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## Distress program for wheat producers

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

COLLEGE STATION, Texas.- Juan M. Garcia, Texas State Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency announced the availability of the distress loan program for wheat producers in Concho, Fisher, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Taylor and Tom Green Counties.

"Dropping wheat prices and lack of available storage have Texas wheat farmers facing a tough situation with their 2010 crop. FSA has implemented the distress loan program to give wheat farmers flexibility to market their crops and see if the wheat market will rebound," said Garcia.

The 90-day distress loans allow producers to pledge their commodity as loan collateral and receive a loan on 75 percent of their eligible quantity.

Distress loans mature not later than 90 days after the date the loan is disbursed and must be repaid at principal, plus interest. If a producer can find an approved storage facility within the 90-day distress loan period, the commodity can be rolled into a regular non-recourse loan for up to nine months, including the time the commodity was placed in the distress loan.

"Because the 2010 crop production is so high and storage opportunities are so limited, we anticipate additional requests to make distress loans available in other counties and the Texas State FSA Committee will address those on a county-by-county basis," Garcia said.

For questions, including specific crop deadlines and planting dates, contact their county FSA office. More information on FSA programs is at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

# A treasure in your backyard

Last week Runnels County became the center of a statewide effort to rescue an endangered species

Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez  
 Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- Talk about endangered species usually makes people think about a remote and lonely continent, with rare animals such as white tigers or whales on the edge of extinction, but this tag can also be attached to a plant in your neighborhood.

The *Callirhoe scabruscula*, commonly known as Texas poppy-mallow, is a rare and unique plant only found in four counties in central Texas; this federally protected species grows, blooms and reproduces along the Colorado River sand banks, about three miles from the main stream.

A growing colony of the Texas poppy-mallow was recently discovered in Runnels County on privately owned land, and relocated by conservationists from the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Angelo State University and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

This colony of 52 plants was growing in the sandy soil on a property located off Highway 67, west of County Road 259, just ahead from the Evergreen Cemetery, in Ballinger.

The plants, no different from a regular weed for the untrained eye, have a very unique and special beauty when you take a closer look at the fuchsia as it colors a few lucky square feet of landscape for a couple of months each year.

Due to the few specimens found, very little is known about the Texas poppy mallow, but thanks to the relocation and reproduction efforts it could soon become the



Photo: Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez

SCIENTIFICS AND CONSERVATIONISTS came to Runnels County last week, in a combined effort to preserve a very rare plant species.

subject of greater research. "There are more than 300,000 different species of flowers and some of them have properties we don't even dream of," says Minnette Marr, a plant conservationist with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, associated with the University of Texas at Austin. "To illustrate the possibilities just think about the Pacific yew, a tree from which scientists were able to develop Taxol, a substance used to treat ovarian, breast and lung cancer."

Most of the Texas poppy-mallow population is under Texas Parks and Wildlife supervision, and when new construction was planned for the property where the poppy was located, every effort was made to conserve the flower by moving it to a new location.

Back at the Wildflower Center, the plants will be propagated to collect enough seeds to store on site for use by TPWD and other organizations when they restore native habitat.

Michael and Leah Goetz, owners of the Runnels County property, run a nearby greenhouse and are familiar with plant care as well as nature conservation.

"We knew the Texas poppy-mallows were there, and we are giving our best effort to save the species," says Leah.

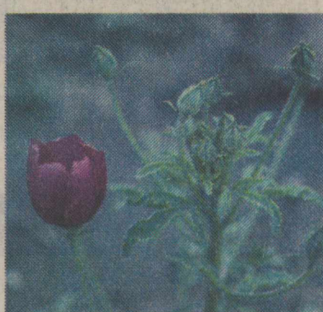
Once the construction project is finished some of the seeds will be brought back to the site to be planted in a more organized, and controlled pattern that allows its co-existence with the owners of the property.

This species is perenni-

al, which means that the same plant grows back for an undetermined number of years, but not enough research has been done to know about the whole life cycle or reproduction habits of this plant.

Bonnie Amos, a member of the ASU Biology Department since 1987, has been working with Texas poppy-mallows for years, and the Concho Valley native knows about the delicate beauty of the local flora.

"This species is very unique, most of the land in Texas is privately owned and we depend on the public awareness for its preservation. It is a very rare plant that grows only in Mitchell, Coke, Concho and Runnels counties, and no other place in the world," said Amos.



## The Texas Poppy-mallow

Scientific name: *Callirhoe scabruscula*

Endangered since: 1981

Size: Two feet and 6 inches tall or more.

Habitat: Wind-blown, river-deposited deep sands near the upper Colorado River.

Range: Coke, Mitchell, Concho and Runnels counties.

Reproduction: Red to purple cup-shaped flowers, about 1/2 in. long and 3/4 in. wide.

Population: Only 10 known populations in Coke, Mitchell, and Runnels Counties.

Some facts: Texas poppy-mallow differs from the common winecup because the stems are stiffly erect and thick like a pencil. The leaves of Texas poppy-mallow have broad, irregularly-shaped lobes.

The poppy-mallow usually blooms from May to June. Bees use the flowers for nectar, pollen, and shelter, and help the plants reproduce by spreading pollen between plants.

The flowers open each morning 2-3 hours after sunrise and close right before sunset. Within 30-90 minutes after pollination, the flowers close forever. If not pollinated, flowers continue to open each morning for 6-8 days.

Source: TPWD

For more information go to:

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center website  
[http://www.wildflower.org/gallery/species.php?id\\_plant=CAS C4](http://www.wildflower.org/gallery/species.php?id_plant=CAS C4)

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website  
<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/species/endang/plants/popmallo.phtml>

TANA GIBBS was voted to the 2-1A First Team All District.



## TANA GIBBS All District player

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Tana Gibbs, 2010 Winters High School graduate, and daughter of Kenny Gibbs and Saffron Davis of Winters, was recently voted to the 2-1A "First Team All-District" Softball Team. Tana has received this honor each of her four years of high school. Tana was a pitcher for the Lady Blizzards Softball Team.

Abby Guy of Winters was voted to the "Second Team All-District" Softball Team. Abby played third base for the Lady Blizzards.

Other players on the First Team All-District were from El Dorado, Junction and Forsan. Forsan won State in the 1A girls softball.

Tana was selected to play in the ninth annual Big Country Red vs. Blue All-Star Softball Game, June 8, 2010, at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field, Abilene, Texas.



## NEW OFFICER in Winters PD

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## Got News ?

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**Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez**  
Winters Enterprise

**W**INTERS, Texas.—The Winters Police Department has a new officer, an active Marine working as a part time officer, covering days off and special assignments.

Officer Cheraba Just, originally from New Mexico and assigned as a security officer at Goodfellow Air Force Base managed to finish the Police Academy in her free time and received permission from her superiors to work as a police officer for Winters PD.

Officer Just graduated from the Police Academy on May 13 and was approved on May 24 as a new reserve officer for the Police Department.

The non-paid position will help the City of Winters with heavy work loads on special days, such as holidays and weekends.

The new officer is already working and helping to improve the security levels in Winters, along with her fellow workers at the Police Department under supervision of chief Nathan Johnson.

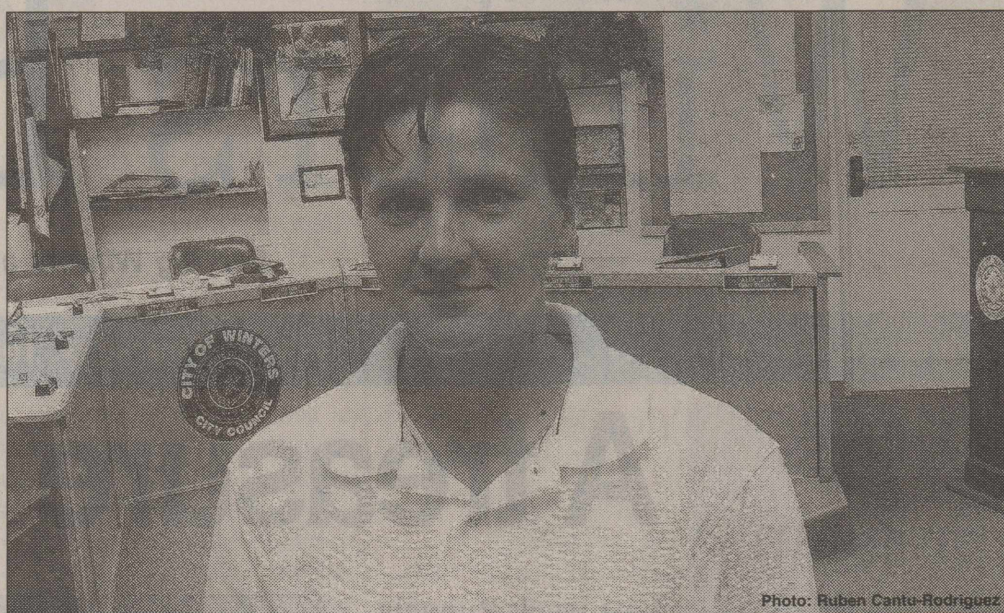


Photo: Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez

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## News

### notes

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#### Playday in Winters

The Winter Rodeo Association will hold their June Playday on June 19th at the Winters Rodeo Arena. We will register at 4:00 p.m. and ride at 5 p.m.

#### Writing contest

First Annual Douglas Meador Writing Contest, \$300 First Place, \$150 Second Place. Writing West, Stories and Personal Narratives from 1850 - 1935. Deadline July 5, 2010 email [mtribune@gmail.com](mailto:mtribune@gmail.com) for submission guidelines.

#### Scholarship awarded to student in Winters

Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc. recently awarded 20 \$1,500.00 scholarships to area students whose parents are members and reside in Taylor Telephone Cooperative's service area. Braden Mikeska from Winters was one of the recipients.

#### Historical book to reprint

The Runnels County Historical Commission will be taking orders for their recent release "Runnels County, A Look Back". The publication has created a lot of interest, with the first printing being sold and has now gone to reprint. Book price is \$20.00 plus postage if mailed. To place your orders, please call any of the following persons: In Norton, Anthony Lange at 786-2140; in Ballinger, Linda Duggan at 365-3145, or Diana Rozmen at 365-2784; in Rowena, Beverly Teplicek at 442-4841, in Winters, Ruth Cooper at 754-5183.

#### AA Meetings

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truitt behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

#### Ministerial Alliance

Winters Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month at 9 a.m. at Samaritans House on the corner of E. Dale and Grant.

#### Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce meets at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month at 100 West Dale Street.

#### City Council Meetings

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

#### School Board Meetings

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 6 p.m. the third Monday of the month.

#### Literacy Service Club

Literacy 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.

## O B I T U A R I E S

### Joe Lloyd Sharp

Joe Lloyd Sharp, 80, of Ballinger passed away Monday, June 7, 2010 at a local nursing center. Graveside services were held June 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger.

He is survived by his children, Joey Sharp of Arkansas, JoAnn Waddle of Perryton, Robert Sharp of Arkansas, and Renee Martin of San Marcos; sisters, Floye Sharp of Ballinger, Lois Burleson of El Dorado, Loye Locket of San Angelo, and Linda Prosis of Ballinger; brothers, Bobby Sharp of Ballinger, and Leon Sharp of Pecos; and sister-in-law, Shirley Sharp of Rowena.

Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home.

### Geraldene "Deanie" Orgon

Deanie Orgon, age 69, passed away on June 7, 2010, at her home in Georgetown, TX. She was born in San Angelo, TX on November 19, 1940 to Gerald and Lela Black, thus, known to all as the West Texas Girl.

Deanie was a 35 year member of The Georgetown Red Poppy Garden Club and a member of the famous "Birthday Girls".

She was a successful realtor in the 1980's, but her life's work was caring for her family, daughter Cammie "Cammy", son Drew, and husband of 45 years, Andrew "Andy" Orgon, who was the love of her life and best friend.

Deanie loved entertaining her friends and was an outstanding hostess. She always made people feel welcome and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Her children, Cammy and Drew, have preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Andy; double first cousins, Bob Black of Ruidoso-NM and Ballinger, Ross and Vida Black of Ballinger, Jimmy and Virginia Black of Winters, TX; and additional cousins, Larry Linscum of Buel, ID, Kim and Greg Black of Dallas, Angela and Gary Donaldson of San Angelo, Prissila and Rick Rothwell of Abilene and Suzie and Rob Bryant of Ballinger; and her brother-in-law, Ed Orgon and his wife Jeanie of Syosset, NY.

### Danny E. Likes

Danny Ervin Likes, 63, of Ballinger passed away Sunday, May 30, 2010 at Ballinger Memorial Hospital in Ballinger, Texas.

He was born May 12, 1947 in Littlefield, Texas to Jessie Ervin and Alma (Gray) Likes. "Mom and Dad" since birth were Dan and Alta Gray. Danny attended technical college for four years and became a self-employed contractor. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Army and received several commendations, including a Purple Heart. He married Diana Lynn King on July 27, 1978 in Garland at a ceremony in the Garland Nursing Home with Grandma Ollie King as maid of honor. Danny and Diana had lived and worked in the Ballinger community since 1985.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his "Mom and Dad," a son, Richard Likes; a step-brother and a step-sister.

Danny is survived by his devoted wife, Diana; a son, Jesse Likes and his wife, Rebecca; and granddaughters, Crystal and Ashley Likes, all of Ballinger. Also surviving are children by a previous marriage, Michael, Daniel, Alton, and Dana Likes.

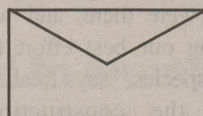
A memorial service with military honors will be conducted Sunday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m. at the VA Memorial Marker, located on the Runnels County Courthouse lawn in Ballinger.

### Faye Jacob

Lela Faye Jacob, 93, of Austin passed away Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at Park Bend Health Center in Austin.

She was born June 25, 1916 in Jacksonville, Texas to John Leven and Sally (Deaton) Hoover. She and Roy Jacob were married November 11, 1941 in Temple. She graduated from Scott and White and worked as a registered nurse at hospitals in Temple, Ballinger and San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two sisters, Johnnie Burton and Florine Silvey. Visitation was Thursday, June 10 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger.



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## Letters to the Editor

### The Old Winters Swimmin' Hole

I couldn't believe my eyes. There on the back page of the Winters Enterprise May 27, 2010 was an ad announcing the opening of the Winters City Pool. Suddenly, I was back squinting at the hot West Texas sun, glinting off the waters as I stood at the top of the high dive. It took me a long time to overcome my fear of heights to stand there braving the staring eyes of those below.

I took a deep breath and made the run and leap, feeling the shock of the cold water on my West Texas sun-heated body and scraping my nose on the bottom of the pool. I had trained myself for the past several summers to hold my breath long enough to swim the length of the pool and part of the way back before coming up for air.

When I wasn't fishing or playing my cornet, I was in the city pool. They allowed me the use of my flippers and snorkel. I could spend hours, head down, slowly moving

along the edges of the pool, amazed at how things looked under water.

The Winters Municipal Pool kept me out of mischief and became a healthy outlet for my youthful energy. I didn't know it at the time, but the Municipal Pool experience was getting me ready for skin diving and snorkeling off the waters of Palos Verdes Estates in Southern California.

California Dreamin' After my father's death in 1956, my family left Winters and moved first to California. It was there that I joined up with my venturesome step-brother, Roger, for a swimming adventure I would never forget.

There is a hill outside of Redondo Beach. Its there more than 1200 miles from the Winters Municipal Pool of my childhood, I received my love for the ocean and swimming in the most frigid water in my young life. The

Pacific around that region seldom warms to more than 76 degrees Fahrenheit.

I could stand only 25 minutes of swimming time before my skin turned blue. It was difficult to get out of the water because of the beauty below. Roger and I soon learned that if we saved our money, we could rent a couple of wetsuits, snorkel, masks and spear guns.

Equipped we were good for two to three hours at a time. Roger and I speared a few fish and ruined many spear points from near misses. One day Roger found a West Coast Pacific lobster. It was a delicious prize.

Wow! All those memories from a recent Winter's Municipal Pool ad! Well, so much for Texas and California Dreamin'.

Phil Roland, Sharon, PA  
Winters HS Class of '59

**Vacation Bible School**

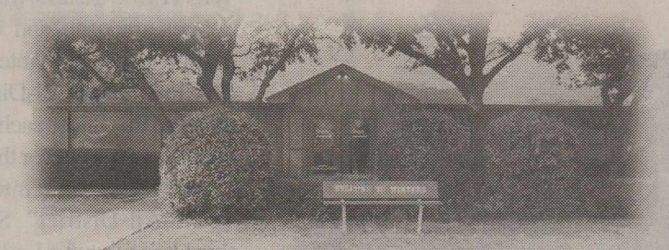
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# Forgotten stories no more

Ouida Nichols  
For The Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- The "Forget-Me-Nots" are a unique support group for victims of Alzheimer's. Together they have compiled a book, They Forget Yet We Remembered. It contains stories of hope,

love and remembrances. It has reminiscences of a group of ten caregivers who have dealt with dementia in the life of a loved one. They were motivated by a desire to help others who are facing the dilemma that comes with the heartbreaking disease. They hope their stories will guide others to make con-

structive choices for the sake of their loved ones and themselves. To quote the group, they give this advice "we remembered the good times and are going on with our lives. Don't feel guilty about doing something for yourself. Live goes on."

One of the ten stories was written by Bailey Mayo, a

former Winters resident. His parents were the late Dick and Neva Mayo. Jean Gibbs is his sister. Mr. Mayo tells of the struggle and rewards of caring for his wife, Mary. (She passed away in October 2008.) Jean Gibbs, on behalf of her brother, presented a copy of the book to the Winters Public Library.



**GRAND OPENING** Bertha Grohman, manager, and Mayor Dawson McGuffin, cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the new Dollar General Store located on Main Street in Winters, Texas. They gave away free stuff all day, had refreshments and even, gave out gift cards to the first 50 customers. There was a long line to get inside and excitement throughout the store.

## IRS offers a guide for seniors

Winters Enterprise  
Staff Report

DALLAS.- The Internal Revenue Service provides a general overview of selected topics that are of interest to older taxpayers in Publication 554.

"This booklet will help you determine if you need to file a return, and if so, what items to report on it," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas.

Each topic is discussed only briefly, so you will find references to other free IRS publications that provide more detail on these topics if you need it. While most federal income tax laws apply equally to all taxpayers regardless of age, there are some provisions that give special treatment to older Americans. For more information, see IRS Publication 554, Tax Guide for

Seniors, which you may obtain as a downloadable document at <http://www.irs.gov/> or by calling the IRS at 1-800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

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  - Thursday**  
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  - Friday**  
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Meals are served 11:30 a.m. daily. Anyone who does not take the meals regularly is asked to reserve a lunch by contacting the Activity Center at 754-4205 by 1 a.m.

## News notes

**Winters Women's Club**  
Winters Women's Club meet on the second Tuesday of the month, from September through May. Contact Jane Bourdo, 754-2048 or Becky Hays, 754-1912 for more information.

**Masonic Lodge meetings**  
Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, TX Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754-2048.

# Local man beaten with his own rifle

Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez  
Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- One man was injured and sustained head contusions and skull fractures after an attacker used a rifle to beat up the man.

The incident occurred on Sunday around midnight at 214 North Church Street. Jesse Ortiz Jr. was arrested and charged with burglary and assault, while Ralph Garcia received first aid and was later taken to a San Angelo hospital, where he is being treated for life threatening injuries.

According to Police investigation, the suspect came to Garcia's house in

the middle of the night and started to kick in the door. Garcia tried to defend himself but Ortiz grabbed the gun and used it to assault Garcia. A .22 caliber rifle was seized at the scene.

Ortiz's estranged wife was at the address at the time of the attack.

Neighbors initially reported that Garcia had been shot, but according to Police investigations the injuries he sustained were the result of being hit with the gun.

Ortiz, his estranged wife and Garcia had a long history of conflicts but nothing like the one early this weekend.

Jesse Ortiz Jr. remains in custody awaiting bail.

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**Chatting with Paw Paw**  
By John DeMoss Jr.

I just finished watching the power of a tornado as it tossed around a full-sized van, as if it were a toy. The driver said that when the storm got him, he just held on to the steering wheel for dear life.

The Weather Channel has a program called "Storm Chasers." These are stories of men and women who go out into storms to find tornadoes, on purpose! One man even wanted to film the inside of a tornado.

One night, the program focused on tornadoes being formed during storms in Kansas one night. One group of chasers began tracking a tornado that kept getting bigger and bigger. The storm chasers had to pull their car over because of the danger they experienced. The tornado they had been chasing turned out to be the E-5 that roared into Greensburg, Kansas.

We have a God that stood up in a boat and told a storm to "Shut up!" Mark 4:39. Jesus' disciples were stunned. They had no idea as to what kind of Man Jesus was.

Jesus is the kind of Man/God that loves all of us so much that can still all the storms in our lives. Jesus offers peace to replace turmoil that may be filling our minds or hearts. Jesus told us "...My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you." That kind of love and faith/trust in that love will stop any and all storms in our lives.

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### Fishing report

BY DAVE CAUDLE

As spring (as if we actually had one) moves into summer, the water heats up, the fish get in the summertime mood, and we change strategy. The grass, or cabbage as I call it, takes over the shallow flats making navigation nearly impossible. However, fishing the cabbage edges early and late with top water lures provides some exciting action, and if you know how to flyrod a big bug, it's downright fun. Later in the day, you need to fish the edges of the cabbage down to about 20 feet to find the bass hiding and waiting there for an easy meal to swim by.

The white bass get into schools and begin to chase the huge schools of shad and newly hatched fry towards the grass beds. The whites do this to corral the smaller fish and make them try and head back to deeper water in escape. The bass guys know that when you observe white bass on the surface near cabbage, there will nearly always be bass that have left the weeds and come out to welcome the baitfish and/or a white bass if they get too close.

Catfishing has been quite

good under corks in shallow water with cheebait getting bit the most. Some of these cats still have eggs on board and are actually spawning in water about two feet deep. At reporting time this spawning session is nearly over, but the cats can be found nearly year around in shallow water. Baiting with sour grain or wheat is a good move. Simply bait several places and come back and fish them to see if one of the areas is holding fish.

Speaking of holding fish, I recently had the chance to take my son, Dustin, and grandson, Drew, along with granddaughter, Dacayla, for a day out on the lake. Dusty is recovering from lower back surgery after being injured in the line of duty. He's now back to work on a limited basis and hopefully back to full strength within a few months. Somehow, paperwork for the unit doesn't fit my son's idea of protecting our borders.

Dustin got Drew, who is just over two years old, a rod and reel designed for children of that age. While we used conventional tackle, Drew was happy to use his rod, but actually dropped it (or maybe threw it) into the

water a couple of times. Dusty recovered the rod twice, but Drew moved to another side of the boat, the rod went overboard again, and this time went deep six.

Having been on the lake more than once, I certainly expected this to happen. I just didn't expect the rod and reel to sink in such rapid fashion. However, given some time to think about it, I realized the guys in China who made this rod would actually expect the rod to end up in the water, and in order to sell more rods, sinking fast makes sense. I know of plastic worm manufacturers who certainly want their lures to catch fish but don't want you to catch your limit on just one worm. They want line to wear, reels to eventually wear out, and gear to need replacing. Besides, what would Father's Day be if new gear wasn't by the cake and Blue Bell?

Drew was all fired up to hold his first fish and actually tried to do so. But upon touching the fish, he realized it wasn't as soft as the plastic fish on the end of his sinking rod and definitely not as still. He decided that we adults should hold all the fish and return them to the water. The boys and girls in Washington should operate on the same principle; that is, throw their rods in the water and let those who know what to do, do.

See you on the lake.



**GERMAN HERITAGE** The Multers at the Family Land Heritage ceremony. Front row Anthony Multer, Roman Multer, Alfred Multer, Mary Lou Multer and Mark Multer; standing up Jerry Multer, Norma Jones, Warren Multer, Brenda Bradford, Ramona Gratton, Mary Dee Michaelwicz, Marsha Arverson, Ellen Seidenberger and John Multer.

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The Multer family, living and working at the Multer Bros. Farm, was one of the 91 families awarded, at the 35th Annual Family Land Heritage Ceremony held in Austin, on June 3, and sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Located in Runnels

County, nine miles south of Ballinger, the Multer Bros. Farm was founded by Adam Multer, and is currently owned by his grandsons Roman and Alfred Multer.

Adam Multer was born in Neustadt, Germany, and came to America to establish a new life. He and his wife Mary were married in Westphalia and on February 8, 1909, purchased 240 acres from Charlie Hanz. They build the fences and started to break the land.

Their first house was a small wooden shack and a dug-out. Several years later the family of eight moved to a two-story house. In 1945, when Adam

retired, his son Leo acquired the land. After Leo's passing, in 1987, his two sons, Roman and Alfred acquired the farm.

Actually the farm is leased to Roman's son, Anthony Multer.

In 1909 the land was used to crop cotton and milo and to raise livestock as well. The Multers still crop cotton and milo.

The award ceremony was held in Austin, with Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples as representative of Texas governor Rick Perry.

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# Lubbock and Abilene graduated named president of AEP Texas



**Name** A. Wade Smith  
**Title** President and chief operating officer for AEP Texas  
**Education** Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University in Lubbock; master's of business administration from Abilene Christian University

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

COLUMBUS, Ohio.- American Electric Power has named A. Wade Smith president and chief operating officer for AEP Texas, effective July 1. Smith currently is vice president - Transmission Engineering and Project Services for AEP Transmission.

Smith will have responsibility for AEP's two utilities operating in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), Texas Central Company and Texas North Company. Smith will report to Venita McCellon-Allen,

president and chief operating officer of Southwestern Electric Power Co. He will be replacing Pablo Vegas, who was named vice president - Information Technology and chief information officer for AEP May 13.

"Wade has a significant depth of experience in all areas of our business. His demonstrated leadership skills will be key as we continue to manage the impact of a struggling economy and maintain our commitment to providing reliable, reasonably priced service in the evolving Texas marketplace. Wade started his career with our company in Texas, and I know his under-

standing of the state and unique perspective on our business will serve us well," McCellon-Allen said.

Smith, 45, has been vice president - Transmission Engineering and Project Services since July 2008. He joined AEP Transmission in February 2008 as managing director - Transmission. Smith served as director, Gas Turbine and Joint Venture - Generation, from 2004 to 2008 with responsibility for AEP's combustion turbine-based generation in the east, the company's wind generation facilities and jointly-owned coal plants not operated by AEP.



SHERRY TARR and her class enter in the sanctuary conditioned at the First Baptist Church.

## Living Joseph's journey at FBC

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- A summer family event called Egypt is being hosted at First Baptist Winters from Monday, June 14 to Friday, June 18, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Families step back in time at Egypt, exploring the life of Joseph. Kids and adults participate in a memorable Bibletimes marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Egyptian eats and visit Joseph in prison and then in his palace home. Plus everyone learns to look for evi-

dence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Celebration - a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved. Parents are encouraged and invited to attend along with their children.

Kids and adults at Egypt will join nearly a million participants blanketing Africa with God's love through a hands-on mission project in association with an organization called Operation Kid-to-Kid, families will create soft blankets that will be sent to orphans and vulnerable children.



COSTUMES, SCENES and even a recreation of the Nile River was mounted inside the church.

# Wingate school 2010 reunion

Glenda McNeill For The Winters Enterprise

WINGATE, Texas.- The 2010 Wingate School Reunion was held at the Wingate Lions Hut on June 6, 2010. The school was established in 1891, and up until 1947 they had first through eleventh or twelfth grades. After 1947 they

continued to have first through eight grades and the high school had to go to Winters. Then around 1990-91 the school was closed down completely.

There was 57 registered and a few came later. Jan Henson, President welcomed everyone, then presided over the business meeting and thanked her co workers

Sandy Dean and Glenda McNeill, also Thurman Self for seeing to setting up the Lions Hut, and Mike Meyers for the awning and Baptist church for tables and chairs.

The oldest graduating senior (1938) was Cloy Allen, also the oldest in attendance. There were 10 seniors there who graduated from 1938 to 1947. We had three first time

attending, Jo Ann Cook Polk, Sam Folsom and Carrol Cathy.

Since we last meet in 2008 we have lost several exs Lester Ray Rhodes, Norma Edge, B. Hancock, Pat Shields, Ora Lee Dean, Roy Holder, Francis Woodrow, Coy McNeill, Edna Ruth Self, John Pritchard, Merrel Lankford Charles Carter, and Ozzie Reed.

New Officers were elected for the 2012 reunion to in June 3, 2012. President is Betty Jo (Landers) Hinds, Vice-President is Melva Lee Rogers and the Reporter is Kay Black. The meal was catered by The Shedd, at Wingate.

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**CAFETERIA MENU**

Winters ISD Summer Feeding Breakfast Menu

Note: Menus subject to change without notice. Ages 1 to 18 eat free.

June 21 - 25

Monday  
Zoo Cracker/Yogurt, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday  
Cereal, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday  
Sausage on Stick, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday  
Biscuit/Sausage, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday  
Breakfast Burrito, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Lunch Menu

Monday  
Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Apple, Zoo Cracker, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday  
Chicken Nuggets, Carrot Sticks, Gold Fish, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday  
Steak Burger, Pear, Cookie, Choice of Milk.

Thursday  
Grilled Chicken on Bun, Orange, Cookie, Choice of Milk.

Friday  
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