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Bredemeyers, Family of the Year

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WINTERS, Texas.- Turning the soil, planting the seeds, and harvesting their crops since 1995, the Bredemeyers harvested a different kind of crop last week, when they were awarded the Agri Life Family of The Year.

The Ag Day celebration held last week in Ballinger also featured honors for the Miles Coop Gin and two students who will benefit from scholarships.

This year's Farm Family began with the marriage of Bill and Sharla on June 4, 1995 and the addition of a new partner, Ethan, on November 27, 1996. The Bredemeyer family has grown deep roots in Winters.

Bill started farming in the 4th grade when he put his first plow in the ground. About the same time, he started showing steers and lambs in the 4-H and FFA programs. When Bill was a freshman in high school, he was selected as the Star Lone Star Farmer in Texas. He also went on to get his American Farmers Degree. He got both his Bachelors of Science and Master's Degree from Tarleton State University along with an Ag Science teaching certification.

He taught Ag Science for five years in Ballinger and four years in Throckmorton where he was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 1993. At the end of the school year, Bill came home to farm full time. His father tried to discourage him, but Bill replied "All I ever wanted to do was farm. I want to farm with you Dad, not after you are gone!"

Sharla Rollins came to Winters from Westbrook to begin teaching at Winters ISD. Sharla has a teaching degree and court reporter certification from Baylor University. Bill and Sharla met at an FFA banquet and were married in 1994. Sharla currently works as a court reporter for three judges in Tom Green County.

Ethan is following in his dad's footsteps by showing steers in the 4-H program. He is a busy 7th grader involved in football, basketball, track and shooting sports. His name is always on the "A Honor Roll".

The Bredemeyer family is a strong supporter of youth and education in Runnels County. Bill is currently serving as Chairman of the Runnels County Youth Advisory Board, is a club manager for the Winters 4-H Club, serves as a certified instructor for the newly formed 4-H Shooting Sports Club and is a project leader for the new Leaders for Life project.

The family was presented with a plaque and a new barbecue grill.

The Agri Business of the Year was awarded to general manager Rodney Niehues, on behalf of Miles Coop Gin. Collin Klattenhoff, store manager, was also present.

Toby Virden, Jeri Smith and Dawn Funk, 2009 Business of the Year from KRUN, presented this year's award.

The two scholarships were awarded to Lance Michalewicz and Kelci Zentner.

See more photos on page 6.



Ethan, Bill and Sharla Bredemeyer receive the plaque awarded to the Family of the Year.



Toby Virden, Jeri Smith and Dawn Funk, announce this year's award for the Business of the Year.



Rodney Niehues, general manager of the Miles Coop Gin, receives the award for the Agri Business of the Year.

North Runnels Hospital cancels May election

Winters Enterprise
 Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- The north Runnels Hospital Board of Directors has cancelled the May 2010 Board of Directors election. According to a press release issued by Teresa Walden incumbents Dewey Whitfield, Jeanne Hilliard and Shelley Guevara signed up to seek re-election.

Incumbent Danny Reel did not seek re-election. Scotty Belew signed up for the May ballot also. Due to four places being up for re-election and only four parties signing up for the ballot, the directors were able to cancel the election at their March 22, 2010 meeting. New directors will take office at the May 18, 2010 meeting.

In a called meeting on March 15, board members appointed Joe Frank Guajardo to the unexpired seat of Charlie Brown, who resigned due to moving to Taylor County.

Mayfest is coming to Winters

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WINTERS, Texas.- The Mayfest, one of the biggest attractions for the Winters community, is coming to town on May 1.

The annual event will be hosted by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce and will start at 9:00 a.m.

The festival will take place at the Winters City Park and Community Center, located at 114 Novice Road, and will include arts and crafts, games, live entertainment and food.

There will be inside and outside booth space available. Food booths and games will be set up outside, unless prior arrangements made.

People interested in showcasing can contact Amanda Collom, Winters Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, at 325-754-5210 or email amandaicollom@yahoo.com. Additional forms for booth space may be picked up at the chamber offices or at Wes-T-Go Convenience Store.

Spaces available range from \$15 to \$35 and are 10 X 10 divided into inside, outside or non-profit rates.

Electricity fees are \$10 for arts and crafts and \$20 for food vendors. Checks should be sent for the total amount and a penalty of \$35 will be applied for returned checks.

Exhibitors should fill out a form detailing items to sell as well as game booths.

Booth set up begins at 7:00 a.m. and the show starts at 9:00. Vehicles are only allowed in the park for unloading and must be moved by starting time. Vendors may park behind the Community Center. Booth space will be assigned as applications are received. For special booth needs due to medical conditions, please note: WACC is not liable for accidents or losses and no refunds in case of rain out.

Application and checks should be mailed to P.O. Box 662 Winters, TX 79567.

"We would love to have more games for the children, church booths, business information booths at our Mayfest. This is a special year since the ex students will have a football game that evening in Jim Ned. I hope the players and their families will be at Mayfest this year as well," said Amanda Collom.

This fest offers a good opportunity to fund-raise for a church or any non-profit organization, and booth rent is more affordable.

"During this time of need in our community it takes us all working together on one team to succeed. This is also a good time for entertainers to volunteer and spread the word about their band or individual talents."

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce will schedule entertainers during Mayfest hours.

The long race vs. cancer

Winters Enterprise
 Staff Report

The riders are coming! The riders are coming! A bicycle ride twice as long as the Tour de France called Texas 4000 for Cancer, will be riding through the area.

The three first stages, starting in Cedar Park and ending in Dallas before taking the route to Alaska, will be looking forward to getting all the surrounding communities involved in this noble cause.

On June 5 the riders will start their long journey. The first stage, of 73 miles, is set from Cedar Park to Lampasas. The following day the tour will be heading from Lampasas to Stephenville, for a 67 mile-ride, and on June 7 the bikers will be pedaling to Dallas.

Riders braving 70 days of rain, sleet, wind, snow, and heat in support of cancer research will journey through the city as they make their way to Anchorage, Alaska. The 4,687-mile bicycle journey to Alaska that began June 5 is designed to share Hope, Knowledge and Charity with those fighting cancer. While here, the riders will visit with cancer patients to learn their stories and spread awareness with the community about cancer prevention.

"This ride is a metaphor for the struggle cancer patients face each day," said Sense Corp Texas 4000 for Cancer Executive Director, Jamille Ruebsahm. "This summer

the riders will battle hail, rain, wind and snow, yet at the end of the day they will get off their bikes and rest. Cancer patients do not have that luxury."

In its seventh year, more than 40 student riders began their journey in Austin with a 70 mile community bike ride called ATLAS. From there, the riders head north, separating into two routes: Rockies and Coastal and continue onward in what is now considered the longest charity bicycle ride in the world. Throughout their journey, riders stop along the route to educate people about cancer prevention and early detection, visit with cancer patients and raise funds for cancer research. They also use this time to offer hope, encouragement and hugs to cancer patients of all ages. Additionally, each team member dedicates their daily ride to someone fighting cancer.

"It is absolutely astounding to see these young riders put their bodies and minds to the test and travel more than 4,500 miles each year to draw awareness to cancer," said Keat Wilkins, CEO Sense Corp, presenting sponsor of Texas 4000. "These young people demonstrate strong character and they are truly excellent role models in their desire to do their part and make a difference."

The Sense Corp Texas 4000 started seven years ago when one man, Chris Condit, sought a way to share a message of hope, knowledge and charity to those with cancer. A cancer survivor himself, Condit decided to

take an epic 4,500-mile journey from Austin, Texas to Anchorage, Alaska—on his bicycle.

In the past seven years, over 250 riders have biked more than 1.2 million miles, over 350 days, averaging 80-100 miles per day. These riders have raised more than \$1.5 million for the fight against cancer, with the proceeds going to The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. Upon completion of the ride, the riders are honored at the organization's annual fundraiser, Tribute Gala, held August 28, 2010 at the Hyatt Hotel in Austin, TX.

For more detailed information on the teams' arrival please contact Jamille Ruebsahm, Texas 4000 Executive Director, (Jamille@texas4000.org). To learn more about the incredible people that make up the Sense Corp Texas 4000 riders, to make a donation or read the bikers' blogs visit www.texas4000.org.

The longest annual charity ride in the world, Texas 4000 for Cancer is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preventing and fighting cancer. Each year a team of dedicated student cyclists brave the elements to complete a 4,687-mile bicycle journey beginning in Austin, Texas and finishing in Anchorage, Alaska to share Hope, Knowledge and Charity. The Texas 4000 riders train, raise funds, educate and develop as leaders and servants in the community. For more information, visit www.texas4000.org.

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Obituaries

Paisley Breann Laird

Graveside services for Paisley Breann Laird, infant daughter of Justin Laird and Kallie Antilley of Winters, were held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at Shep Cemetery with Rev. Heath Powers officiating.

She is survived by her parents; one brother: Ryder Antilley of Winters; grandparents: Jeanene Laird of

Winters, Harvey Laird of Abilene and Gary and Stasia Antilley of Wingate; great-grandparents: Mamie Gene Hoppe of Winters, Marianne Antilley of Wingate, Jan and Fred Carver of Benjamin and Lillie Jo McCartney of Meade, OK.

Services are under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

Winters Enterprise
Thursday, March 25, 2010

Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Marilyn Egan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 5, 2010.

The couple, lifetime residents in Runnels County, was blessed with a son, Patrick Egan. Patrick and his wife Sarah Egan as well as their children Slade, McKenzie and Bailee, celebrated the anniversary together.



Rock Hotel hosts the spirit of Winters, Texas

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WINTERS, Texas.- Originally built over a century ago, saved from an untimely demolition, the Rock Hotel defies time, and a strained economy, to rise as a Winters iconic symbol. Built in 1909 to accommodate tourists and visitors, the Rock Hotel now displays several exhibits. The two-story building is filled with history; memories, pictures, and belongings of legendary people. One room honors the memory of a major league baseball Hall of Famer, Rogers Hornsby, who was born and raised in Winters.

Hornsby's career with the Saint Louis Cardinals, New York Giants and Boston Braves is remembered in the 1920's newspapers and other well preserved memorabilia displayed in the room.

Rogers was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1942. He holds records for highest batting average in the 20th Century, with a .424 batting average in 1924. He is the all-time career batting average leader

among right-handed hitters, with an outstanding .358 average.

The Rock Hotel offers a home for writings from the late Charlise Poe, author of "Runnels is my County" and "Angel to Papagos".

The exhibition of this writer, editor and historian features her peculiar black wedding dress.

"Charlsie was a wonderful lady, she just passed away a few years ago," remembers Joayce Carberry, a member of the Z. I. Hale Museum Foundation.

The Rock Hotel is open on weekends or with a special appointment.

The place was remodeled with original style ceilings and rugs, and nowadays has a dining room used for banquets and meetings.

The museum has a music room on the second floor, with an old organ donated by the Lutheran Church and uniforms of the city band dating back to 1905.

"The uniforms were \$14 in those days, and that was a lot of money back then," says Carberry.

In recent years contractors

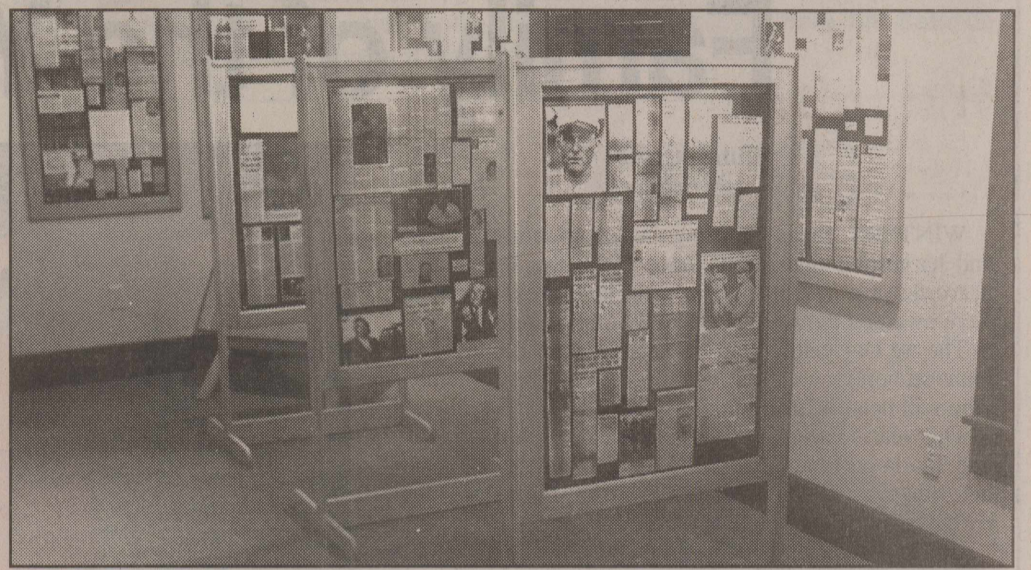
were able to recreate original details, with help from the foundation. The roof is in need of repair, and general maintenance of the building is expensive. The honeymoon suite is still kept on display with help from local families. Last December the community donated wedding dresses and set up Christmas decorations to create a festive atmosphere in the suite and around the old hotel.

Rooms are filled with gifts of furniture to adorn the old hotel. An old bathing suit has been donated from seven generations ago which is an interesting piece for discussion!

Heroes and veterans of war have a niche for their uniforms and medals. There is war memorabilia from conflicts of the present and long ago.

A local, John Norman, a breeder and trainer of horses, is remembered through pictures and a mini saddle.

It is said that old ghosts roam the facility, and a winter chill still surrounds the area, but history's warmth still captures any visitor with the past heritage in a small Texas hotel in Winters, Texas!



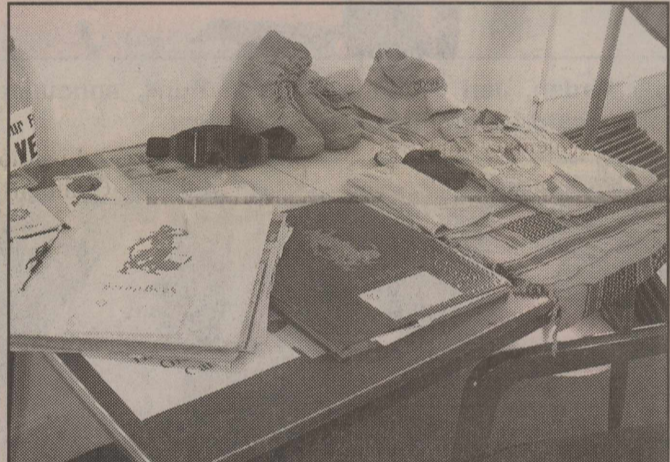
Above: One of the main attractions, the Rogers Hornsby Gallery, features his major league baseball accomplishments. Right: The Lutheran Church donated an old organ, displayed in the music room with a city band uniform.



The unique black wedding dress worn by the author Charlise Poe.



Local families have contributed wedding dresses to the museum.



Scrapbooks, uniforms and military accessories owned by local heroes.



The honeymoon suite, a great attraction for exhibition.

Community Events

Retired teachers meeting
The Runnels County Retired School Employees (Runnels County Retired Teachers) will meet for their final meeting Monday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger. Officers will be installed at this meeting. All retired school employees in Runnels County are urged to join.

Immunization Clinics
Texas Department of State Health services will have an immunization clinic in Winters, Thursday, April 1st, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. H1N1 Flu Vaccine is available to all. Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid or CHP, please bring card.

Letter to the Editor

A thankful reader

Thank you!
The past two weeks papers have been so much better and are more like the paper we remember from the past. Keep up the good work.

Eloise Brown
Winters, Texas

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Tuesday
Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Bagel Pizza Juice, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
Biscuit, Sausage, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Friday
Biscuit, Sausage, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Good Friday
JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU
Monday
Scrambled Eggs or Breakfast Pocket or Muffin w/Ham, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Tuesday
Cereal or Cereal Bar or Oatmeal or Breakfast Burrito, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Pancake w/Ham or Breakfast Pizza or Yogurt w/Ham, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
Biscuit w/Gravy, Sausage or Cereal or Cereal Bar, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Friday
Biscuit w/Gravy, Sausage or Cereal or Cereal Bar, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Good Friday
WINTERS ISD LUNCH MENU
Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extras: Entrees for \$1.00, Milk for .30, sides for .50.
Monday
Steak Burger or Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rosy Applesauce, Carnival Cookies, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
Tuesday
Spaghetti w/Cheese Stick or Grilled Chicken on Bun, Broccoli & Cheese, Corn, Carrot Sticks, Rainbow Bar, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Nachos or Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Orange Sedges, Cornbread, Apple Cobbler, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
Chicken Sticks w/Gravy or BBQ on Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Cantaloupe, Rice Crispy Treat, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
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Blizzard 2010-2011 Cheerleaders named

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Blizzards! Blizzards! After a close competition, the new cheerleading squad for the Winters Junior High School and High School were elected last week. Eight girls will serve as cheerleaders on the high school and junior high squads, proudly cheering and performing during the 2010-2011 school year.

For the High School team Abby Guy, a senior for the 2010-2011 squad, was named the Head Cheerleader. The team is completed by Shelby Gehrels, senior, Caitlin Kurtz and LeAnn Taylor, juniors, McKenzie Hooper and Kat Lindley, sophomores, Emily Reyes and Cara Kraatz, freshmen representatives.

The Junior High School squad is formed by eighth graders Ashley Guy, Gabby Jimenez, J'Nae Hagle, and Baylee Rougas and seventh graders Katey Reyes, Bailey Pierce, Bailee Busher and Chelsea Gray.



Diane Tamez, mother of newly elected high school cheerleader Emily Reyes and junior high school cheerleader Katey Reyes, will stay busy keeping up with both girls!

School News

WISD mentors program

Winters Elementary will be starting its mentor program and needs volunteers who are interested in coming to school once a week for about an hour and helping a student with whatever is needed.

The district needs mentors for several students. "The commitment could be as little as 30 minutes a week or as much as you wish," said Charles Murphy, WISD Counselor. "We will try to tailor it to your free time as much as possible."

If you are interested please go by the administration office and fill out the necessary paperwork, which does include a background check. For more detailed information please call Murphy at 325-754-5577 ext 126.

Homework Help at the Winters Library

Children and teenagers in Winters never have to be stumped by rough homework assignment again.

Students from kindergarten to 12th grade, those in introductory-level college courses, and adult learners can

simply visit the Winters Public Library or go to www.bclstx.org on-demand, free help from qualified tutors (ask the Librarian the access code).

The Winters Public Library now offers Live Homework Help, an online tutoring service from Tutor.com that connects students to expert tutors at no charge in math, science, social studies and English via the Internet.

Spanish-speaking tutors are available to help students in math and science.

IGA teams up with ISD

Buying groceries in Winters can benefit students in Winters.

Lawrence Brothers IGA at 900 N Main St., in Winters, reminds teachers, parents and local residents that purchases at a local IGA can actually pay for things like laminators, keyboards and playground equipment.

When you make a purchase at IGA, simply drop the receipt in the box provided.

At the end of the year, the receipts will be totaled and go toward the purchase of wonderful items for your elementary students.

Winters ISD sixth graders recently re-decorated the receipt-box, so look for the box and drop your receipts in there to help WISD reach out their goal.

Winters offers free meals

The Winters Independent School District is announcing its plans to continue the Provision II Meal program for all students in grades Pre-K thru 12th.

The National School Lunch and Breakfast Program for the 2009-10 school year will provide for all students in grades Pre-K thru 12th to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost.

For additional information please contact Lisa O'Dell at 325 754-5574, extension 122, or e-mail her at lisa.odell@wintersisd.org.

Help in core subjects

This free service allows students to connect to an expert tutor either from the Winters public library or from their home POC or Macintosh with a library card, seven days a week, 3 to 10 p.m. and receive homework help from a live tutor via the Internet.

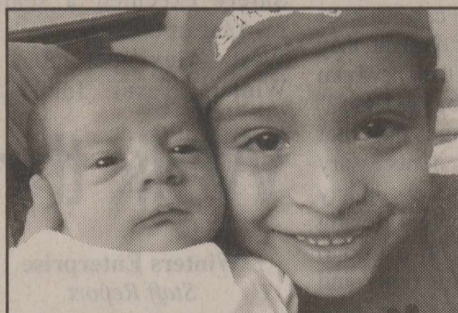
Live homework help is easy to use. Children and teens simply go to www.bclstx.org, click on the Live Homework Help link and then enter their grade level and the subject they need help in (remember to enter the access code).

In just a few minutes, students are connected to a tutor in an online Classroom for on-to-on help in math (elementary, algebra, trigonometry and calculus), science (elementary, Earth science, biology, chemistry, physics), social studies (American history, world history, political science), and English (spelling, grammar, essay writing, book reports).

Birth Announcement

Anthony James Manzano

Alex Manzano is proud to announce the arrival of his baby brother Anthony James. Anthony was born on February 4, 2010 at 11:27 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs 6 oz and was 18 1/2 inches long. Proud mommy is Irene Jalomo Manzano. Maternal grandparents are Angelita Jalomo and Daniel Jalomo both from Ballinger.



Feral hogs, the dawn of a plague

Ruben Cantu Winters Enterprise

BALLINGER, Texas.- Breeding and survival capabilities could be a blessing for any species, but those abilities are of great concern when crop damage, destruction of property, and endangering the lives of people have become a nightmare for local farmers.

The feral hog is prolific, mating up to three times a year, with litters ranging from 6 to 12 piglets. The young ones are able to survive even when left alone at three weeks of age.

"The proliferation of feral hogs is becoming a serious menace for local farmers," said Wayne Johnson, the Wildlife Damage Management Technician working in Runnels County for the Texas Wildlife Services Program. "The animals can and will attack people," the trapper said.

Also known as wild boars or Russian wild boars, the feral hogs are aggressive mammals posing serious ecological, economic, aesthetic, medical and agricultural threats.

These feral members of the pig family can weigh up to 400 pounds, reach three feet tall, and six feet long. Boars have four continually growing tusks that can be extremely sharp and are often 3 to 5 inches long, but have sometimes been recorded at 9 inches in length.

"They get very wild out

there, you don't want to get trapped in the middle of a herd," said Johnson.

The trapper started with the control program in November of 2008, and since then has killed more than 600 animals. Nonetheless, eradication is far from over, due to the high reproduction indexes that feral hogs have.

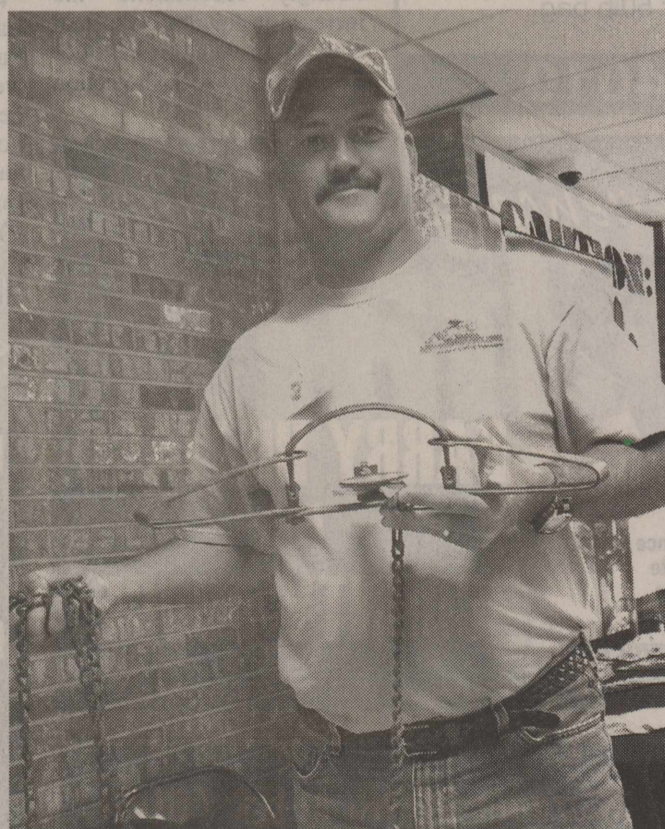
"You can release a couple of feral hogs and in no time you will have over 20, the best we can do is take the numbers down to a controlled population."

Johnson flies in a helicopter all over the county, shooting down the hogs in a combined effort with authorities and local farmers to minimize damages. Farmers and even ranchers are familiar with the damages caused by herds of hogs. The wild swine have killed every kind of livestock from goats to sheep and even some young deer.

According to Bill Thompson, Economist of the Texas Agri Life Extension Program, feral hogs have damaged 6,551 acres across Runnels County on 57 farms. The damage cost is estimated around \$71,000 mostly in fences and water facilities.

The losses for Coleman, Concho, Fisher, Lampasas, Mills, Runnels and Tom Green counties are up to \$484,000. These numbers do not include auto collision damages.

Local officials hope to



Wayne Johnson, Wildlife Damage Management Technician with the Texas Wildlife Services Program.

reduce the damages with a buffer zone program that started this year in March. Wayne Johnson, gunman and a pilot started flying the area from Crews over to Norton to continue to minimize the spread of feral hog populations. Other species targeted are coyotes, bobcats and other predators.

Due to weather conditions and helicopter availability exact times cannot be scheduled, but the flights are programmed according to the

applications submitted. Farmers with large populations of feral hogs are encouraged to sign a flight agreement in order for the Johnson to assist with the problem.

The feral hog population control program is available through donations. For more information people interested can contact the Agri Life Extension Office in Runnels County, at 365-2219 or call Wayne Johnson directly at 325-340-2633.

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RUNNELS COUNTY ROUND-UP

Fishin' with Dave

Long wait for the warm days

We have been on the bank while The Ledger changed guides, and now the fishing report will be penned each week to give you the most up-to-date fishing information in the free world. While meeting with the new editor, I learned that he does like fishing which in my book puts him way ahead of those whose motor would not run. Maybe one of these days I can get him on the lake to experience some of the best fishing in Texas. But for now it's enough to know that he likes to fish and wants a report each week.

With the recent snows and sometimes less than comfortable temperatures, the lake has been in a quandary about whether to warm up or cool off. One day with warm temperatures we would see the surface temps get into the upper 50's, and then after a few days of wind and snow, it's back to the upper 40's. As the water temperature has a whole lot to do with the spring spawning run, the bass have not as yet moved to the shallows to do their thing. I've been seeing plenty of white bass full of eggs ready to procreate, but once again the varying water temps put their move on hold. Catfish also remain in deep water waiting for the temperature signals that tell them to move onto the flats and build a nest. Without being too political, this

spring looks like the health care issue--nobody can decide what to do or how to do it, but like spring and warmer waters, it will come in due time. I just hope with both issues that there's not too much chop on the water.

Recently my computer went on the blink, and the internet was like trying to find a dentist on the weekend. I first thought that my problem was on my desktop. I called the toll free help line for AOL and was pleased to find that they were in America. They did a check to find that the phone line was somehow not working and suggested that I call my phone company. So I called Verizon in India (like one of those guys was going to come to Ballinger) and told them of my situation. This person decided that the phone problem was in my home and quickly informed me that they would send out a repairman and that the cost would be \$35.00 an hour to get me back into cyberspace. I asked them about the remote possibility that there was something wrong with their line outside my house and if I would have to pay for the repair since I already pay them a monthly fee.

They told me that the tech would check the lines outside the house first and then go inside if their line was in working order.

In about an hour one of our local guys was here and quickly determined that their line was the problem and fixed the flaw with a small connector. For years every time it rained we'd get kicked off the internet; however, since the five-minute repair we now are able to stay hooked in rain, snow, and hail. It's amazing when you take your problems around the world how one of our local guys can fix it with a small connector and make it all better. Maybe this repairman should advise Congress and the president on health care.

In this day and time of high tech it might just sometimes pay to listen to the guys on the ground. Government would do well to listen to the guys on the border, the guys in the health care business, the car dealers, and the homeowners. Those people just might have a better feel for the problems and how to fix them. Maybe we need to vote lots of officials out of office so they live like the rest of us, and then maybe they would have time to hook a fish rather than the taxpayer.

See you on the lake.

Predators menace cattle in West Texas

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

LOCKHART, Texas.- The Independent Cattlemen's Association (ICA) recently joined with the American Sheep Industry Association and 57 other livestock groups in a letter to Congress requesting additional funding for the United States Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services (USDA-WS) for FY 2011.

"The Wildlife Services Livestock Protection Program

is vital to the economic survival of our country's livestock industry," said Bill Hyman, ICA executive director.

"The control of predators is important to many farm and ranch families, especially in the West Texas area. Each year more than 250,000 sheep and nearly 150,000 cattle are lost nationwide to predation," he noted. "Coyotes, bobcats, vultures and other predators prey on newborn calves every calving season and now feral swine are becoming an increasing problem for ranch-

ers across the state."

"The USDA's Wildlife Services, relentlessly under attack by animal rights activist, is faced with rising costs for such items as fuel and equipment," said Hyman. "Without additional funding and support, many ranching operations will face critical losses in the coming year. As Texas ranchers work to increase calving rates after two years of drought, they don't need to find their newborn calves destroyed by predators."

Hyman pointed out that deer hunting is a necessary source of income for many Texas ranchers, and losing half or more of a fawn crop to coyotes, mountain lions and bobcats matters more now than ever before.

"ICA strongly supports the continuation of this valuable program," said Hyman. "We strongly recommend the increase in funding to sustain and improve the Wildlife Services Livestock Protection Program."

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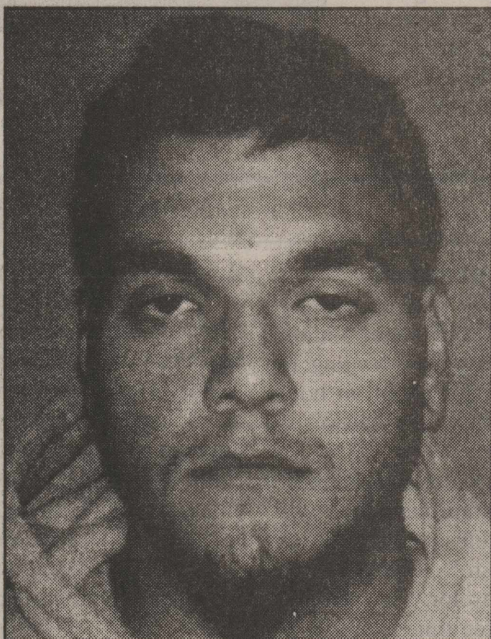
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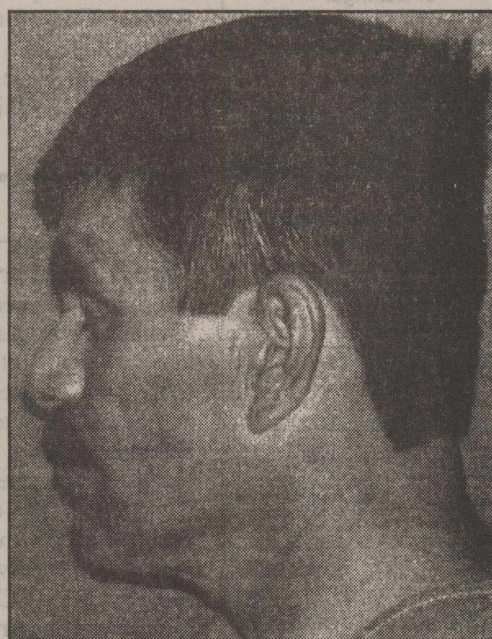
• State of Texas vs John Robert Anderson DWI

Jail Log

Name	Age	Agency	Charge
Tammy J Bradford	28	RCSO	Poss control Substance
John Jasso Jr	24	RCSO	MTR Poss marijuana, theft by check
Darrell L Maas	54	RCSO	Theft by check
Jerry J Carson	57	RCSO	MTR, P.I
Jacob W Martin	21	Coke	Bench Warrant
Christopher C Chambers	28	Coleman	Sentenced to County Jail 30 days
Francisco T Espinoza	32	DPS	Illegal entry
Javier Torres-Cruz	25	DPS	Illegal entry
Luis Fonseca-Espinoza	29	DPS	Illegal entry
Marie V Mendez	44	DPS	Theft of services by check Taylor Co.
Sullivan B Jost	18	DPS	DWI
Jonathon R Lamadrid	22	Coleman	Sentenced 20 days



John Lee Guerra, 23, was arrested in Winters and will be charged with possession of marijuana.



Felipe Espinoza Lopez, 46, was found with crystal methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Two arrested in drug seizures

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

BALLINGER, Texas.- Two people have been arrested, drug paraphernalia and quantities of marijuana and methamphetamine were seized by the Runnels County Sheriff's Department in separate incidents.

On March 5, Sheriff's officials assisted by the Department of Public Safety executed a search warrant in the 700 block of West Alexander St. in Winters, Texas. John Lee

Guerra, 23, was arrested and charged with the offense of possession of marijuana. An undisclosed quantity of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and plants were seized.

In a different action, on March 13, the Runnels County Sheriff's Office received information about a person selling narcotics from his vehicle.

Deputies with the Sheriff's Department observed the vehicle on Hutchins Avenue, in Ballinger, Texas.

A traffic stop was initiated

and a narcotic detection trained K-9 unit identified the presence of narcotics inside the vehicle.

The vehicle was searched and an undisclosed quantity of crystal methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia and cash were seized.

Felipe Espinoza Lopez, 46, was placed under arrest for the offense of manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance. Officers with the Ballinger Police Department assisted in the apprehension of the suspect.

Walk through Memory Lane

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

BALLINGER, Texas.- The Runnels County 4-H Fashion Show Committee announced their plans for a "Walk Through Memory Lane Fashion Show." The Fashion show will feature wedding dresses through the decades. It will be fun to see how the styles of dresses have changed through the

years and bring back memories of special days of the past.

The fashion show will be a fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research. Tickets will be sold for \$5 and all funds will be donated directly to cancer research.

They are currently looking for wedding dresses. These will either be modeled in the fashion show or displayed for viewing. The first dress

that has been listed is from the 1940's. They are looking for dresses from each of the decades. People interested in having a dress in the fashion show can call McKenzi Matschek at 442-2047 or Jordan Kalina at 442-2002.

The "Walk Through Memory Lane" Fashion show is being planned for April. More details and information will follow in weeks to come.

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- Small surplus equipment.
- Office furniture and equipment.
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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Election to be held on April 13, 2010 will be tested on April 1, 2010 at the 9:00 A.M. at the Runnels County Courthouse that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices.

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para hold such letabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion que se tate are llevara a cabo el 13 de abril de 2010 se se probara 1 de abril de 2010 a las 9:00 manana en Casa de la Corte Condado Runnels para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puesto oficiales.

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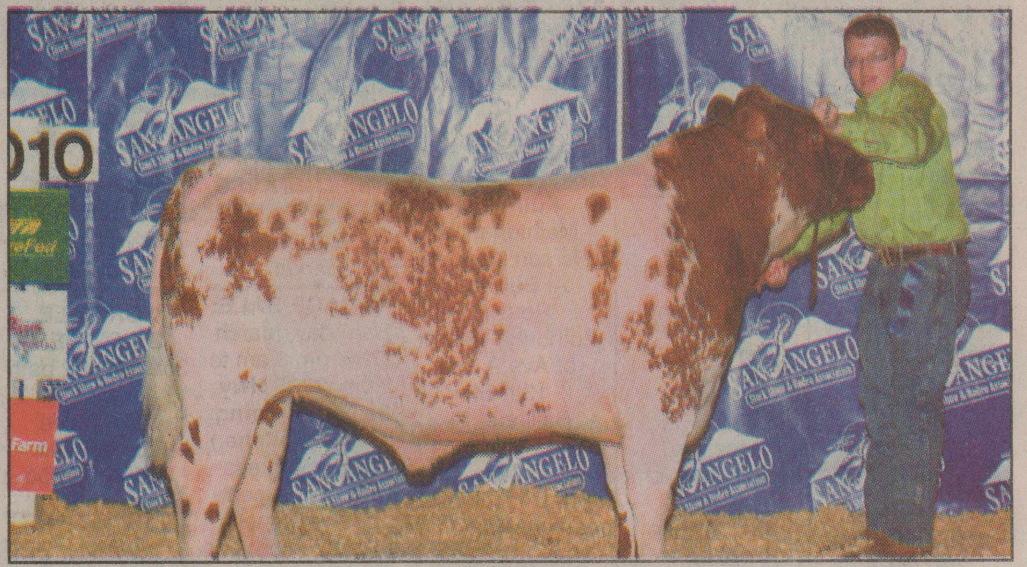
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Angus Reserve Champion



Hannah Franklin, Reserve Champion in the Angus Steer Division at the 2010 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Congratulations Hannah!

Lightweight Champion



SAN ANGELO, Texas.- Ethan Bredemeyer and his steer MoJo placed 1st in the lightweight British Division during the San Angelo Stock Show on Friday, February 26, 2010. MoJo was sold at the Premium Sale held on Saturday, February 27 to various buyers in the San Angelo area.

Community Events

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

Literacy 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.

Nominations for Gifted/Talented

Nominations are being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program, First-Fifth grades. If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, we welcome your nomination. Nomination and parent-permission-for-testing forms may be obtained at the Elementary Principal's office during normal working hours.

All forms must be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by

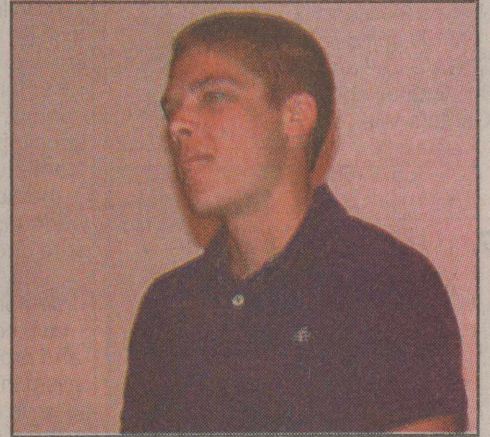
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Las nominaciones para el programa de niños dotados/con talento se están recibiendo para los grados de primero a quinto. Los padres que desean nominar a un niño/niña pueden recoger una forma en la oficina elemental. Regrese las formas a la escuela antes del 30 de abril 2010.

Easter Sunrise Services

What word describes Easter for you? "Surprise" "Joy" "Miraculous"? Whatever the word we use, we all stand in awe each Easter morning! This year, won't you and your family join with your friends and neighbors at the Winters Country Club on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 7 a.m. for the community Sunrise Services. The worship services are sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Alliance. Everyone in the Winters community is invited to come worship on Easter morning.

Ag Day honors



Kelci Zentner (Left) and Lance Michalewicz (right) received scholarships.



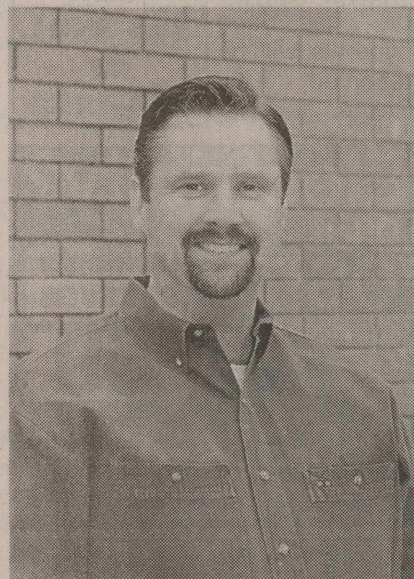
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Tuesday
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Thursday
Chicken Pot Pie, Carrot Raisin Salad, Mixed Fruit, Crackers, Rice Krispies.

Friday
Burritos, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Chips & Hot Sauce, Dessert.

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