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## First local sales tax allocations of 2010

By FLOYD INGRAM  
Winters Enterprise Editor

Winters saw the most significant drop in December sales tax collections of any community in Runnels County according to information released by the Texas Comptroller's office last week.

Ballinger held steady during the Christmas shopping season and Miles even saw a substantial

increase in reported sales and sales tax collections.

Ballinger collected \$36,105.77 this period compared to \$36,453.71 in 2009 for a decrease of 0.95 percent.

Miles collected \$3,919.34 in January compared to \$3,493.27 for an increase of 12.19 percent over last year.

Winters collected \$13,890.99

this period compared to 15,855.09 in 2009 for a drop of 12.38 percent.

County totals saw Runnels County collect \$53,916.10 this period compared to \$55,802.07 for 2009 for a decrease of 3.73 percent.

Comptroller Susan Combs announced last week the state collected \$1.65 billion in sales tax

revenue in December, down 11.6 percent compared to December 2009.

"Declining sales tax collections, beginning in February 2009, have now extended through December 2009," Combs said. "As has been seen the past several months, collections are down across most major sectors of the Texas economy, including oil and natural gas,

construction, manufacturing and retail trade. It is expected the double-digit declines in tax collections seen over the last half-year will first moderate with collections returning to growth during the first or second quarter of 2010."

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose

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Members of the Winters 4-H Food Challenge Competition are, from left, Abbie Killough, Brenna Knight, Macey Gerhart, Bailly Knight, Megan Jacob, Brendon Mikeska, Daniel Gerhart and Bailee Busher.

## Winter 4-H teams take top honors

By FLOYD INGRAM  
Winters Enterprise Editor

Two teams from Winters 4-H won first place recently at the District 4-H Food Challenge Competition in Coleman.

Winning first place in the Juniors Main Dish category was the team of Abbie Killough, Brenna Knight, Macey Gerhart, Bailly Knight and Megan Jacob.

Winning first place in the fruits and vegetables category was the team of Brendon Mikeska, Daniel Gerhart and Bailee Busher.

Created after the Food Challenge on the Food Network, 4-Hers are given ingredients at the time of the contest. They have to decide what to make with the ingredients provided.

Contestants are given 40 minutes to prepare a dish, garnish it and clean their preparation area.

They present the dish to judges and are interviewed on the nutritional value, cost of the dish and food safety.

The goal of 4-H is to prepare youth to meet the challenges of childhood, adolescence and adulthood, through a coordinated, long-term, progressive series of educational experiences that enhance life skills and develop social, emotional, physical and cognitive competencies.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H is about having fun, learning, exploring and discovering. In 4-H, young people make new friends, develop new skills, become leaders and help shape their

communities.

National 4-H Headquarters at USDA is the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) flagship youth development program.

CSREES partners with the Land-Grant University System to create youth development outreach programs that take the university knowledge and expertise to youth in rural, suburban, and urban communities.

CSREES also partners with public and private agricultural and nonagricultural sectors and other federal, state, and local agencies in program development and support.

While 4-H is headquartered in Chevy Chase, Md., it is based in the counties and communities of rural America.

## WCTCOG gets grant for waste management

FROM STAFF REPORTS

USDA Rural Development Area Director, Max Verzele, last week presented a ceremonial check to the West Central Texas Council of Governments for a \$130,000 Solid Waste Management Grant.

The funds will be used to provide technical assistance and training to help communities, in their 19 county coverage area, reduce the solid waste stream and provide training to enhance operator skills in the operation and maintenance of active landfills through licensure and certifications.

The WCTCOG service area includes Runnels County and Winters.

"USDA Rural Development is pleased to provide the West Central Texas Council of Governments with financial assistance for this project," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director. "Providing technical assistance and training in an effort to reduce or eliminate water pollution in rural Texas is beneficial to everyone."

"I congratulate the West Central Texas Council of Governments for their commitment and work in applying for such an imperative grant," said Congressman Rany Neugebauer (TX-19). "Thanks to the Rural Development funds, the Council will have the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the waste management issues currently facing our rural communities."

USDA Rural Development Solid Waste Management Grants are available to non-profit corporations and public bodies serving rural areas with a population of 10,000 or less.

The funds can be used to identify and evaluate solutions to solid waste problems related to collection, treatment and disposal on a regional basis.

USDA Rural Development strives to see that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life.

For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Abilene Area Office at (325) 690-6162, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

## Coleman Electric seeks scholarship applicants

By FLOYD INGRAM  
Winters Enterprise Editor

The regions rural electricity provider knows knowledge is power.

Coleman County Electric Cooperative is offering college scholarships to qualified individuals. But you have to apply to be selected.

"The scholarship is available to 2010 high school graduates who will be attending a college, technical school, or university as a freshman," said Tony Williams of Coleman Electric. "Other qualifications

are; you must be a child of a member, a grandchild of a member, or child of a legal guardian who is a member of Coleman County Electric Cooperative. The applicant must be residing with the member and within the Coleman County Electric Cooperative service area."

Colby J. Pritchard of Winters was one of eight winning this award last year.

Other Runnels County students earning the scholarship were Garrett R Chapman of

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## Relay for Life preparation meetings set

By FLOYD INGRAM  
Winters Enterprise Editor

Fighting cancer is a relay race and you need the help of team members to win.

The local Relay for Life executive board is urging people to join the team that will bring this annual American Cancer Society fundraiser to the community later this spring.

There will be a Relay for Life Committee Meeting on Monday, Feb. 8, at The Old St. Mary's Hall at 5:30.

The committee will be discussing the kickoff event and anyone who is interested in helping with the planning or development of this year's Runnels County Relay for Life event is welcome to attend.

Relay will also hold its kickoff later

this month

The Kickoff meeting for the 2010 Runnels County Relay for Life, "Celebrating a World with More Birthdays" will be held Monday, Feb. 22, at The Old St. Mary's Hall at 5:30 pm.

All Team Captains, participants and anyone interested in learning more about Relay are invited to attend.

For more information on the local Relay for Life fundraiser, please call Sheree Goetz during regular work hours 718-8640.



Relay For Life is an overnight community celebration where individuals and teams camp-out, barbecue, dance and take turns walking around a track relay-style to raise funds to fight cancer.

Individuals, churches, civic groups, businesses and families usually round up a team of between 8 and 15 people. The team is charged with soliciting donations that are used to fight cancer.

The American Cancer Society estimates there will be 85,570 new cases of cancer diagnosed in Texas this year. Nationally more than 1,399,790 cases of cancer will be diagnosed in 2009.

About 76 percent of all cancers are diagnosed in persons 55 and older.

Cancer is the second most common

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## Obituaries

### Maxine Colwell Lowe

Maxine Colwell Lowe, 89, passed away Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010 in Harlingen. Maxine was born in Rotan, on Oct. 7, 1920 to Tom and Edna Colwell. She was a former resident of Winters, where she was an employee of Heidenheimers Department Store for many years.

While living in Winters she was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she was a caretaker to many home-bound residents in the community.

Maxine became a resident of Harlingen, in 1980. She was a resident of the Sun West Mobile Home Park and a member of the Sun Seekers Club. She also was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a longtime square

dancer.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandy Hoppe (Jimmie) of Harlingen; grandchildren, Kim Cato and Zane Hoppe (Lois); step-daughter, Amanda Lizzio and her best friend and companion, Claire Brown of Harlingen. She was preceded in death by her husband, W.F. "Chilli" Lowe in 1994.

A Celebration of Maxine's Life will be held at Buck Ashcraft Funeral Home, 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010 with Pastor Aaron Saenz officiating.

You are invited to sign the guestbook at [www.buck-ashcraft.com](http://www.buck-ashcraft.com).

Arrangements are with Buck Ashcraft Funeral Home, 710 Ed Carey Drive, Harlingen, 956-423-3636.

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### Elizabeth Gerngross

Elizabeth Gerngross, 92, of Olfen passed away Monday, Feb. 1, 2010 at a San Angelo hospital.

Rosary and visitation will be Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. at Lange Funeral Home Chapel in Ballinger. Funeral services will be Thursday, Feb. 4 at 10 a.m. at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Olfen with burial

to follow in St. Boniface Cemetery.

She is survived by her children, Greg Gerngross of Baird, Natalie Lange of Rowena, Rudy Gerngross, Jr. and Mary Lou Gerngross both of San Angelo.

Services are under the direction of Lange Funeral Home.

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### Account set up for DeBerry

An account for Mildred DeBerry has been set up at The Security State Bank to help Mildred after her home was destroyed by a fire Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010.

Donations can be made to Mildred DeBerry and can be sent to, The Security State Bank, P O Box 156, Winters, TX 79567

Any and all donations will be very much appreciated.

### Alzheimer's Support Group

The monthly meeting of the Alzheimer's support group will be held on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m., at the Runnels County Rehab and Nursing Center, 1800 N. Broadway in Ballinger.

The guest speaker will be Melanie Womack, RN, Director of Nurses-Ballinger Hospice.

The topic will be 'End of Life Issues and Patients with Dementia' followed by a group discussion. Refreshments will be provided.

### NRH Auxiliary meets Monday

The North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at North Runnels Hospital.

All interested parties of North Runnels Hospital are encouraged to attend.

The Auxiliary assists the hospital in many ways and needs the community support. Please make plans to attend the meeting. If you have questions, please call Bettye Pinkerton at (325) 754-4488.

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### AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday, at 117 West Dale Street. For more information call 754-5839 or 325-315-6564. As always, all attendees are anonymous

### Winters Lions Club

The Winters Lions Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Casa Cabana Restaurant 1032 North Main Street.

Lions International is the largest service organization in the world.

Membership is by invitation only, but qualified and sincere members are rarely turned away. Please contact a Winters Lions Club member for information about joining Lions International.

### Ministerial Alliance

Winters Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month at 9 a.m. at Samaritans House on the corner of East Dale and Grant. For assistance or to meet with the Alliance please call 325-365-1417.

The Winters Ministerial Alliance consists of ministers and lay-persons from area churches who desire to work together to improve the spiritual welfare of our community and to help meet the social needs of the area.

Anyone is welcome to participate in the meetings and activities of the alliance.

### Chamber of Commerce

The Winters Chamber of Commerce meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month, at 100. West Dale Street. Call Chamber Executive Amanda Collom at 754-5210 for more information.

### City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. last Monday of the month at 310 South Main. The next regular meeting is Monday, Feb. 22. Anyone seeking to be on the agenda must contact the city secretary at 325-754-4424, in advance.

### School Board Meetings

Winters ISD School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of the month at 603 Heights Street. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Feb. 15. Anyone seeking to be on the agenda must contact the school board secretary at 325-754-5574 in advance.

### Hospital Board Meetings

The North Runnels Hospital Board meet at 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month. The next meeting is Feb. 22. Anyone seeking to be on the agenda must contact the North Runnels Hospital Board secretary at 325-754-4553 in advance.

### Literary Service Club Meetings

Literary Service Club meets at 6 p.m. third Monday of the month. Their next meeting is Feb. 22

### Public Library Meetings

Winters Public Library meets at 4:30 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month at the Library. Their next meeting is Feb. 16. The library is located at 120 North Main and can be reached by calling 325-754-4251.

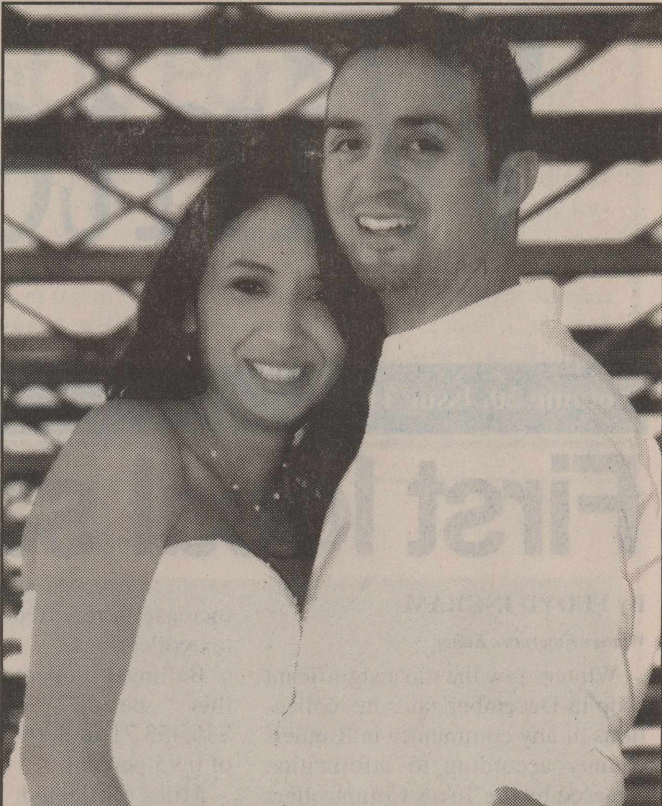
### Z.I. Hale Museum

Members and friends of the Z.I. Hale Museum meet at 5:30 p.m. the last Thursday of each month at the Rock Hotel at 242 West Dale. The next meeting is set for Feb. 25. Please call 325-754-2036 for more information.

### VFW Meetings

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Rock Hotel at 242 West Dale. The next meeting is set for Feb. 15. All veterans who have served overseas in a war zone are invited to join.

## Engagement Announcement



Lorinda Ramos and Vidal Torres

## Ramos, Torres to wed

Randall and Irma Ramos of San Angelo proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lorinda

Pablo Gonzales of Ballinger, Mary Ramos of New Braunfels and the late Daniel Ramos, Jr. of Brownwood.

Lorinda and Vidal are both employees of San Angelo Community Medical Center.

The couple will be married on Saturday, April 10, at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart in San Angelo.

A reception to follow at the historic Cactus Hotel.

## Lady of Grace annual dinner

Court Our Lady of Grace No. 1734, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Rowena, will host its annual spaghetti dinner, bake sale and in-house prize drawings on Sunday, Feb. 7 at St. Joseph Parish Hall.

Serving will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meal will consist of spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, homemade dessert and tea.

Prices are \$6 for adults and plates-to-go; \$3 for children. Homemade baked items will be for sale as well as tickets for the prize drawings - \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets.

## Runnels County Jail Log

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- Bishop, Gerald K., 33, RCSO, Tattooing a Minor
- Cody, Richard E., 37, RCSO, Motion to Revoke-DWLI
- Marin, Jose, 56, Concho Co., Hold for TX Dept. of Corrections
- Martinez, Julio C., 33, Concho, Motion to Revoke-Felony DWI
- Vasquez, Eugene R., 24, BPD, Child Support-Terry County
- Reyna, Fransisco, 34, RCSO, Surety Withdrawal-DWI
- Espinosa, Richard R., 35, Concho Co., Engage in Organized Crime, Aggravated Assault with Bodily Injury
- Torres, Pedro R., 38, BPD, Parole Violation
- Nieto, Felix Jr., 38, BPD, Burglary of Habitat, Evading and Resisting Arrest
- Rodriguez, Victor G., 20, Coke, Parole Violation


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# Notes, quotes and an opinion or two

Superbowl advertising costs about \$2.5 to \$2.8 million this year for a 30-second spot. That's down a bit from last year's \$3 million. With an estimated audience of about 250 million that translates to about 10 cents a viewer. A \$128 ad in the Ballinger Ledger and Winters Enterprise costs you about 4 cents a reader. Now, if you've got million dollar pockets, call the networks. If you are selling it in Runnels County, call us!

We went to the Fort Worth stock show Saturday and saw people from the Agriplex (Miles, Winters and Ballinger) enjoying the weekend in the Metroplex.

Runnels County showed well in several categories this year.

Send us your photo from the

Cowtown stock show and we'll be glad to get it in the paper.

I heard white people fussing about the census the other day saying all it counts is minorities.

That is not the case. Accurate data will allow the federal government to fairly allocate dollars to those areas that qualify. If Runnels County wants its fair share it has to qualify and to qualify we all have to be counted.

Schools, senior citizen centers, roads, crop assistance and a wide variety of social services are all funded directly by federal dollars triggered by census numbers.

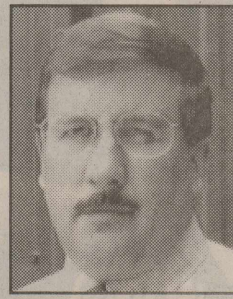
It's time for Texans to stand up and be counted.

I have been passed in two local

school zones this week by trucks that I know were speeding.

I will be the first to say I am a lead-foot and I have had my share of speeding tickets, but I have a ways honored school zones.

Maybe we need more stop signs around our schools and some will say we need more police patrols. I



**FLOYD INGRAM**  
ENTERPRISE EDITOR

say we simply need to slow down in a school zone.

The consequences of not doing so are too horrible to consider.

Realignment numbers came out this week and Ballinger football looks like it has been handed a tough new district. Winters seems to have fared a little better and Miles will stay pretty much the same.

I started with a Superbowl tidbit and I'll end with one.

A lot is being made of the Tim Tebow right-to-life ad to be aired this weekend.

Many say the ad will affect Tebow's standing in the NFL draft. Others say he shouldn't be so vocal about the causes he believes in.

I don't think Tim Tebow is all that concerned about where he will go in the draft. I do think anyone in this good country should be allowed to voice their opinion in just about any fashion they please.

As the father of a special needs child I admire his stand against abortion.

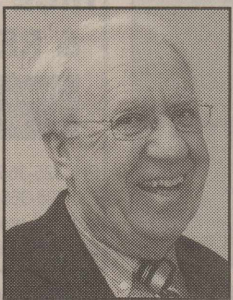
If his parents had aborted him, as a doctor suggested, we would have never seen Tim Tebow play. If Sara and I had decided to abort Daniel, we would have never seen him play either.

I'm quick to tell people I am pro choice and that choice is life.

Floyd Ingram is an award winning columnist and his column appears regularly in this newspaper.

## Ballinger-schooled Bob Wright cleared a bar set high

Born of respected teacher parents, imbued with a work ethic honed by the Great Depression and awarded the Bronze Star for World War II service, Bob Wright passed many of life's toughest tests while still a teen. It's little wonder that he touched many lives during a 40-year career in education.



**DON NEWBURY**  
IDLE AMERICAN

Retiring in 1990, he was ill for several years prior to his death at age 84 on the final day of 2009.

It was standing-room-only at College Station memorial services. Friends and loved ones ran the gamut from tears to laughter – the very way this man met life daily.

Junction-born and Ballinger-schooled, Wright cleared a bar set high. After all, he wanted to please his father, Felton (Pooch) Wright, who coached him in both high school and college.

A first sergeant in the European Theatre at age 19, Bob filtered life through a prism of hard work and service to others, convinced that rules of the game and life are parallel...

Someone mentioned that he laughed whether a hat dropped or not. And tears flowed just as quickly.

He was passionate about bringing out the best in others; this was a common theme at his service.

"He was as good a big brother as a little brother could hope for," said Donald (Bud) Wright of Del Rio. "He taught discipline, and we quickly learned he didn't like sideline players to sit on their

helmets," recalled Cleburne's Darrell Miles. He shared that Wright treated all players equally and that his love for them was never doubted...

Another former player was Jim Slaughter, now head football coach at A&M Consolidated High School. "He's the reason I'm in coaching,"

Slaughter said. "I learned so much from him while a student at Ballinger High School. That it's OK to cry. That it's fully acceptable to say 'I love you' to others who aren't in the spouse/girl friend/mom category. And when he said 'son' – or even 'son, son' – it was an expression of respect and endearment." Slaughter remembered that Wright also sometimes broke into song.

One night, following a hard-fought win over nearby

**Elm Creek Water Control District will meet in regular session on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Activity Center, 600 Wood, Winters, Tx.**

Coleman, Wright's solo of "That Lucky Old Sun" wafted down the bus aisle on the ride home.

Whether hyping a game before kick-off, addressing an athletic banquet, or teaching gangling freshmen in a college PE class, Wright's emotions were never hidden.

Yep, even in PE classes. I was one of those "ganglers" more than 50 years ago who never doubted his sincerity, passion and belief in others...

He was Assistant Executive Director of the Texas High School Coaches Association for five years, later inducted into its Hall of Honor. (He started coaching at Olney High School in 1949. Other stops were at Ballinger, Brownwood, Cleburne and at his alma mater, Howard Payne

University.)

His 18 years at Texas A&M included seven as recruiting director for Coach Emory Bellard whose teams went to four bowl games. The 11 years prior to his 1990 retirement were spent in the teacher education program.

An early A&M friend was then assistant coach R. C. Slocum, later a decorated head coach there. Theirs was an unending friendship that grew across the years. Slocum was a eulogist at the service...

He recalled a memorable recruiting trip. They were in Slocum's hometown, Lake Charles, La., where he had played football and later coached at McNeese State.

They visited Slocum's former college football teammate, Deputy Sheriff Theos Duhon. Duhon soon got an

emergency call, and off he went.

Slocum and Wright left in their car, with Slocum at the wheel. He remembered that most downtown streets were one-way, but didn't know that during the two years he'd been away, directions were reversed.

You can guess the rest. They collided head-on with Deputy Duhon. Both cars were totaled, as was a third parked car hit by the patrol car...

"This was almost 40 years ago, long before seat belt laws," Slocum said. "But thankfully, we both were belted in."

Wright, peering through the driver's window, was sure his

friend was dead, then promptly fainted when Slocum regained consciousness. For years, other staffers asked them regularly if they had run into any deputies lately. (And this is no Aggie joke.)

Wright fought the good fight. He never had an agent and never was a big fish in a big pond. But, oh the ripples he made en route to a starry crown...

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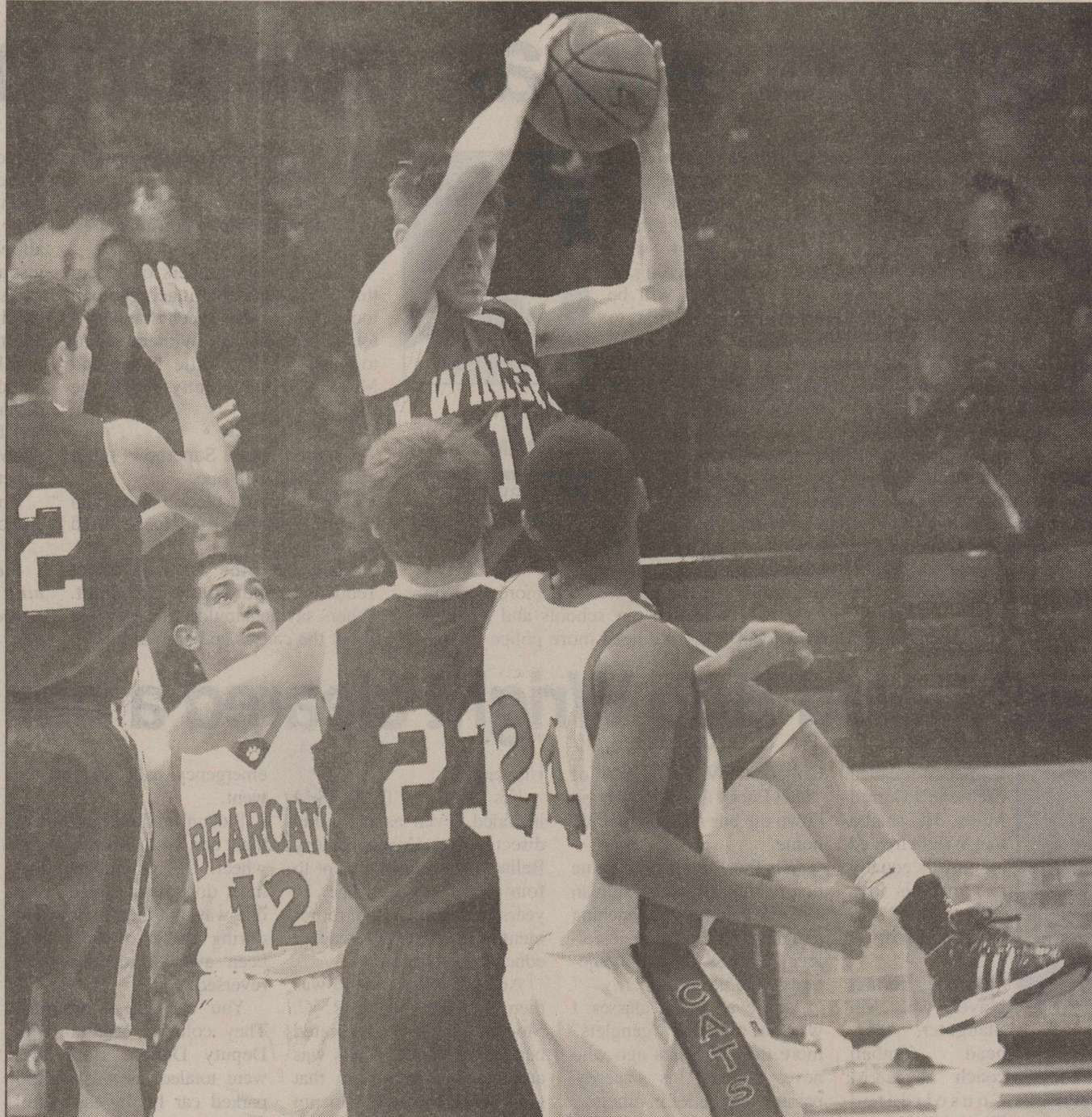
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**WISD News**

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taxing districts their first sales tax allocations of 2010 — \$405.2 million, down 11.8 percent compared to January 2009.

Combs sent January sales tax allocations of \$274.4 million to Texas cities, down 11.4 percent compared to January 2009. Texas counties received sales tax pay-

ments of \$24.3 million, down 16.1 percent compared to last January.

In addition, \$16.2 million went to 163 special purpose taxing districts around the state, down 11.5 percent compared to last January. Ten local transit systems received \$90.1 million in sales tax allocations, down 11.6 percent compared to a year ago.

December state sales tax collections and January allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred

in November.

For details of January sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/tax-info/allocsum/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/tax-info/allocsum/compsum.html)

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Feb. 12,

# Relay

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cause of death in the U.S. behind heart disease and cancer accounts for one of every four deaths in this country.

Relay For Life started in 1985, when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Wash., circled a

track for 24-hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The program has grown from one man's passion into the world's largest non-profit fundraising special event and community movement to end cancer, with one in every 100 Americans participating.

Today, more than 3.5 million people worldwide take part in Relay For Life each year, to celebrate those who

have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. Because of those millions of dedicated Relayers, the American Cancer Society is saving lives and helping people celebrate more birthdays.

Individuals, businesses or corporations wishing to donate to Relay For Life should contact Goetz as soon as possible about sponsorship of this year's event.

# Hale Museum Resource Center

The Z.I. Hale Museum is in the process of establishing a Resource Center for local history buffs and genealogy seekers.

A separate room has been set aside containing a microfilm reader and films of early editions of The Winters Enterprise.

Information relative to the beginning of Runnels County, the naming and establishment of Winters and surrounding towns, cemetery records, obituaries, school and military records and varied other resources will be available.

The late Charlsie Poe, a Runnels County author and

historian, has left much of her research and pictures to the museum and these are also included.

If you have a family genealogy records you would like to contribute, they will be preserved.

The Museum is open each Saturday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m., and the museum is located at 242 West Dale in downtown Winters.

Special openings can be arranged by contacting the Museum at 325-754-2036 or Chairman Wanda Brewer at 325-754-5313.

# County Judge Candidates Meet in Forum

The Ballinger Noon Lions Club and KRUN Radio are sponsoring a meet the candidate forum Thursday, Feb. 18, in the auditorium of Ballinger High School.

All voters in Runnels County are invited to attend. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. and for the first 30 minutes voters will have an opportunity to meet the candidates in both political parties running for Runnels County Judge.

At 6:30 p.m. the candidates will have the opportunity to address the audience and each other in a political forum format.

The forum will also be broadcasted on KRUN 1400 AM. This is a public service provided by the Noon Lions Club and KRUN Radio for the voters of Runnels County and they do not support any one candidate.

## First buck



Tatum Faris shot her first buck in San Saba County. She is the daughter of Hal B. and Lisa Gully Faris and the granddaughter of Laverne Gully and the late B. J. Gully of Rowena.

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**Wednesday**  
Liver or steak, parsley potatoes, greens, cornbread, rice pudding

**Thursday**  
Hamburger steak, green beans & tomatoes, pear salad, biscuit, red velvet cake

**Friday**  
Mexican cornbread, pinto beans, cole slaw, crackers, 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 10 a.m.

# Coleman

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Ballinger and Eric S Schwertner of Miles.

Applications are available at Coleman County Electric Cooperative, located at 3300 U.S. Highway 84 in

Coleman, or interested students can obtain an application by printing it from the web site at [www.coleman-countyelectcoop.org](http://www.coleman-countyelectcoop.org).

The application must be typed or printed and completed in its entirety then signed by the student and their guardian.

All applications must be

turned in at the cooperative's office no later than June 25th.

"The eligible applicants will be chosen by a drawing to be held in July at the cooperative's annual meeting," said Williams. "There will be nine separate drawings, one for each of the nine director districts of the Cooperative's service area."

For more information contact Williams at 325-625-2128.

The Coleman County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors and General Manager are:

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