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## Four families receive their new homes

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- After a long wait and in some cases dealing with many obstacles, four families saw a dream come true last Thursday, July 7. The Winters residents received the keys for their new homes built by the Texas Department of Community Affairs in conjunction with the City of Winters housing program.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs funded this project along with the City of Winters to build these four houses for low income residents and provide financial benefits to both the local construction industry and government coffers.

Those receiving the keys for their new house were Jessica and Calvin Perkins, at 608 Majestic; Rudy and Berta Beltran, at 204 Roselane; Jennifer Collins, at 607 Van Ness, and Danny Reel, at 1012 N. Rogers.

The city helped with the demolition and leveling of the lots, as well as all the paper work needed to complete the project funded entirely by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

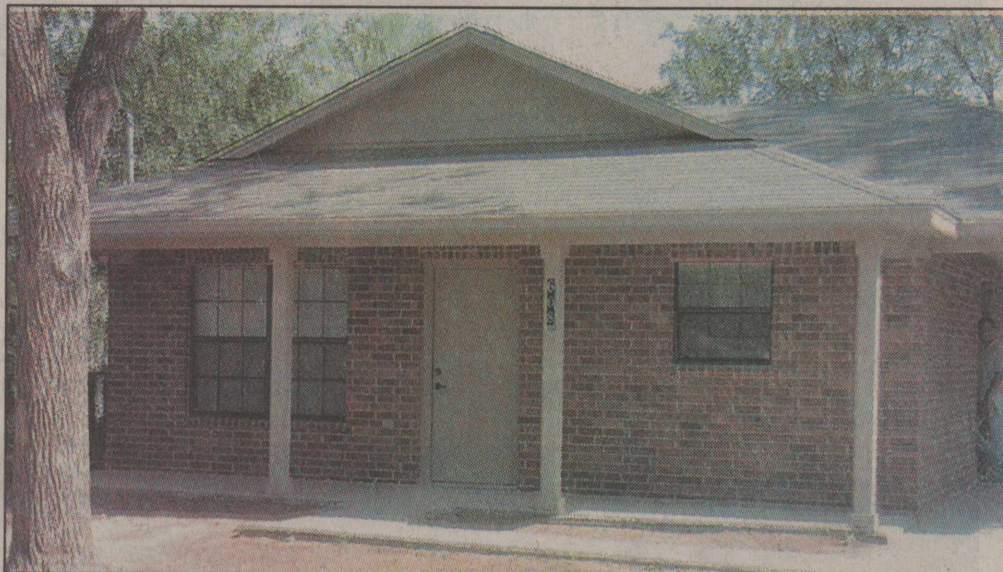
All families received new houses furnished and ready to move in, with over 1,100 square feet of construction.

The project started in December of 2008, when the house of Danny Reel, located at 1012 N. Rogers, burnt down to ashes.

"I had to go away and become a cowboy, I learned and did things I have never done in my life," said Reel after receiving the keys that would bring him back to town, to live at his own house.

The houses were furnished with all the amenities of a modern home "I am very

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## Winters Woman's Club celebrates Ladies Night Out

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - The Winters Woman's Club held their 17th annual Ladies Night Out at Jones Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 21. The theme of this year's event was "A Trip to Remember." Each table was decorated in a "theme vacation" spot of a member. This is an event that all the ladies in the community and surrounding communities look forward to each spring.

A sit down dinner, entertainment and door prizes highlight the evening. The club is assisted by high school students from WISD. The students serve, wait on guests and help with the dishes and other cleanup. The students are an invaluable asset to this annual fund raising event. This year's entertainment was Harvey McFadden, as Elvis Presley, and Sharon McFadden. Of course, Elvis was "the hit of the party," sharing many songs that most in attendance knew and could sing along.

Ladies Night Out, a bake sale and helping with Dove Fest are the main fund raisers for the club. All proceeds go back to the com-



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Members of the Winters Woman's Club enjoyed this year's entertainment with Harvey McFadden impersonating Elvis at the Ladies Night Out.

munity in the form of scholarships for deserving seniors, school reading programs, Winters Public Library, Winters Volunteer Fire Dept., Z.I.Hale Museum/Rock Hotel and

other organizations that serve our community. The Winters Woman's Club meets monthly September through May. Each meeting is highlighted by a guest speaker who

presents a topic of local interest to the members. If you are interested in learning more about the Woman's Club, please contact Marlene Smith, President, at 754-4961.

## County to start budget workshops

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - Runnels County Commissioners Court held a regular meeting last Tuesday, July 12 at the Courthouse, and Commissioners agreed to start with the next fiscal year budget workshops next week.

Agenda items in the meeting included a presentation from Paul Martin with Blue Cross Blue Shield regarding health insurance rates from Texas Association of Counties. The proposed contract renewal considers a 10.6 percent increment for Runnels County. No action was taken on this item.

Commissioners considered and discussed computer technical support until a long term solution is reached as the current contract will expire July 26, 2011. Computer specialist Don Wood, of The Computer Guy, has been serving the county's computers and proposed to keep on working under the same agreement as the previous service provider until September 1.

Runnels County Commissioners Court agenda included to consider the appointment of Election Judges and Alternates for the period beginning August 1, 2011 and ending July 31, 2013. The item was tabled until further information is gathered and presented to the Commissioners Court.

Commissioners approved the County Clerk Records Management and Archive Plan. The plan requires annual approval and provides the guidelines to scan

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## RUNNELS CO. HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

### The Rock Hotel

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - The Rock Hotel at 300 West Dale Street in Winters was built to fulfill a need when the railroad came to town in May of 1909. The railroad was built by Colonel Morgan Jones as an extension of the Abilene & Southern Railroad out of Abilene.

The number of passengers and freight traffic between Abilene and Winters was greater than Mr. Jones anticipated. During the first season between 40 and 50 thousand bales of cotton were moved to local markets.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Heath moved their family from Heathtown, in Panola County to Winters in 1905. Mr. Heath found just what he was looking for in the little town of Winters, Texas. The population at that time was about 1,000. Their home was a white two room house, a hall between the two rooms on one acre of land. The fami-

ly paid \$1,500. Mr. Heath assured his wife additions could be made to the house. She called it "camping out", while three more rooms were added. The contrast of the East Texas trees and the sandstorms here were hard for Mrs. Heath to get accustomed. Mr. Heath opened a general merchandise store in partnership with Ira Beard. This kind of store during that era carried both groceries and dry goods.

The railroad arrived and the station was located one block from their home. Mrs. Heath was industrious and always looked for ways to improve her family's income. She came up with the idea of a hotel and it would be built on their property.

The hotel was two stories high. It was built of native stone and given the name, Rock Hotel. There were 14 guest rooms, a manager's apartment and a lobby. It was finished in 1910. The hotel was usually full with regular boarders, the trav-

eling salesmen, known as drummers, and the transient guests.

The Heaths sold the Rock Hotel later in 1910 and the store in 1912, then the family moved to Ballinger, Texas.

The first major renovation to the Rock Hotel was in 1926. Passenger service was discontinued but the Abilene & Southern Railroad continued the freight service to Winters, hauling grain and cotton for several more years, before the hauling ceased.

The Rock Hotel is located across the street by the Z. I. Hale Museum and across the street from the Ag Museum. The Drummer's House is located beside the Rock Hotel.

The historic complex is serving the area with their many functions. It was restored in prior years to the valuable asset in the community that it now is. The historic complex contains several collections, among them, David Ledbetter's Glass

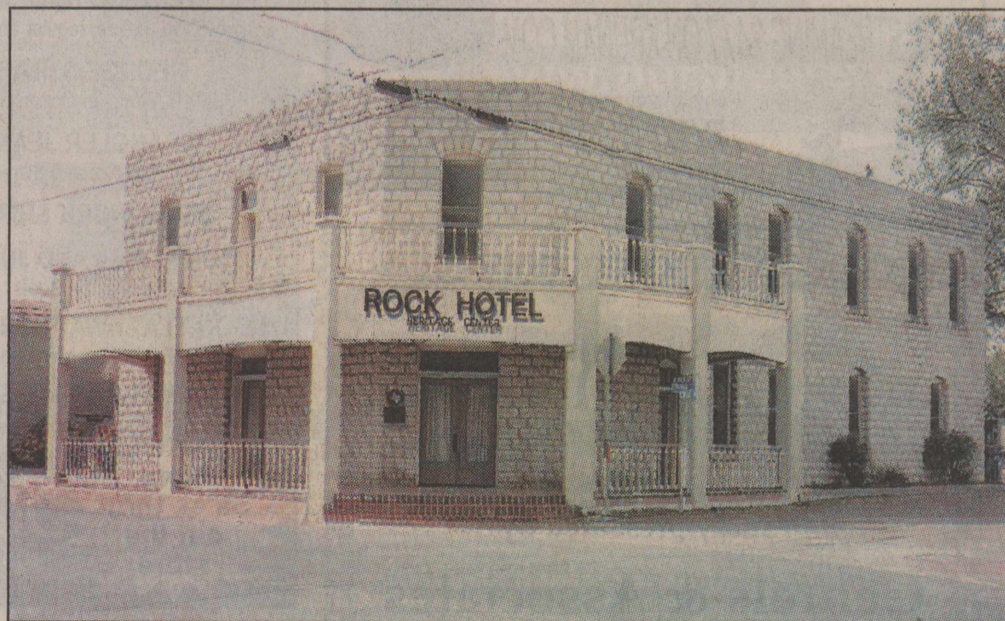


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Collection and the Roger's Hornsby Baseball Collection. It is the site of various meetings and celebrations annually.

A Recorded Texas Historical Landmark Medallion and interpretive plate were dedicated on

The Rock Hotel Sunday, October 9, 1983 in a ceremony at the Rock Hotel. Photo courtesy Ruth Cooper Courtesy Runnels County Historical Commission Collection, Marker Histories

The Winters Enterprise, October 6, 1983 Grand Old Man of Texas Railroad, by Vernon Gladden Spence. The Rock Hotel is located at the corner of West Dale and Church St. in Winters, Texas.

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# HOMES: "I love my new house"

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excited about everything, I have been homeless for two and a half years and I have never had central air conditioning," said Reel.

The City of Winters completed the demolition works in April, and the construction started right away.

Jessica and Calvin Perkins were ready to move to their new house at 608 Majestic, along with their

grandsons, as well as Rudy and Berta Beltran. The Beltrons spent some time paying rent at a temporary house and were anxious to move the same day their new house was finished at 204 Roselane.

"I love my new house," said Jennifer Collins, the new homeowner who will be living at 607

Van Ness.

All four houses have three bedrooms and two bathrooms, kitchen, floor and carpet. The homeowners participated in the building process and got to choose some of the details and finishes.

After dealing with some obstacles the housing program turned

out to be a success, and both Runnels County and the City of Ballinger got interested in implementing it for their residents.

The program's objective is to help low income families and among several requisites they have to have a clear title and ownership to their lot to be eligible to participate.



Calvin and Jessica Perkins with their grandsons Cameron and Clifford, at the door of their new house at 608 Majestic.



Rudy and Berta Beltran were ready to move in the same day their house was finished. The house is located at 204 Roselane.



Jennifer Collins and her granddaughter Ashton at their new house at 607 Van Ness.



When Danny Reel's house burnt down, on December 14, 2008, he would have never imagined the new home he was about to have.

## FSA authorizes emergency haying in CRP

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT  
WINTERS - In response

to drought conditions, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) authorized

emergency haying use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for 73 Texas counties.

Regional counties are Coke, Coleman, Concho, Runnels, Scurry, Taylor and Tom Green. Haying authorization will end on August 31, 2011.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency haying of CRP must request approval before haying eligible acreage," said Byron Bauerlein, Executive Director of

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Runnels County.

"It is also important for producers to obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes haying requirements," he said.

Upon approval of emergency haying, producers must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous field unhayed for wildlife. For those counties that are eligible for emer-

gency haying and grazing, the same CRP acreage cannot be both hayed and/or grazed at the same time. For example, if 50 percent of a field or contiguous field is hayed, the remaining unhayed 50 percent cannot be grazed; it must remain unhayed and ungrazed for wildlife.

In addition, participants are limited to one hay cutting and are not permitted to sell any of the hay. There will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction

depending on the number of acres actually hayed.

To take advantage of the emergency haying provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage for the purpose of haying.

For more information on and to request approval for emergency haying of CRP acres contact the Runnels County FSA office at 325/365-5757.

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## KRUN Radio to broadcast ASU's football

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT**

SAN ANGELO- Angelo State football is coming to "The Greatest Little Town in Texas" as the ASU Athletics Department reached an agreement with Ballinger's KRUN 1400 AM to carry Rams football this fall. KRUN is the first station to join the newly created network and will broadcast the beginning of a new era in ASU football as Will Wagner takes over as head coach.

"We're thrilled to partner with KRUN and extend ASU's radio foot-

print in the Concho Valley," Angelo State Director of Athletics Kathleen Brasfield said. "We'd like to thank Toby Virden and his staff, along with our friends at Foster Communications, for making the network a reality. We're looking forward to a great football season and want folks in our region to know that this is their university, their team. Hopefully this is the first of many partnerships, for many years to come."

KRUN will carry all 11 of Angelo State's regular season contests, beginning with ASU's season

opener at Western State (Sept. 3). ASU fans in Ballinger will also be able to listen to the Rams in the postseason, a place that the West Texas-native Wagner will look to guide the team in his first season. Wagner was hired away from perennial national power Northwest Missouri State at the end of December and has helped 11

different teams reach the playoffs, including three NCAA Division II National Championships with the Bearcats.

"I am excited to air ASU Ram Football on

KRUN," Virden, KRUN's station manager, said. "The Angelo State program has been energized with the hiring of Coach Wagner and the beginning of the ASU Athletics Network - we're thrilled to be a part of a new chapter."

Other Angelo State Athletics Radio Network stations include Foster Communications' KKSA 1260 AM and KIXY 94.7 FM (flagship) and KWFR 101.9 FM in San Angelo, while negotiations with other stations throughout the region are ongoing. Fans wishing to listen to ASU football specifically can now tune into KIXY 94.7 FM in San Angelo and KRUN 1400 AM in Ballinger on game days, as well as with their computers or smart phones online at AngeloSports.com.

Award-winning broadcaster Jeremy Bryant will continue to serve as the voice of the Rams and Rambelles.

According to enrollment data from the 2009-10 academic year, Runnels County was sixth among all Texas counties in the number of students enrolled at Angelo State.

## 'Ladies night out'



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Marlene Smith, President of the Winters Woman's Club and Joyce Broadstreet, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, who are responsible for organizing the fund raisers.

## Runnels Co. group encouraging local shopping

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT**

BALLINGER - The second meeting of the Runnels County Visioning group was held Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at the Council Chambers in Ballinger City Hall. Present for the meeting were Ballinger Mayor Sam Mallory, Winters City Manager Alan Hollander, Randall Conner, representing the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation, Jill Davis representing the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, and Lynn Granzin and Donna Weatherby, economic development representatives for the City of Miles. Also participating was Greg W. Schwertner, President and CEO of the First National Bank of Ballinger, Mark Willingham, president of the Ballinger Industrial Foundation, and Toby Virden, Station Manager of KRUN 1400 AM Radio. The meeting was organized and facilitated by Tammie Virden Executive Vice-President of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce and Community Development Representative for the City of Ballinger.

During the meeting, the group expanded on topics discussed at the group's first meeting, which were mar-

keting Runnels County to consumers outside the area and encouraging local residents to shop at home whenever possible. Research is underway to obtain a gift card system to promote local businesses throughout the county. The gift cards could be purchased by consumers. The gift cards will be redeemable only with Runnels County businesses. Also being researched is a marketing website for Runnels County. The website will promote the communities in Runnels County as well as shopping, tourism, restaurants, and other commerce. The website will also include facts and points of interest in Runnels County. The final discussion topic was avenues for promoting both goodwill and to always be positive and respectful to both residents and visitors to the county. The group will begin a feature on KRUN Radio, featuring a person being caught spreading goodwill. We often hear of people being caught doing bad or negative things, this promotion will encourage community members to be caught doing good things.

The next meeting of the group will be held Wednesday, July 20 at 2 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Ballinger City Hall.

## Veteran's Board

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## Brownwood's firefighter family to receive DQ's donation

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT**

FORT WORTH - The Texas Dairy Queen Operators' Council (TDQOC) announced they are donating \$33,834 to the family of Shannon Stone, the Brownwood, firefighter who died July 7 after a fall from the left field upper railing at the ballpark in Arlington while

attempting to catch a baseball for his six-year old son.

To help support Stone's family, the TDQOC announced Saturday, July 9 that they pledged to donate \$1 for each person in attendance at Sunday's game between the Texas Rangers and the Oakland Athletics. The attendance at that game was 33,834.

### NEWS NOTES

**Rodeo Association playday on July 16**

The Winters Rodeo Association will host their July playday on Saturday, July 16 at the Winters Rodeo Arena. Sign-up for events at 6 p.m. and ride at 7 p.m. We'll have a full concession stand open in time for supper. We look forward to seeing you there!

For questions or information contact Melissa at (325) 754 5648.

**Physicals for incoming 7th, 9th and 11th graders**

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

These are some important dates to remember. Aug. 1 - 7 a.m. Start of high school football Aug. 13 - 10 a.m. First high school scrimmage (at Roby)

Aug. 22 - First day of school The strength and conditioning camp for high school boys and girls will continue until mid-July on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. Get outside and prepare your bodies for the heat in August and prepare yourself for a great year at WHS/WJHS.

H.S. Cross Country Practice will begin on August 8 at 6:30 p.m. (meeting with Coach Holson) and running at 7 p.m. at the HS gym. See You Soon, Coach Hermesmeyer Winters AD/Head Football Coach

**Immunization clinic** The Texas Department of State Health Services will have an immunization clinic in Runnels County. The clinic will be held in Ballinger on Thursday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at 608 Strong (behind the Courthouse).

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

**Cross Emmas Community gatherings** The Cross Emmas

Community gatherings held second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the United Methodist Church. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

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

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

**Winters Women's Club** Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Marlene Smith at 754-4961 for additional information.

**AA Meetings** AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind

church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

**Ballinger Al-Anon meetings**

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

**Chamber of Commerce** Chamber of Commerce meets at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month at DLC Realty 116 S. Main St. in the backroom.

**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.

**Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings** Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, TX Lodge. For fur-

ther information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754 2048.

**Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting** Masonic Lodge # 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger Tx. Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that Monday. For more information call (325) 365 3202.

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# Church hosts priest candidates

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - The St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church and Father Hubert Wade in Ballinger are hosting two young men for the summer. They both come from very different backgrounds but have one thing in common, they embraced their vocation and are looking forward to become priests.

Anthony Govindy arrived to Ballinger from India on Saturday, July 2. He started following his vocation very young. He was educated catholic and grew up in a devote family. Anthony started to help in church and follow his vocation as an altar boy.

By the time Anthony finished his intermediate school he had a very clear objective, to become a priest and serve the church. That was when he decided to go into the seminary.

"I have an uncle who is a Bishop, and I grew up with the desire to become a priest," said Anthony.

He keeps good memories of his years in the seminary, and the mission he served in Uganda and Kenya where the priest had to marry a couple, attend to funerals and visit with the ill going through a vast rural area all week long. On top of that tribal conflicts and local wars among different groups made the catholic priests become target of attacks "priests were being shot and killed but I was not afraid, that time really helped me to strengthen my faith," said Anthony.

Anthony spent nine years in the Seminary in India, studying human development and philosophy among other subjects, at

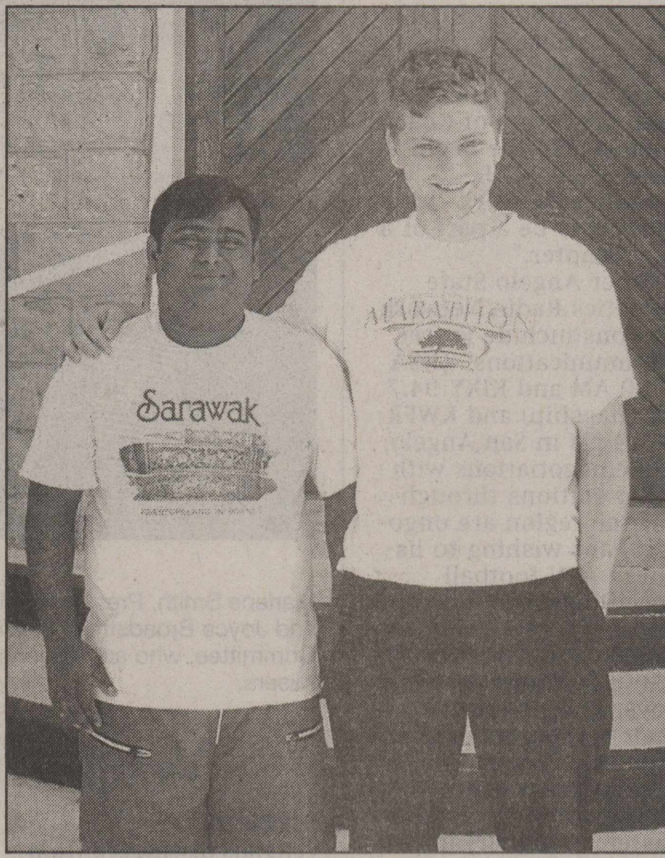


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Anthony Govindy, from India and Josh Gray, from Early, Texas, are spending the summer at the St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church in Ballinger as part of their formation process while becoming priests.

the end of the summer he will be going to continue with his studies at the School of Theology, in San Antonio.

Josh Gray was born and raised in Kentucky and moved to Early, Texas where he lives with his family. Josh is currently enrolled in the Seminary in Conception, Missouri but came to Ballinger to spend the summer. Josh is living a complimentary phase of his vocational formation, living in a different environment.

Josh also spent some time doing missionary work in Honduras, where

he assisted a local priest in his daily duties. While staying in Honduras he had to travel around a wide rural area assisting the priest in marriages, funerals and all kind of tasks.

Josh enrolled in the seminary at age 17, he was born in a very catholic family and after finishing high school he decided he was going to follow his vocation and become a priest.

Both seminarists will be staying in Ballinger for the rest of the summer, getting to know the local and area community, and learning the rural Texas customs and traditions.

# Deadline approaching for crop disaster benefits

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - The deadline to apply for assistance for 2009 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program is July 29, 2011, announced Runnels County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Byron Bauerlein.

"The SURE program compensates producers for production and/or quality losses during times of disaster," said Bauerlein. "All producers who have experienced crop production and/or crop quality losses must apply for SURE pro-

gram benefits by the July 29 deadline," he said.

To meet program eligibility requirements, the farming operation must be physically located in a county that was declared a primary or contiguous disaster county by the Secretary of Agriculture under a 2009 Secretarial Disaster Designation.

Producers located in designated disaster counties must have suffered at least a 10 percent loss on a crop of economic significance and purchased crop insurance through the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster

Assistance Program (NAP).

However, an operation located in a county that did not receive a primary or contiguous disaster designation, can still qualify for SURE benefits if the actual farm production was less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a qualifying disaster event.

Producers and legal entities collectively cannot, directly or indirectly, receive more than \$100,000 in SURE and other FSA disaster assistance payments. FSA disaster programs include SURE, Livestock Forage Program (LFP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP).

Producers or legal entities, whose nonfarm income is more than \$500,000, are not eligible for SURE program payments.

For questions regarding the SURE program, please contact the Runnels County FSA office at 365-5757.

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## Texas noodlers no longer anonymous...

When Texas Governor Rick Perry signed the noodling bill into law recently, participants could start telling the truth about what they do on weekends.

Noodling? You don't know what that is? Well, talk to "fisherpersons" (they're mostly men), and they'll contend that landing flathead catfish by hand is a sport. Others understandably maintain that the word "extreme" needs to precede "sport."

Critics, typically fishing enthusiasts who use traditional bait instead of hands rammed into fishes' mouths, swear to the death that ESPN's droning hours of poker are more "sporty."...

It is clear, though, that Oklahoma is a pace-setter in noodling. It's been legal there for, well, maybe centuries, since Native Americans perfected the technique before showing us how.

The lure, or sport or extreme lunacy — depending on which perch you sit — is adding participants by the day.

Before you complain about casino traffic on I-35, better check the calendar. If it's the second Saturday in July, a few thousand cars exit at Pauls Valley for the annual "Okie-Noodling Tournament and Fish Fry." This year, some 15,000 visitors attended, tripling the community's population for a day. They mostly gathered to share stories, eat fish, corral kids, gawk at noodling demonstrations and cheer on the some 200 noodlers — a record number for the event...

A foremost noodler is Lee McFarlin of Stillwater. He's been at it since second grade, learning the technique from his late father, who noodled until age 70. Lee is several degrees above expert, both in the catching and in the cooking.

In academia, he'd be the "PhD of Fishing," with his wife and daughter right behind him stringing along as side-kicks.

He noodles most weekends, and doesn't figure catches worth it if he doesn't drive home with hands all "Band-Aided up."...

Lee ramrods the Pauls Valley event, where he is "chief cook." They have close to a half-ton of "bought fish," augmented by several hundred pounds of flatheads he'll put up against finest seafood.

"I trim it right, season it right with my special seasoning and cook it in 'just right' temperatures," he claims.

Fifteen of his "noodling neighbors" from Stillwater help with the outdoor cooking at Wacker Park. He's got a 24-inch cast iron skillet, and several deep tubs that hold five gallons of oil that is changed out five times during the day-long cooking. Upwards of 100 gallons will go up in smoke....

Noodling TV documentaries are on the rise; history channel people are expected in Oklahoma later this month for the latest version.



TEXAS  
COLUMNIST  
Don  
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It doesn't take long to rattle off the basic rules for noodling: fishing license, no hooks or anything pointed, a limit of three catches per day, none shorter than 20 inches.

Lee says most catches are in the 20-25 pound range, but much larger fish are not uncommon. The record is 123 pounds. (Flatheads can gain 2-3 pounds per year, and some are past 30 years of age.)

"I've had a hold of two that had to be over 100 pounds," he claims. "But no fish is worth drowning over."...

Contestants have 24 hours, ending at 7 p.m. Saturday, to land biggest fish or biggest stringers of fish. There are two divisions — scuba and "natural," the latter for contestants without breathing apparatus.

They seek flatheads under ledges, boat ramps, banks and brush piles — all potential nesting grounds.

What they sometimes find, though, are snakes, beavers, snapping turtles or even alligators. One noodler landed a flathead granddaddy that "had teeth like 36-grit sandpaper that left his noodling hand looking like the main ingredient of a chili recipe."...

Lee figures noodlers may catch one percent of the fish they touch. "Mother Nature wins a big percentage of the time," he claims.

He wants Texans to "hurry up," and maybe one day challenge Oklahomans in noodling.

One Okie wants Petersburg, Texas, to emphasize noodling, even if water is several miles from the city limits. "Pauls Valley and Petersburg could have a friendly wager," he joked. "But it might turn out to be robbing 'Peter' to pay 'Paul'."....

Watch out if the Okies discover "trout tickling." This non-traditional fish-fetching technique dates back to at least 230 AD, as noted in Greek literature. Later, Mark Twain referenced the topic.

Space runs short, but in a nutshell, pursuers stealthily approached day-dreaming trout, tickling their undersides to lure trout into temporary trances. Maybe that's the technique I'll try.

My wife cautions that I'm not likely to tickle 'em to death, and says she won't heat the skillet unless I have a reserve stash from the supermarket....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Metroplex. Send inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Web site: www.speakerdoc.com.

## BUDGET: budget by July 31

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and preserve older records kept by the County Clerk.

At Tuesday's meeting Commissioners also approved a Statement of Agreement between West Texas Centers and Runnels

County Commissioner's Court, approved Treasurer's report and Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report, Auditor's reports, approved payment of all current accounts and ratifying payment of any accounts that have been pre-approved between

court dates by members duly appointed by the Runnels County Commissioners Court, and passed the request of Curtis Kalina to install water line across CR 254.

The county is required to have a potential budget by the last day of July. The next Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19 to start with the budget workshop.

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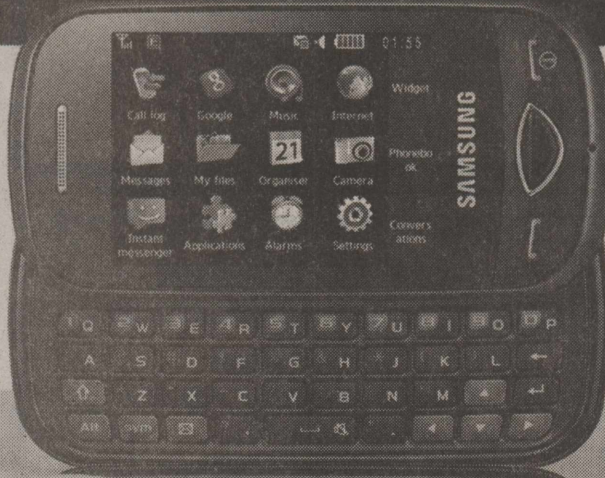
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## Adult Enrichment Center to host seminar in San Angelo

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The Adult Enrichment Center in San Angelo is excited to host its second annual fundraiser, Under the Texas Sky. The event will be held Saturday, July 23rd at the Adult Enrichment Center, 6146 Appaloosa Trail (inside Rio Concho West). Festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a silent auction and an art show by Cowboy Artist of America member, Wayne Baize. Baize is best known for his portrayals of Hereford cattle, horses, and donkeys. Many of Baize's paintings were inspired by his experiences on working Texas ranches, and he will be on-site to share his stories and talk about his exquisite art.

At 7:00 p.m., the dinner bell will sound to signal the start of the barbecue dinner, complete with brisket, beans, potato salad, peach cobbler, and all the trimmings! Later in the evening, Texas story-teller, Annalon Gilbreath of Lubbock will start the evening's entertainment, followed by a live auction. Then, special guest and performer, Grammy-nominated cowboy balladeer, Don Edwards, will sing some well-loved cowboy and Old West songs. He is sure to include his most popular rendition of Cattle Call.

Proceeds from this event will help supplement the services that the Adult Enrichment Center has been providing in San Angelo

since 1987. The Center serves over 40 people daily by providing transportation to and from the Center; socialization with other clients; breakfast, lunch, and a snack; baths to help families who aren't equipped to provide baths to their loved ones in their own homes; physical activities such as Tai Chi and bowling on the Wii; a weekly church service; bingo; dominoes; special entertainers; field trips; and much, much more.

Caring for a relative with a chronic illness or disability is a loving commitment many families fulfill each day. More and more people are finding themselves to be the primary caregivers for their parents, and the

demands on their time and money can be a difficult challenge to overcome. The alternatives to this care, nursing homes and home health care agencies, can be expensive for families. The Adult Enrichment Center provides some relief for these caregivers by offering day care services for their loved ones at a reasonable rate, and with charitable support by the public, the Center can keep its fees for its services affordable.

The Adult Enrichment Center provides respite for caregivers whose loved ones attend both daily and occasionally. Respite is available to any family who needs a place to entrust their loved one while working, running errands, and

attending to other personal needs. Something that most people do not realize is that the Center is the optimal place for people outside of San Angelo to have their loved one cared for when they come to town to shop and run other errands. The Center can provide a place for your family member to rest, eat, and socialize until errands have been completed.

The Adult Enrichment Center is unique in that it is one of the only facilities of its kind in West Texas. With the rising costs of nursing homes and home health care, the Adult Enrichment Center proves to be a great financial alternative to other long-term care needs. In addition, adults are able

to maintain some independence by returning to their home at the end of the day. The Center provides up to 10 hours of care daily and allows caregivers the ability to live their own lives while ensuring a good life for the ones they care for.

The Board of Directors and the staff of the Adult Enrichment Center invite you to attend Under the Texas Sky. Tickets can be purchased at Southland Frame Center and Gallery, the Adult Enrichment Center, or on the website at [www.adultenrichmentcenter.org](http://www.adultenrichmentcenter.org). For more information, contact the Center at 325-942-9253. Come out and enjoy a spectacular evening, Under the Texas Sky!

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### WINTERS ENTERPRISE

#### STAFF REPORT

**SNYDER** - On July 12, 2011 at about 12:25 a.m. officers with the Snyder Police Department were dispatched to the 700 block of 26th Street in reference to a call of shots fired in the area. Cpl. Darrell Campbell and Officer Lee Ortiz responded to the area where they made contact with several individuals in a front yard of 700 26th Street. While speaking with the subjects a male who was at the residence who has not been identified produced a weapon and shot Cpl. Campbell then confronted Officer Ortiz.

Officer Ortiz and the male were involved in a shooting and the male was killed at the scene. Cpl. Campbell was flown to UMC in Lubbock where he underwent surgery for a gunshot wound to the head. As of this morning Cpl. Campbell is in the UMC ICU unit in critical condition.

Cpl. Darrell Campbell is 41 years old and has been with the Snyder Police Department since September 1, 2009.

Officer Lee Ortiz is 37 years old and has been with the Snyder Police Department since October 23, 2003.

The case is currently being investigated by the Texas Rangers and the Snyder Police Department.

## Drought sapping the record books

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**COLLEGE STATION** - The months-long Texas drought is sapping the record books bone dry and is racking up dire statistics that have never been reached since reliable record-keeping was started 116 years ago, according to figures from Texas A&M University researchers.

Don Conlee, instructional associate professor of atmospheric sciences who, along with graduate student Brent McRoberts, also assists State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon with recordkeeping, confirms that the period from February through June was by far the driest on record with a statewide average of 4.26 inches of rain. The next driest occurred in 1917 with 6.45 inches.

Also setting records: March-June, driest on record; January-June, driest on record; December-June, driest on record; November-June, driest on record; and October-June, driest on record.

They note that official weather keeping began in 1895 in Texas.

Drought researchers, emergency managers and state and federal officials will convene in Austin on Thursday (July 7) for a special Southern U.S. Drought Impacts & Assessment Workshop.

As for June, it was most definitely time to crank up the AC unit: 2011 marked the hottest June ever in Texas with an average of 85.2 degrees, breaking the previous mark of 84.9 set in 1953.

"June was not only the warmest June in Texas history, it comes in as the fourth warmest month ever, which usually goes to a July or August time period," Conlee notes.

One stat sure to make Texans sweat: Even if the state receives an average of 2 inches of rain in July (the long-term average is 2.45 inches), it will already have had the driest August (2010) through July period ever.

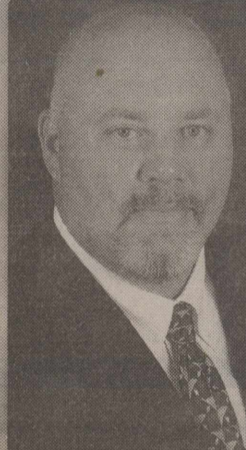
Conlee says the Palmer Drought Severity Index (used by the National Climatic Data Center) is currently -6.37, officially making this the third worst drought on record. First place occurred in 1956 with a mark of -6.54, and second was in 1918 with a -6.41 reading.

"But the stats are through June, meaning this still has the potential to surpass one or both of the infamous past droughts to be the worst or second worst drought in Texas history," Conlee adds.

"The primary cause of the drought is the lingering La Nina in the Pacific, but we don't know for certain if climate change is affecting rainfall one way or the other. What we do know is that temperatures are a degree or two warmer with climate change so the drought is worse than it would otherwise be," says Nielsen-Gammon, whose position as state climatologist is in addition to his service as professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M.

As for rainfall in the upcoming months, Conlee says the prospects are not that promising: the mid and long range forecasts are no better than an equal chance of above and below-normal precipitation, with many parts of the state having greater probability of below-normal.

"The saving grace could be the wildcard of a tropical storm or hurricane, although that rain could come at a high price," Conlee adds.



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# Annual Meeting --- Last-minute reminder

73RD ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
 COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2011

COLEMAN HIGH SCHOOL  
 COLEMAN, TEXAS

5:30 - 7:00 P.M.  
 Registration

6:15 - 6:45 P.M.  
 Entertainment

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.  
 Business Meeting

Adult and Kids Door Prizes

Plus attendance gifts for members and kids!

Come out and enjoy the homemade ice cream,  
 cookies, punch, and good fellowship!

