operations. And in turn, the park contributes a lot of money to our regional economy. Having this park open again is a big deal for this part of Texas," Thomas said.

For more information, contact Daingerfield State Park at (903) 645-2921, or visit the Web site at www.texas-stateparks.org. To book state park reservations in advance of your trip, contact the customer service center at (512) 389-8900.

Acreage report deadline on July 15

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - It goes by different names — crop report, acreage report, crop certification — but regardless of the name, filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs.

All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP), marketing assistance loans, and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs).

Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be

reported to receive annual rental payments. Crop acreage for which Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) may be enrolled must be reported.

Your crop reports form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. Producers are required to file reports by July 15, 2011 for CRP acreage, cotton, sorghum, haygrazer, and all other spring-seeded crops.

Prevented planting and failed acreage should also be reported for all crops.

Prevented planting occurs when a crop cannot be planted during the

established planting period because of a natural disaster. To be considered timely files, prevented planted acreage reports must be submitted no later than 15 calendar days after the established final planting date for the NAP crops and by the final reporting date for non-NAP crops.

Acreage reports for failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop, and producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the county committee that the crop failed or was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

NEWS NOTES

Physicals for incoming 7th, 9th and 11th graders
We will have physicals for all incoming Seventh, Ninth, Eleventh grade boys and girls on July 19 at 5 p.m. at the field house at Blizzard Stadium. The cost of the physical will be \$15. Please come by the WISD administration office or field house before July 19 to get the required paperwork.

These are some important dates to remember.

Aug. 1 - 7 a.m. Start of high school football

Aug. 13 - 10 a.m. First high school scrimmage (at Roby)

Aug. 22 - First day of school

The strength and conditioning camp for high school boys and girls will continue until mid-July on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. Get outside and prepare your bodies for the heat in August and prepare yourself for a great year at WHS/WJHS.

See You Soon, Coach Hermesmeier
Winters AD/Head Football Coach

WHS graduate makes the Dean's List at HSU
Jacie Frierson, a Winters High School graduate, was named to the Dean's List at Hardin-Simmons University, in Abilene. The Dean's List is comprised of students carrying 12 or more semester hours who obtain a GPA of 3.75-3.99.

The honors lists for the 2011 spring semester at Hardin-Simmons University, in Abilene were recently released. With its 13:1 student to faculty ratio, students enjoy personal attention as the pursue over 70 fields of undergraduate study, 20 fields of graduate study and seven pre-professional programs.

For the 20th year, HSU guaranteed students a tuition rat that does not increase as long as full-time enrollment is maintained during consecutive fall and spring semesters. HSU also distributes approximately \$12 million each year in scholarships to students, and has an enrollment of approximately 2,300 undergraduate and graduate students.

Founded in 1891, HSU is affiliated with the Baptist

General Convention of Texas and provides an academically challenging undergraduate education based on liberal arts foundation. Combining a commitment to academic excellence with a concern for the development of the total person, Hardin-Simmons provides an education enlightened by faith.

Immunization clinics

The Texas Department of State Health will have two immunization clinics in Rannels County. The first one will be held in Winters, on Thursday, July 7 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience please, use rear entrance (Grant Street).

Immunization clinic in Ballinger will be on Thursday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at 608 Strong (behind the Courthouse).

Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid or CHIP, please bring card. For more information call 325-754-4945.

Cross Emmaus

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

VFW meetings

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

Band Boosters

The Band Boosters meet at 6:30 p.m. every Monday evening at Dot's Diner.

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.

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Input Sought for Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Early Restoration Projects

AUSTIN - Natural resource trustees are planning early restoration to start addressing impacts to natural resources caused by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and they're welcoming ideas for specific restoration and conservation projects in Texas.

In April, the trustees announced an agreement in which BP agreed to provide \$1 billion toward early restoration projects in the Gulf of Mexico to address natural resource injuries caused by the spill. The trustees are the U.S. Department of the Interior, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, on behalf of the United States Department of Commerce, and state agencies from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Texas trustees include Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), the General Land Office and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Texas will select and implement \$100 million in early restoration projects, as will each of the other four Gulf states. The federal trustees, NOAA and DOI, will each select and implement \$100 million in projects, and the remaining \$300 million will be used for projects selected by NOAA and DOI from proposals submitted by the states.

The early restoration agreement is a first step toward fulfilling BP's obligation to fund complete restoration of injured public resources, including the lost use of those resources by people who live, work and visit in the area. The full Natural Resource Damage Assessment process will continue until trustees determine the full extent of damages caused by the spill.

"This is a critically important opportunity to invest in the well being of the Texas coast," said Carter Smith, TPWD's executive director and a member of the executive committee overseeing NRDA spill restoration efforts. "Any and all suggestions from interested parties about coastal fish and wildlife habitat

restoration projects are welcome."

Early restoration funds can be used for projects such as rebuilding coastal marshes, replenishing damaged beaches, conserving sensitive areas of ocean habitat for injured wildlife, and restoring barrier islands and wetlands that provide natural protection from storms.

Early restoration project selection criteria include whether projects contribute to making the public or the environment whole by restoring lost or injured resources; address one or more specific injuries associated with the spill; restore natural resources, habitats or services of the same type, quality and comparable ecological or human use value to compensate for losses due to the spill; and are feasible and cost-effective.

Other criteria include project cost, likelihood of success and sustainability, value to prevent future injury, avoiding or minimizing adverse impacts from project construction or implementation, benefits to more than one natural resource, and public health and safety.

Any interested parties are encouraged to be a part of the early restoration process by submitting project ideas online on the Give Us Your Ideas web page of the NOAA Restore the Gulf website. Or send comments by regular mail to NOAA Restoration Center, Attn: DWH PEIS Projects, 263 13th Ave South, Suite 166, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. General information about the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process is on TPWD's NRDA FAQ web page.

Any ideas provided by the public will be added to the list of suggestions already received by the trustees and will be considered for inclusion in the early restoration planning process. Projects selected by the trustees will be made available to the public for review and comment in a draft Early Restoration Plan. Comments received by the trustees will be considered prior to finalizing the plan.

Summer gun and blade show coming to San Angelo

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO - On July 9-10, 2011, Silver Spur Shows will bring their gun and blade show to the San Angelo Coliseum.

Scores of exhibitors throughout Texas will be on hand at this San Angelo gun and blade show. There are thousands of unique items. There is no other place where the public can see as many custom knives, new and used rifles,

shotguns, gun parts, accessories and ammo, all in one place, said Kim Sansom. Sansom, founder of the Silver Spur shows, has a 22 year history of bringing high quality gun and knife shows to West Texas.

Coins, jewelry, and collectibles are also featured, every exhibitor space is sold which makes the gun and blade show one of the best of its kind to come to San Angelo.

The Silver Spur Gun and

Blade Show will be held Saturday, July 9 from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. and Sunday, July 10 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the San Angelo Coliseum.

During the first hour each day two get in for the price of one. Additionally, all uniformed policemen, sheriffs, gam wardens, highway patrolmen, firemen, and children under 12 are free both days. NRA members and military personnel with ID receive a \$1 discount.

WHS graduate makes the Dean's List at HSU

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - Jacie Frierson, a Winters High School graduate, was named to the Dean's List at Hardin-Simmons University, in Abilene. The Dean's List is comprised of students carrying 12 or more semester hours who obtain a GPA of 3.75-3.99.

The honors lists for the 2011 spring semester at Hardin-Simmons University, in Abilene were recently released. With its 13:1 student to faculty ratio, students enjoy personal attention as the pursue over 70 fields of undergraduate study, 20 fields of graduate study and seven pre-professional programs.

For the 20th year, HSU guaranteed stu-

dents a tuition rat that does not increase as long as full-time enrollment is maintained during consecutive fall and spring semesters. HSU also distributes approximately \$12 million each year in scholarships to students, and has an enrollment of approximately 2,300 undergraduate and graduate students.

Founded in 1891, HSU is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and provides an academically challenging undergraduate education based on liberal arts foundation. Combining a commitment to academic excellence with a concern for the development of the total person, Hardin-Simmons provides an education enlightened by faith.

Public Hunting applications accepted for Ivie Reservoir

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER - Application for public hunting permits on O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted by mail only beginning July 15, 2011 and ending August 15, 2011 at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

Hunting permits will be limited and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the

Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) at 432-267-6341 or by writing to: CRMWD, ATTN: Public Hunting, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring Texas 79721.

A public drawing for the WMA Public Hunting Permits for the 2011 Hunting Season, will be held at 1 p.m. on September 16, 2011 at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office, located near the north end of the dam. All applicants are welcome to attend the drawing if they desire.

Summer Brings Host of Texas State Parks Repair Projects

AUSTIN - Texas state park visitors will soon be benefitting from a full slate of major repair projects getting under way this year that are designed to rejuvenate the aging Texas state park system and greatly improve customer service, thanks to bond

funding authorized by the Texas Legislature and approved by statewide voters.

Texas State Parks general obligation bonds have been sold to fund more than \$44 million in repairs and renovations to park cabins, bathrooms, electri-

cal and water systems, and other state park infrastructure. Along with fixing up more than 40 state parks, the bonds provide an additional \$25 million to dry berth the Battleship Texas and raise it out of the corrosive waters of the Houston Ship Channel.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Federal government urged to prioritize vulnerable groups in budget decisions

As Congress and the presidential administration deal with the important issue of deficit reduction, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops urges our leaders to give priority to the poor and vulnerable people in these negotiations. The bishops also point out that anyone who is able, capable and working should not bleed the system, but share their proper responsibility for the common good.

Fiscal responsibility is important and our current budget deficit must be addressed; however, a just framework for future budgets cannot rely on disproportionate cuts in essential services to poor persons. A balanced approach requires shared sacrifice by all, including raising adequate revenues, eliminating unnecessary spending and addressing the long-term costs of health insurance and retirement programs fairly.

In dealing with deficit reduction, Congress and the administration need to

consider three moral criteria to guide their budgetary decisions:

1. Every budget decision should be assessed by whether it protects or threatens human life and dignity.

2. A central moral measure of any budget proposal is how it affects "the least of these" (Matthew 25). The needs of those who are hungry and homeless, without work, or in poverty should come first. All who are able should share their proper responsibility for the common good.

3. Government and other institutions have a shared responsibility to promote the common good of all, especially ordinary workers and families who struggle to live in dignity in difficult economic times.

The economy must serve people, especially the weakest, not the other way around, and economic decisions should promote the pursuit of the common good.

Rev. Michael Pfeifer,
San Angelo

THE IDLE AMERICAN 'Love-in' and way back when...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury
Fans of the Dallas Mavericks have called "time-out" from dreary world goings-on to join the

team in unending adoration. The hoopla could have been flagged days ago for "excessive celebration."

Owner Mark Cuban can't chisel the smile off his face, MVP Dirk Nowitzki seems headed for sainthood, and the trophy may already need re-finishing. It's been handled more than a cat-sip bottle at a truck stop. Sportswriters and broadcasters keep turning out team news tidbits about the NBA champions, and fans scarf them down like hogs at the trough when daylight savings time has pushed back feeding by an hour....

Dirk hasn't followed through on Uncle Mort's suggestion of a name change to "No-QUIT-ski," but after Dirk's vocal rendition of "We Are the Champions" and his ceremonial first-pitch at a Texas Rangers game, maybe yet another name might merit thought. Like "No-START-ski."

His singing "Iows" rank right alongside the miserable musical efforts of late movie stars Chill Wills and Andy Devine. And his pitch



TEXAS COLUMNIST
Don Newbury

at the ball-park was way high, unless, of course, he called a bank shot.

The humble seven-foot German is revered, though, for basketball, and birth records prove it.

Dozens of male infants in recent days have been named "Dirk," and at least one female baby's given name is "Nowitzki!"...

Cuban is "playing possum" about gifts he's planning for team members. They've assured him that championship rings will be hunky-dory. Flashing his "I've-already-got-it-figured-out-but-I'm-not-going-to-tell-you-yet" smile, he's playing it close to the vest.

It's a long shot, of course, but it might be toe rings, diamond-encrusted, to boot. That might explain

the rumor that players' big toes were measured before the Mavs scattered for vacations.

Another blurb from an often unreliable source indicated that when they whipped out the measuring tape, Donald Carter, founding owner of the team, had his boots off before players could shed flip-flops. It was Carter, you'll recall, who accepted the Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy at Cuban's insistence — a classy move....

A quick turn from the opulent swings us back to the real world, where most folks are hard at it scratching out a living. One is Jeff Shultz, editor/publisher of a small weekly newspaper. His mom and dad were of ink stain origin as well, so he's got a tubful of stories. Jeff picks up a bunch of 'em at Oklahoma Press Association conventions.

Some yarns, decades old, date back to the Great Depression. Poverty shrouded the land, and newspapers — like most businesses — were in survival mode. It was common

to inventory pencils, with close inspections to make sure they couldn't be sharpened just one more time. Phones were answered on the first ring to save the bell.

One reporter remembers long-ago life in a boarding-house. The good news: rent was cheap; the owner was a great cook. The bad news: Nightly menus never changed. Invariably, she served roast beef, potatoes and carrots....

One night, she mentioned how much she looked forward to reading her horoscope each day in the newspaper.

Little did she know that the reporter concocted his own horoscope. His publisher, known for climbing over gates to save the hinges, chose the youngster's "free" predictions over the polished pieces offered on a fee basis by syndicates.

Picking up on her daily reading habits, the writer also learned that she was a Pisces....

His creative thoughts in overdrive, he couldn't wait to write the next day's horoscope, particularly for read-

ers born under the sign of Pisces.

"You will cook something different tonight" was the message.

The fare remained roast/potatoes/carrots, but the reporter was undaunted. The next day, Pisces readers were advised thusly: "Showers yesterday soaked most newspapers, but worry not. Today's horoscope is even more important. You will fry up some chicken tonight." And it worked....

Another fledgling writer worked into the night at a small weekly newspaper. When the publisher arrived on the youngster's second day, he announced to the boss: "I've got all the news, headlines and pictures in place, but we simply don't have enough space for all the ads."

It didn't take the crusty publisher long to provide a "short course" in newspaper reality.

The ads got in....

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Washington Should Provide Straight Answers on Health Care

BY ANNE DUNKELBERG AND ROBERT RESTUCCIA

Texasans count on Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) every day. That's why we need straight answers from elected officials about proposals to gut Medicaid and CHIP.

When our parents can't live on their own, it's Medicaid that provides help to keep them at home, or in nursing home care when home care isn't enough. When our neighbors living with disabilities need wheelchairs,

prosthetics and basic supports to stay independent, Medicaid allows them to continue contributing to our communities. And when parents can't afford private health insurance or lose their jobs, Texas Medicaid and CHIP protect their kids from becoming uninsured by providing the preventive care they need to stay healthy and letting them see a doctor when they get sick or injured.

Medicaid's federal and state partnership also protects Texas jobs. Clinics, doctors' offices, hospitals and other health care businesses count on Medicaid for a

dependable source of revenue that supports local jobs.

But Congress is considering proposals that put our families, friends, neighbors and local jobs at risk. Making Medicaid a fixed pot of money that doesn't grow with need -- commonly referred to as a block grant -- or imposing an unrealistic health care spending cap would set arbitrary limits on federal Medicaid investments.

These proposals do nothing to bring down health care costs. Instead, they just shift costs from the federal government to states, and then on to taxpayers, families and charities. They leave states few choices. States can cut off coverage and make kids, seniors, families and people with disabilities uninsured, which is proven to raise premiums for everyone who has insurance and drives up costs when the uninsured are forced to seek expensive emergency room care.

They can cut payments to doctors' offices, hospitals and nursing homes, but this puts care and jobs at risk. Congress shifting costs to states is just like an

employer shifting more of the premium to the worker.

Neither really reforms health care costs, they only push the costs to someone else. Either way, we pay.

Federal debt and deficit control demands serious attention to controlling health care costs, but this can be done while still protecting access and quality in Medicare and Medicaid -- without adding to the ranks of the uninsured. America's health reform law, the Affordable Care Act, is a good start. It begins the shift away from rewarding too much or too little care, and demands improved quality, safety and outcomes. People with multiple health problems -- like high blood pressure and diabetes -- cost more to treat when their doctors don't communicate with each other. But the health reform law rewards doctors for reducing costs by coordinating care.

Because nursing homes are much more expensive than caring for seniors or people with in their own homes, the law boosts Medicaid payments when states

make it easier to get help in homes or community settings. It also invests in getting more primary care physicians on the job to catch problems early and avoid expensive hospitalizations. The health reform law also cracks down on Medicaid fraud by improving policing and enforcement against overcharges.

We can and should do more. We should crack down on practices that keep more cost-effective generic medicines off the market, and close a loophole that lets drug companies charge Medicare more when seniors on Medicaid need drugs. We should speed up efforts to prevent costly medical errors or hospital-acquired infections, and reward improved care. Finally, we should adopt a budget that includes common-sense ideas such as tax incentives to reduce consumption of sugary drinks which will help cut the budget deficit and avoid costs from illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease.

These ideas will not just bring down Medicaid costs; they will actually drive down health care

costs for everyone. And, unlike block grants and spending caps, they will actually improve care for children, seniors and Texans with disabilities who depend upon Medicaid every day, while still protecting health care businesses and local health care jobs.

With so much on the line, Texas families need straight answers from Washington about the real consequences of proposals to weaken Medicaid.

We should all demand that Congress try every other viable option before they even consider policies that would put our health care and our economy at risk.

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Coleman County Coop Meeting

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of members shall be held at such time, during the month of July as the Board of Directors may direct and such meeting shall be held at such place in the Cooperative service area, as shall be designated in the notice of the meeting for the purpose of electing directors, passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. If the election of directors shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the cooperative.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, by the Board of Directors, or by a majority thereof or upon a written request signed by at least ten per centum (10%) of all members and it shall thereupon be the duty of the Secretary to cause notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided. Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within the County of Coleman in the State of Texas specified in the notice of the special meeting, or elsewhere within the area served by the cooperative as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MEETING. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or by the persons calling the meeting, to each member; provided, however, that with respect to all meetings at which directors are to be elected such notice shall be so delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than fourteen (14) days before the date of the

meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members of any such meeting.

SECTION 4. QUORUM. As long as the total number of members does not exceed one thousand (1,000) at least fifteen per centum (15%) of the total number present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members. In case the total number of members shall exceed one thousand (1,000) then at least one hundred fifty (150) of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

SECTION 5. VOTING. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. At all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present all questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon in person or by mail, except as otherwise provided by law, the articles of incorporation of the cooperative, or these bylaws. If a husband and wife hold a joint membership they shall jointly be entitled to one (1) vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

SECTION 6. VOTING BY MAIL. In addition to the method of voting for directors of the Cooperative as provided by the existing bylaws and by a member being present and voting in person or each member shall be and is hereby permitted to vote by mail for directors of this association. At the time notices of member's meetings are given as provided by Article II of these bylaws, and with a notice of member's annual

meeting, or any postponement thereof, there shall be sent to each member either personally or by mail a ballot which shall contain the names of all members who have been nominated as candidates for directors with a statement of the number to be elected and with appropriate instructions to the member to vote for such members; EACH MEMBER SHALL BE INSTRUCTED AFTER VOTING FOR THE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES TO PUT THEIR BALLOT IN THE ENCLOSED BUSINESS REPLY POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE. SIGN THEIR NAME IN THE PLACE INDICATED ON THE FACE OF THE RETURN ENVELOPE. THE MEMBER'S SIGNATURE IS ESSENTIAL. IT IS PART OF THE VALIDATION PROCESS OF THE BALLOT. IF THE ENVELOPE IS NOT SIGNED ON THE OUTSIDE, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED. MAIL TO THE COOPERATIVE OFFICE PRIOR TO THE DATE OF SAID MEETING. Said ballots when so received shall be retained and placed in a locked ballot box until the date of the members' meeting at which time shall be delivered to the inspectors of Election and counted together with the votes cast in person at such members' meeting. The Directors who receive a plurality of the vote shall be elected. Drawing by lot shall resolve, when necessary, any tie votes.

SECTION 7. ORDER OF BUSINESS. The order of business at the annual meeting of the members, and so far as possible at all other meetings of the members, shall be essentially as follows:

1. Report the existence of a quorum.
2. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication of mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be.
3. Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
4. Presentation and consideration of, and acting upon, reports of officers, directors and committees.
5. Election of directors.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Adjournments.

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