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Coleman Electric Coop to host annual meet

Winters Enterprise
Staff Report

Coleman County Electric Cooperative will have its 72nd Annual Membership Meeting on July 23 at the Ballinger High School. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., with the Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Along with the Annual Reports presented by the

President and General Manager, the cooperative will have a presentation from Randy Allison with Golden Spread G and 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 coopera-

tives. The meeting will feature the Havlak Polka Band to entertain the attendees.

The cooperative plans to have homemade ice cream and cookies prepared and served by the Runnels County 4H-er's. Attendance gifts will be given to each member registering, 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 out-

side of the envelope for your vote to be counted.

Please mark July 23 on your calendars and make plans to attend this year's meeting in Ballinger. 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.

American Consolidated restructure is completed

Ballinger Ledger
Staff Report

American Consolidated Media (ACM), parent company of Brownwood Newspapers Inc., owner of the Brownwood Bulletin, Ballinger Ledger and Winters Enterprise, completed a restructuring of the company on Tuesday,



June 30.

In the transaction, ACM financial investors acquired 90 percent of the ownership and total control of the company. Former owner, Southern Cross Media International, Ltd., of Australia, retains 10 percent of the non-voting stock in ACM.

Company officials at both ACM and BNI said the restructuring provides a solid foundation for the future of its publications and employees as local economies recover from the recession.

Patriotic spirit in Runnels County

After 234 years of independence, the spirit remains intact and the pride grows all over the country every 4th of July. As America's birthday rolled by and people everywhere pulled their flags, the Veteran's Memorial and the Runnel's County Courthouse also showed the red, white and blue, while the sky was covered with the traditional fire-works.



Rural broadband projects to bring jobs and growth

Winters Enterprise
Staff Report

WASHINGTON.- President Obama, Agriculture Secretary Vilsack and Commerce Secretary Locke announced investment in 66 new Recovery Act broadband projects nationwide, 37 in rural America that, according to the grantees, will not only directly create over 5,000 jobs up front, but also help spur economic development in some of the nation's hardest-hit communities, creating jobs for years to come.

In total, tens of millions of Americans and over 685,000 businesses, 900 healthcare facilities and 2,400 schools in all fifty states stand to benefit from the awards.

The \$780 million in grants and loans through the Departments of Commerce and Agriculture have been matched by over \$200 million in outside investment, for a total public-private investment of nearly \$1 billion in bringing broadband service to these communities, which currently have little or no access, to help them better compete and do business in the global marketplace.

"The broadband projects announced today will give rural communities access to the tools they need to create jobs, stimulate local

In Texas...

■ Blossom Telephone Company; Red River Broadband Expansion Project: \$833,303 loan, \$1,944,373 grant and \$814,000 of private investment. The funding will provide middle-mile connections to last-mile networks to provide affordable high-speed broadband services to an area otherwise constrained by the high costs of services.

economies, and build a foundation for future prosperity," said Vilsack.

The announcement begins the U.S. Department of Agriculture's second round of broadband funding announcements through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act). In all, \$390.9 million will be invested in 37 projects through funding made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. An additional \$21.9 million in private investment will be provided, bringing the total funds invested to \$412.7 million. To date, \$1.458 bil-

lion has been awarded to construct 105 broadband projects in 37 states and one territory.

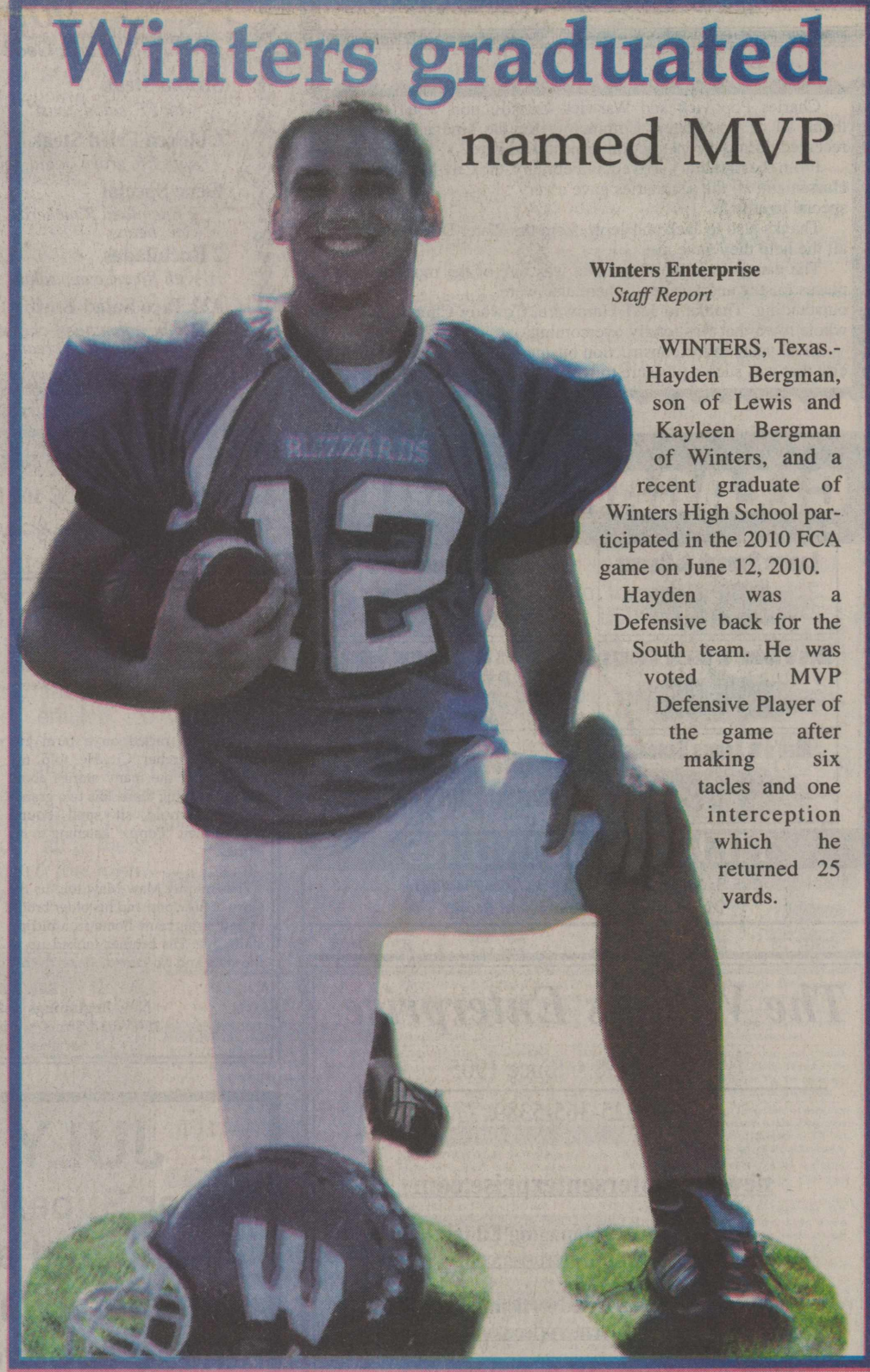
According to analysis released by the National Economic Council last year, overall Recovery Act investments in broadband are expected to create tens of thousands of jobs in the near term and expand economic development and job opportunities in communities that would otherwise be left behind in the new knowledge-based economy. Recovery Act broadband projects help bring down the cost of private investment, attract Internet service providers to new areas, improve digital literacy among students and workers, and help create new opportunities in employment, education, and entrepreneurship by wiring homes and businesses. With new or increased broadband access, communities can compete on a level playing field to attract new businesses, schools can create distance learning opportunities, medical professionals can provide cost-efficient remote diagnoses and care, and business owners can expand the market for their products beyond their neighborhoods to better compete in the global economy.

Winters graduated named MVP

Winters Enterprise
Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Hayden Bergman, son of Lewis and Kayleen Bergman of Winters, and a recent graduate of Winters High School participated in the 2010 FCA game on June 12, 2010.

Hayden was a Defensive back for the South team. He was voted MVP Defensive Player of the game after making six tackles and one interception which he returned 25 yards.



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O B I T U A R I E S

Eddie Brown

1939-2010

Eddie (Barber) Brown, age 70, of Ballinger died Friday evening, July 2, 2010 at his home surrounded by family.

He was born on July 18, 1939 in Coleman to Ralph and Lois Marie (Wiegrefe) Brown. He graduated from Talpa High School and attended Tarelton College for a year before going to Barber College. He owned Brown's Barber in Ballinger and had been operating there since 1964.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Randall in 1972, Kent in 1997, and Larry in 1975.

Visitation for family and friends was Monday, July 5, 2010 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Lange Funeral Home. Service was 10:00 AM, Tuesday, July 6 at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Joe Chamness and Rev. Buddy Moore officiating. Grandchildren served as pallbearers. Burial followed at Talpa Cemetery.

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Larry Neil McCoy

1972-2010

Funeral Services for Larry Neil McCoy, 37, of Amarillo, TX were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2010, in the Chapel of Heritage Funeral Home. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger. Services were directed by Heritage Funeral Home of Ballinger, Texas. M. Duane McCoy lead the service.

Larry McCoy died Monday, June 28, 2010 at his home. He was born July 12, 1972, in Ballinger, to Harvey and Ethel McCoy.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ethel Firestone McCoy. Pallbearers will be Harvey C. McCoy, Jr., Steven C. McCoy, Stuart A. McCoy, Douglas A. McCoy, Nathan Wesley McCoy, and Lee Gill.

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Agriculture Department calls on chefs to Go Local

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

AUSTIN, Texas.- Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is asking chefs and restaurant owners who buy local ingredients to participate in the third annual GO TEXAN Restaurant Round-Up, presented by Farm Credit, Sept. 27 - Oct. 1. During the statewide dine-out week, restaurants are invited to offer special Texas menu items or a Texas food-and-wine pairing. During the event, consumers around the state will be encouraged to dine out in support of Texas chefs, farmers, ranchers and

food banks.

"We invite chefs around the state to step up to the Lone Star plate and serve the best of Texas," Commissioner Staples said. "The GO TEXAN Restaurant Round-Up helps everyone stay connected to the land around them while enjoying Texas-grown products at local restaurants and supporting Texas food banks. It provides chefs the opportunity to highlight the bounty of quality ingredients offered by our hardworking agriculture producers."

Launched in January 2008, the GO TEXAN Restaurant Program includes more than 500 establishments.

ASU will host seminars

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

SAN ANGELO, Texas.- The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center will be hosting two QuickBooks training workshops: QuickBooks Advanced (July 20th) and QuickBooks Financial Reporting (July 22nd). Each session will be held in ASU MCS Building Room 111B (2200 Dena Dr.). Cost is \$30 per seminar, per person, and advanced registration is required.

QuickBooks Advanced seminar to be held Tuesday, July 20th from 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Topics covered include tracking and paying sales

tax, adding a new employee and processing payroll, and entering and paying bills. This seminar is a hands-on experience for the small business owner. Attendees should have attended the Basic QuickBooks series seminars.

The QuickBooks Financial Reporting seminar will be held Thursday, July 22nd from 4 - 6:30 p.m. and will teach you how to build reports necessary for analyzing your business.

To register please call 942-2098 or register on line at www.sbdc.angelo.edu to reserve your space as seating is limited.



Police report

BY NATHAN T. JOHNSON
WINTERS POLICE CHIEF

HISTORY OF POLICE - PART XI "NICK NAMES" - CONTINUED

Well this is the end of the list of nicknames from "A-Z". Our final chapter looks at police nicknames that start with the letters "R" - "W". I have enjoyed researching these and have found names I knew and others I never heard of. I hope the readers enjoyed it as well.

Rez Cop

Derogatory term to describe a Police/Peace Officer employed on or for an Indian Reservation/First Nations or Tribal Police. It erroneously implies they have less value and/or authorities than "off rez" police. To self describe as a "rez cop" would be to vulgarly separate oneself from other police services.

Rollers

An American term believed to have originated in the San Francisco Bay Area. Also a connection for when police car lights are turned on because they roll in circles.

Scuffers

An old British term which came to prominence in the 1960s BBC television series "Z-Cars".

Scum

Used across Britain as an insult to say that the police are lower than the criminals are.

Shades

Used in Ireland, from plainclothes Gardaí detectives from the 70's who were recognizable because they commonly wore sunglasses.

Smokey

A term from the CB Radio fad of the 1970s.

Smurfs

Used in Greece and Poland. The blue color of police officers looks like the color of "smurfs".

Snippers

An African-American term used mostly in North America.

Soggies

Australian term for officers of the Special Operations Group.

Staties

Refers to State Troopers, used throughout New England.

Super Troopers

Became a common name for state highway patrol officers.

The Thin Blue Line

Used to describe the role of the police in being the barrier between civilized society and chaos.

Twinrova

Rarely used. Reference to police cars bearing red and blue lights on top of the car.

Tire Bites

A term typically used for country police officers because of their habit of being involved with frequent car chases.

Untouchables

A term often used in Scotland for a mobile squad of uniformed police, term originates from the 1960s US TV series.

Wallopers

Mostly Commonwealth usage, from "wallop" meaning to hit or beat.

Whoop-Whoop

Used across the American South in reference to a patrol car's siren.

Woodentops

British term for uniformed police (usually derogatory and in reference to detectives).

Thank you for your support of our local Winters Police Department officers. We ask that you keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

*Semper Fi,
Chief Nathan T. Johnson*

Words cannot express our feelings of thanks for all of the acts of kindness and love shown to our family during the loss of our mother. We extend a special thank you to the staff of the Winters Funeral Home for making our time of sorrow easier to bear. We would also like to include all of those who provided food, flowers, cards, child care, phone calls, prayers as well as a shoulder to cry on.

*With Sincere thanks and deep gratitude,
The family of Kat Hope.*

To the dear friends of Rozanne Colbath:
We would like to express our sincere thank you in the recent loss of our beloved mother, grandmother, sister and wife. We truly appreciate all the flowers, plants, food, thoughts and prayers. She will be missed!

The family of Rozanne (Hendrix) Colbath

Charles Popovich and Warwick Construction would like to thank all of the Winters Community for the kindness and help received during a construction project held here. From the first day I arrived, in February, the City Manager Aref Hassan and all the secretaries gave a very special treatment. Thanks also to Jack and Jerry, from the Water Department, for all the help they gave me. The campsite at the City Lake was one of the most pleasant places to stay and businesses here also were outstanding. Thanks to J&T Hardware, Cowboy Church and the whole town that was totally overcoming. In 40 years in the construction business I have never ran into a city that was such a pleasure to work on.

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Chatting with Paw Paw
By John DeMoss Jr.

My dearest dad would have been 80 yrs old on April 3rd if he had made it. Unfortunately Pop died three weeks after I turned 50.

Pop was raised on a farm just south in Archer City. He told my brother and me many stories about his up bringing there. His two grandchildren would sit spell bound around their "Poppa" listening to his stories.

Our heavenly father has put great wonders in the sky for our enjoyment. He told Abraham at one time, that if you can count the number of stars that that would be the number of descendants (abraham and Sarah didnt even have a son yet.)

His mother Maw-Maw told us the story of how pop and his older brother and sister came home from picture show one. His brother looked up at the stars and explained, "I see the big

The love, promise, and compassion of our god is so far beyond our own compare hersion. Yet, he said that he would be right there beside us and never leave us nor forsake us.

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Water Superintendent has mandated a mandatory minimum water usage for these two weeks. Do not use sprinkler systems and do not water grass. Use the minimum amount of water necessary. This mandate is due to the water treatment plant renovations.

Greet MEET EAT!

with area Authors!

Thursday, July 22, 2010
ROCK HOTEL WINTERS
Meet the Authors 4:00pm
Dinner 5:30-7:00pm

News

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Al-Anon meeting

Al-Anon meeting will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at the First United Methodist Church, Ballinger, Texas. Use church office entrance on east side of church. If you need a ride call 325-201-7563.

Bingo at the Chamber of Commerce

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a BINGO on July 17. Donations for prizes are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at the WACC office or Wes-T-Go with Vanessa or Shannon. More details to come.

First United Methodist Church

Starting July 4, 2010 regular Sunday morning Worship Service will be at 10:45 a.m. and Sunday School will precede at 9:30 a.m. We have Sunday School for both the children and adults in our community. Everyone is welcome to attend Sunday School or worship service.

We have a new Pastor ministering to FUMC. He is Pastor Jayne Palady. Jayne, his wife Laura and their five children have made our pasonage their home. They moved here from Gatesville Texas. If you have the opportunity, please show the Palady family a warm Winters welcome.

WHS Class of 1965 reunion

Winters High School Class of 1965 will be having their 45th Class Reunion starting at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2010, at the Winters Community Center. A barbecue meal will be served at 6 p.m. The cost of the meal will be \$15.00 per person.

All members of the WHS Class of 1965, their spouses and children, parents, members of other classes who went to school with the Class of '65, administrators, teachers and friends are also invited to the reunion.

Please RSVP for the barbecue meal on or before July 7, 2010, by contacting Elaine Beard Gray at 325-529-6473 or 325-668-8545, e-mail: jmeg@taylorl.net.

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.

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.

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 8:30 p.m. at Wilmet, TX Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754-2048.

Food prices inch up, survey shows

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

The price of groceries inched up for Texas consumers during the second quarter of 2010 compared to a year ago, according to the latest Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Grocery Price Watch.

This informal survey of grocery prices across the Lone Star State showed shoppers paid a total of \$51.64 for a shopping cart of staple food items in June of this year compared to \$51.23 for identical items a year ago. The informal survey evaluated 16 food items from supermarkets across the Lone Star State. Some 21 shoppers con-

ducted their price checks the week of June 10-18.

"This is just a 1 percent increase in food prices in an entire year," said TFB President Kenneth Dierschke. "Texas families continue to benefit from an abundant and affordable food supply."

Despite the overall increase, prices for several staples actually declined in June from the first quarter of 2010. Tomatoes led the way at 50 cents a pound less, with supplies up as growers recovered from the devastating winter earlier this year. The price of corn flakes was down 16 cents at \$2.95 for an 18-ounce box. Poultry prices

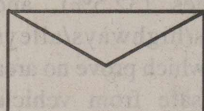
saw a decline with the price of both sliced turkey and skinless chicken breasts down 16 cents per pound. Boneless pork chops dropped 23 cents at \$3.77 per pound, while the cost of a head of lettuce dropped 19 cents to \$1.05. Other items showing slight price decreases included rice, cheddar cheese, and cake mix.

An improving economy resulted in higher demand for the pricier cuts of meat as the average cost of a pound of Porterhouse steak rose 80 cents during the first quarter to \$9.06 per pound. Lean ground beef rose from \$2.63 a pound to \$2.92 in the sec-

ond quarter. While the price of a gallon of milk held steady at \$4.17 per gallon, summer heat and kids screaming for ice cream drove the price of a half gallon up 52 cents in the second quarter to \$5.33 per half gallon. Dried pinto beans rose a whopping 32 cents (for a 64-ounce package) to \$3.90.

Showing the smallest increase was the price of bread, up only 2 cents per loaf to \$2.07.

"Despite the small increase in the cost of food over the past year, Americans still spend less than 10 percent of their disposable income on food," Dierschke said.



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Letter to the Editor

Insurance concerns on hunting at the lake

Dear Editor,

Everybody knows that more risk is more cost.

Should hunting be allowed on Lake Winters? I wonder if the city's insurance company has been contacted on how much they will charge for this high risk activity.

In addition to all of the citizens of Winters having to pay for this hunting activity, the City Council is essentially closing the lake to all other citizens by default. Would you risk being on or near the lake with guns a blazing?

The lake should be a place where you can bring your family and feel safe. Sitting in a boat with your grandchild fishing, getting your child interested in wildlife, going on a picnic, and hiking; these are the activities that the greatest number of citizens should enjoy.

When you have a wonderful diverse wildlife asset, why would you jeopardize it and everyone's safety to satisfy a much smaller group of people? If there is hunting allowed on the lake, only a limited number of people will be able to enjoy it. Let's not let this happen!

Let your council members know that the lake should be open for everyone to enjoy safely year round. Let the council members know that an insurance premium hike is not acceptable, to satisfy such a small group of citizens, at the detriment of the community

as a whole. The City Council works for you!

James Pair,
Winters, Texas

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July 12-16

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Tuesday

Salmon, Pork'n'Beans, Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Lemon Cookies.

Wednesday

Liver or Steak, Parsley Potatoes, Green, Cornbread, Rice Pudding.

Thursday

Lasagna, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Cake.

Friday

Bar-B-Que on Bun, Corn Salad, Chips, Onions & Pickles, Dessert.

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.

GOD LOVES YOU EVEN IF THE CHURCH DOESN'T

I am SK Alexander a native of Winters and I want to share with you what I have been learning this past year.

Subject topics will be: **The Holy Spirit, Gods' love for us through Jesus, The tithe and giving, Grace thru faith vs the Law and more.**

If you stay out of church because of how you were treated you need to hear these teachings.

If you feel condemned because of sin you need to hear these teachings.

If you are sick you need to hear these teachings.

Where: **Winters Community Center**

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AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for more than 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. That's why we would like to share some low or no-cost tips with you on how to keep cool during these hot summer months.

Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some low or no cost tips with you on how to keep cooler while saving energy and money.

- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater to warm during the summer, take short showers and wash only full loads of clothes in the laundry.

It's important to remember that if you're having trouble paying your electric bill, call your retail energy provider (REP) at the number listed on your current electric bill to avoid disconnection.

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'Watch Your Car', awareness month

Winters Enterprise
Staff Report

DALLAS.- Every seven minutes, a car is stolen in Texas, and every two minutes, a vehicle is burglarized for contents or parts. Historically, July is the month when the most vehicle thefts and burglaries occur in Texas. Stolen vehicles can be used to commit other crimes, including theft, drug and weapon smuggling, human trafficking, domestic/international terrorism, and countless

other offenses. In addition, vehicle burglary incidents that result in theft of personal information. Now, more than ever, Texas drivers must become actively involved in vehicle crime prevention by practicing "Hide, Take, Lock": hide belongings, take keys, and lock vehicle doors. The Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) will highlight this philosophy throughout the 2010 "Watch Your Car Month," which is being recognized in July.

During "Watch Your Car Month", hundreds of law enforcement task force representatives funded by ABTPA will be working in their communities reminding Texas drivers about laws that make it illegal to leave keys in ignitions and engines running in vehicles while unattended.

In 2009, approximately 76,617 vehicles were stolen and 272,791 vehicles were burglarized in Texas resulting in combined financial losses of \$985 million. And in over one-third of all auto

theft incidents, keys were left inside, which means the vehicle owner was an unwitting accomplice in the theft and, in some cases, an accomplice in additional crimes. Recent statistics from Texas law enforcement studies indicate the top three locations from which vehicles are burglarized and stolen are: residences/homes (42.1%), public parking lots/garages (32.5%), and roadways/highways/alleys (11.2%), which prove no area is truly safe from vehicle crime activity.

Fatal crash in Jones Co

Winters Enterprise
Staff Report

ABILENE, Texas.- One person was killed in a one-vehicle rollover crash occurring Friday, July 2 at 10:00 p.m. The crash was on U.S. 83, one-tenth mile north of County Road 186, in Jones County.

Debbie Lorene Whited, 49 years of age from Hamlin, Texas, was pronounced dead by county death investigator, Cheryl Guernsey. The body was

taken to Abilene Professionals Service.

Whited was driving a 2002 Hyundai Sonata, driven south bound on US 83 north of County Road 186 in Jones County. Whited lost control in a curve and ran off of the roadway into a field.

The vehicle overturned several times, ejecting the unbuckled driver. The weather was raining and the roadway was wet.

This crash is still under investigation by trooper Frederick Biddle.

PUBLIC RECORD

Marriages

Names	Filed
Aaron Blake Colburn and Alicia Brooke Evan	June 30

Divorce filings

Names	Filed
Sharia Arp vs Donald Arp Jr	June 30

Civil cases

Names	Filed
Holly Well Service Inc vs Albert Horton D/B/A Horton Oil and Gas	June 30
Mueller Inc vs Joe Cuevas dba C&C Pipe	June 30
Mueller Inc vs Sid Alleman	June 29

Crime and misdemeanor

Name	Charge	Filed
Dustin Lee Howell	Assault	June 30
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Jail Log

Name	Age	Agency	Charge
Trevor A. Gamache	23	WPD	Abusive calls to 911
Gallahad A. Garcia	51	Coke Co	FTA (DWI III or more)
Dustin L. Howell	36	BPD	Assault family violence
Madalena Zamora	23	Menard Co	Phone harassment
Paul Gonzales	21	--	Evading arrest with vehicle, unlawful carrying weapon, DWI
Allen G. Rodriguez	47	Coke Co	DWI III or more with child under 15
Manuel Aguilar	22	RCSO	FTA theft by check
Julio C. Correa	20	RCSO	MTRF Evading Arrest
Melissa Stillwagon	41	DPS	Poss. controlled substance, poss. marijuana
Marcus Herrera	18	BPD	Poss. marijuana
Gabriel D. Cavazos	34	RCSO	MTR forger
Clyde Escobar	47	BPD	Poss. controlled substance, drug paraphernalia
Rodney Poe	54	RCSO	MTR DWI III or more
John Bonner	31	MPD	Poss. marijuana

Fishing report

BY DAVE CAUDLE

Fishing continues to be very good at Ivie most of the time. On a trip this past week we caught a bunch of nice bass with one going well over the nine-pound mark. While I have not had the chance to try the catfish again, I've received information that they continue to be in shallow water and like cheese bait.

The white bass are also beginning to get in bigger and tighter schools, making them a lot easier to find and catch. On a trip last week I could hear them long before I could pinpoint their location. After a trip to Dr. Robbins office at City Eye Care, hopefully that will change. I spent part of one day last week getting the old lenses checked, only to find that I can't see much. So Dr. ordered glasses, and I told him and his staff that the style requirements were "light, indestructible, and will float." All went well, but they don't have any glasses that will float, so I'll have to get one of those floating eyeglass holders from blowing off your face. I saw that happen one time as Ole Ben and I were heading down the lake at about 65 miles per hour. Ben turned his head to see a duck and off went his glasses. One of those floaty things would have prevented the loss of the eyeglass-

es, and if they did blow off, that other thing would float. Maybe Dr. Robbins should also sell the floaty things.

Also this past week we celebrated the birth of the United States of America. From 1776 to date there have been many changes, not only here but in the world. But history once made never changes; only the interpretations of history change with the whims and opinions of those who come along and try to make history fit their agenda.


The facts remain that the colonies could no longer live under the rules and tyranny of Great Britain and the king. After all other remedies failed, a revolution occurred and eventually the United States and Constitution were formed. One thing should also be noted—that this nation, the Constitution, and the new government were formed by God-fearing, Christian men, and there's plenty of evidence to back up that fact. The new nation was formed to provide life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to every citizen of the country.

The Constitution which came out of the

American Revolution still stands today with little revision but with much interpretation. The Supreme Court and others try to decide what our founding fathers wanted when they wrote the document. Those decisions would be much simpler for them if they'd just follow the principles our country is based on—God's teachings and the Bible. Follow those guidelines and all will be better, and this nation will survive. If we continue on our course of trying to make everyone happy and making decisions contrary to the founding principles, this nation, as others throughout history have done, will fall. Even the great Roman Empire failed when the populous began to demand more than the government could provide. It could also be that some of the folks in Washington should remember that the government is of the people, for the people, and funded by the people. And once the funds given out surpass the funds given in, the government cannot last.

It might also be well for us to get off our backsides and get to work on the things that matter, instead of looking for a handout or whining about the economy, the weather, the oil spill, or anything else that prevents one from being a productive American.

See you on the lake.



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Clough-Parramore wedding



Dana Kay Clough and Wade Collier Parramore were united in marriage on June 5, 2010 at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dana is the daughter of Dickie and Brendda Clough of Winters Tx. Wade is the son of Zjohn and Christine Parramore of Winters Tx.

Dana is a 2003 graduate from Winters High School and works at the Ballinger National Bank. Wade is a 2002 graduate of Winter High School and works with his father at Winters Dozer Service.

Dana and Wade look forward to life together, and currently reside in Winters

Attending the Vegas wedding were their parents, Gayla Aubrey, and Andy Sahl of Plano Tx, Briana Parramore of Lubbock Tx, And Barton Philpott, Kena Keller, Brenda Briley and Maggie Patton all of Winters Tx.

A touch of 'hope'

Joepatricia Vancil
For The Ballinger Ledger

ROWENA, Texas.-
M o n i c a
M i n z e n m a y e r
demonstrated the HOPE
purse shell from Miche, one
of a number she showed dur-
ing a program on Miche bags
that she presented to mem-
bers of Court Our Lady of
Grace 1734, Catholic
Daughters of the Americas,
Rowena, on June 15th.

The HOPE shell is Miche
Bag's tribute to those whose
lives have been touched by
cancer. For each HOPE
shell purchases, \$5 will be

donated to The Huntsman
Cancer Institute and \$5 to
Cancer Research Network
in Abilene. Locally,
Monica's Miche Bags will
donate a matching \$5 gift to
Trent's Retreat.

In a short business, it was
reported that Vice Regent Pat
Vancil, Recording Secretary
Jeane Irby and Financial
Secretary Megan Vancil has
attended the Bi-District
Installation of Officers held
in Wall on June 7th. Plans are
being made to attend an
Officer's Training Course
that is scheduled for August
21 in Brady.



MONICA MINZENMAYER shows the HOPE purse at a Miche bags presentation. (Photo: Contributed)

**The Idle
American**
BY DON NEWBURY

**Sarah Palin
Complicates
Birthday Plans...**

Uncle Mort, who com-
pleted 98 years on earth
within hours of this writing,
faced a fistful of unexpect-
ed pre-birthday decisions.
Usually, his impalement is
no more serious than the
"horns of a dilemma." This
time, it was more nearly a
rack of antlers, like the
points on a full-grown East
Texas buck.

Learning that Sarah Palin
had scheduled a stop in East
Texas, Mort fretted that plans
for his big birthday party
would go awry.

His angst rubbed off on
Aunt Maude, who made it
clear from the "git-go" that she
would like to go to the Palin
rally at Tyler's Oil Palace....

The thicket was abuzz
with the news that the polit-
ical figure would include a
Texas stop, sandwiched
between appearances in
California and Virginia in a

span of 48 hours. Aunt
Maude was caught up in the
excitement, forgetting
momentarily about a
plethora of priorities for
party preparation.

Sakes alive, there was so
much to do before Mort blew
out the candles on his July 4
birthday cake.

Then she thought about
logistics. Her "druthers"
changed when she thought
of "riding shotgun" on
Mort's golf cart. She envi-
sioned the sun beating
down from a July sky on the
90-mile ride to Tyler; her
make-up was bound to be a
mess long before arrival.
And almost surely there'd
be embarrassment for the
wind's re-arrangement of
posies on her big straw
hat....

At the same time, Mort had
a smothering spell.

He learned that admission
was \$35 a head; parking
would set him back another
\$8. He was miffed at the
prospect of buying a couple
of corn dogs, since the tab

included no food. His eyes
crossed when he calculated
gasoline cost of some \$15,
not to mention a critical need
for new tires on his golf cart.

Knowing financial argu-
ments wouldn't sway
Maude, he chose another
tack, citing bad tires and the
danger of driving late at
night—particularly at "his
age." Then he mumbled
about the difficulty of
bouncing out of bed for
church the next day....

Once in the "promise
mode," he vowed to make a
nice sign for the Palin
speech. Maude liked the
wording: "I Can See
November From My
House," realizing that the
claim was a stretch.
Sometimes they can't see
as far as the end of the cur-
rent month.

He humored Maude with an
iron-clad assurance that he'd
mow the yard—front and
back—and "make good" on a
six-month-old promise to take
down the sagging outdoor
Christmas lights. The offer to
buy Maude enough denim for
a new skirt sealed the deal.

Truth to tell, Mort doesn't
care much for crowds,
particularly when they have
large numbers of lawyers.
"Most of 'em are politici-
ans in the larval stage,"
he claims....

That night, Mort went to
bed, his Big Chief tablet in
hand. He fell asleep in min-
utes, tossing aside wadded up
sheets of paper. Before
"beddy-bye," Maude rounded
up the trashed notes.

She knew immediately that
Mort had been winnowing
thoughts for his "impromptu"
response at the upcoming

party. (His "throw-away
lines" included: "standing
straight at 98," "still taking
nourishment," "in good shape
for the shape I'm in," and
finally, "over, and over, and
over the hill.")

Suddenly, he sat up in bed,
saying he'd thought of a great
line: "I'm still vertical and
ventilating!"...

Maude gave him a peck
on the cheek and then shared
a secret: that he'd have an
unprecedented quadruple-
chocolate birthday cake.
Then, Mort sauntered out to
the front porch, taking in a
full measure of the fresh
night air. He heard thicket
sounds that poked holes in
the darkness. On his knees
by the rocking chair, he
offered a prayer of thanks-
giving and a plea for rain to
cool the parched land.

"I always ask God not to
bother with rain on both the
'just' and the 'unjust,'" Uncle
Mort opined. "If He favors
the 'unjust' with a gullywash-
er, I'll make sure the 'just' get
their share from Maude's
teakettle." He howled with
laughter at a story he'd told a
thousand times. Never mind
that his "audience" included
only critters of the thicket.
They paid him no mind, long
considering him to be one of
their own.

In those wee hours, a jet
plane with Sarah Palin on
board streaked across the
black velvet sky. Upon land-
ing, she'd hurry to her next
engagement, and Mort would
be sleeping in....

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