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Local farmer wins grant for Winters 4-H

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Mark Jacob, of Winters, has been selected as a winner in America's Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM, which gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organizations. The donations are available through the Monsanto Fund.

Jacob designated the Winters 4-H to receive the award in Runnels County.

Winters 4-H, Jacob and a Monsanto representative will participate in a check presentation ceremony during the Agri-Plex Ag Day, at noon on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at the Ballinger Community

Center.

In 1,245 eligible counties in 39 states, farmers could win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit. The Monsanto Fund expects to invest more than \$3.1 million in local communities.

America's Farmers Grow Communities is part of a broad commitment by the Monsanto Fund to highlight the important contributions farmers make every day to our society by helping them grow their local communities. Nearly 60,000 farmers participated in the second annual Grow Communities program, which is designed to benefit nonprofit groups such as ag youth, schools and other civic

organizations.

This prize was awarded to a Miles farmer in 2011. Last year Tommy Book, of Miles, Texas was selected as the winning farmer in Runnels County. On Friday, February 18, 2011, he joined a Monsanto representative to be presented with a \$2,500 check to benefit the Miles Young Farmers.

Since 1964, the Monsanto Fund has worked to improve people's lives.

According to their website just as Monsanto Company has been the leader in innovative and sustainable agriculture, the Monsanto Fund has worked to be an innovative philanthropic leader, provid-

ing sustainable assistance to communities in need around the world.

The Monsanto Fund is the philanthropic arm of Monsanto, and is focused on strengthening both farming communities and the communities where they have presence and work.

Through the Fund Monsanto aids in providing basic education support including schools, libraries, science centers, farmer training programs and academic programs that enrich or supplement school programs

For more information and to see a full list of winners, visit www.growcommunities.com.

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Look for the Agri-Plex 2012 Ag Day Special Section, with all the information about this event that will be held next week in the Ballinger Community Center.

Go Blizzards and Breezes!



High School 2012-2013 Blizzard cheerleaders back row left to right: Gabby Jimenez, Alanna Cooper, Joanna Perez, McKenzie Hooper (Head Cheerleader), Courtney Wyatt, and Ashley Guy. Front row: Kalyn Drake, Kat Lindley and Cedie Taylor. Mascot: Victoria Sanchez.



Winters Jr. High 2012-2013 Breezes cheerleaders back row left to right: K'Lee Lindley, Justine Garcia, Mikaela Cates and Christy Kruse. Front row: Amiee Green, Alyssa Bullard, Coyanita Martinez and Breanna Knight.

FBI investigating plane shooting near Talpa

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Federal Aviation Administration and the FBI office in San Angelo are investigating the alleged shooting of a crop-duster occurring a couple of weeks ago near Talpa. Both Concho County and Runnels County Sheriff's Departments confirmed that the case was turned over to federal investigators.

According to a source close to the investigation, Steve Ballard, of Winters, Texas, was the pilot of AT-502B Air Tractor. Ballard, owner of Ballard's Crop Dusting Service, in Winters, was hired to spray a wheat field property of David Hallmark. The property is located north of Talpa.

The incident occurred on February 29, when Ballard was spraying the field, and reportedly saw a man following his trajectory with a rifle.

According to the source the plane was hit by one of the four rounds fired. A 25-06 bullet hit the propellant, made a hole through the 500-gallon tank and exited the cockpit narrowly missing the pilot's legs and making a hole in his pants. The chemicals spilled spraying the pilot in the face.

Safe at home!



As the weather starts warming up the action is up and in full swing in the baseball fields. Here Strait Daniel slides at home at a Winters Blizzards' game held last week.

PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Circle C Cattlewomen to hold ag symposium

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STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN- March is designated the month to recognize and salute American farming and ranching. Coleman County Circle C Cattlewomen has begun a tradition of honoring women and men who pioneered ranching within our county. The organization has chosen a group of women who in every way exemplify heart and determination to make our county a better place to live and rear a family with values drawn from a rural setting.

The symposium is to be on Friday, March 23, at the Coleman Public Library, 400 Commercial Avenue. Local presenters will be Berva Dawn Sorenson Taylor, Jane Padgett, Joe Morris Hemphill, Patsy Morris Greaves, and Patsy Jamison Miller.

The featured speaker for this event is Dr. Barbara "Barney" Nelson, professor in the language arts department at Sul Ross State University. Dr. Nelson also presents workshops and seminars in numerous areas including photography featuring her far West Texas area. Barney Nelson as a descendant of William Bradford claims 15 generations in American agriculture. She was reared on a family stock farm in Eastern Iowa, spent 5 years on the 7-W Camp of the Nail Ranch near Albany, two years on the Caldwell Ranch, and 15 years on the Willow Springs Camp of the 06 Ranch near Alpine. She has been a livestock journalist since 1971 when she sold her first article to Western Horseman magazine. Since then, her photography and writing have appeared in almost every magazine connected to horses and cattle, including the July cover on cowgirls for Texas Monthly. She is the author of seven books and is currently an English professor at Sul Ross State University where she focuses her classes around nature, ranching, and

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Rowena crash claims life of well known community member

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
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BALLINGER- David Benedict Lange, 74, of Rowena, died Saturday March 18 morning following a vehicle crash in Rowena. The accident occurred Friday evening at the intersection of Farm to Market Road 2872 and U.S. Highway 67.

Lange was driving a GMC pickup truck at approximately 5:30 p.m., coming off of FM 2872. His pickup was struck on the driver's side by a westbound vehicle in the middle of U.S. Highway 67.

Lange was taken by ambulance to Shannon Medical Center, in San Angelo, but didn't make it

through the injuries sustained and was pronounced dead Saturday morning by Doctor Russ Mann.

Rebecca Ann Ridge, 51, of Fort Worth, Texas, was driving the Ford Excursion that struck Lange's truck. The woman had no visible injuries.

The crash is under investigation by Texas Department of Public Safety.

Lange was an active member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, in Rowena, Knights of Columbus, and he and his wife Pat organized a blood drive in Rowena several times a year for over 17 years.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Ysidro 'Chilo' E. Martinez

Ysidro "Chilo" E. Martinez, 68, of Ballinger passed away Sunday, March 18, 2012 at Ballinger Memorial Hospital of liver cancer.

He was born May 15, 1943 in Ballinger to Ylario and Trinidad (Esquivel) Martinez. He graduated from Ballinger High School. He married Christina Escobar on February 24, 1968 in Ballinger. He was a member of St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Ysidro worked for the Ballinger Ledger for many years and later worked at a print shop in Arlington for several years before retiring and moving back to Ballinger.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Edmond.

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Obituaries in
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are now also online,
check out our
webpage at

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Menard to host regional network luncheon

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MENARD- Menard community leaders will host a regional network luncheon sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) on March 29 at the Menard Public Library, 105 E. Mission. Community leaders from neighboring communities of Brady, Eden, Mason, San Angelo, Ballinger, Miles and Winters are invited to attend, enjoy the local cuisine and discuss mutual concerns. The luncheon is held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., cost is \$12.50 per person and reservations are requested.

Interested participants are asked to make reservations in advance by calling or emailing the TMCN Office at (325) 795-8626 or tmcn@tmcn.org. Reservations for the Menard luncheon can also be made by calling the Menard Chamber of Commerce office at (325) 396-2365.

Each year TMCN conducts a series of network luncheons in March and April to bring local leaders from visiting communities together to discuss issues that affect quality of life and local economies. The focus of the luncheons this year will be Community Awards. Discussion will include the criteria and application process for the "Community of Achievement" Award and "All-Star Community" Award sponsored by TMCN and how these awards benefit communities. Other locations for luncheons this year are Hico on April 12, Merkel on April 18, Goldthwaite on April 19, Cross Plains on April 24 and Throckmorton on April 26.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization for community and economic development, regional promotion, education, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." TMCN sponsors networking events during the year and projects to market the region for business and tourism development.

TMCN member cities are: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Knox City, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Rising Star, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, San Saba, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

NEWS NOTES

Easter egg hunt

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7, 2012, at 10 a.m., at Winters City Park. This will be for children up to 12 years old. Age groups will be 0-2, 3-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Bring your baskets and come have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny and hunt for eggs!

Z.I. Hale Museum directors to meet

The Z. I. Hale Museum directors and auxiliary members will meet on Thursday, March 29, for the monthly meeting. Meeting time will be at 5 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Call Wanda Brewer for more information at 754-7313.

Immunization clinics in Runnels County

Texas Department of State Health Services will have two immunization clinics in Runnels County. Flu vaccine will be available. The first clinic will be held in Winters, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 5 at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience please use Rear Entrance (Grant Street).

The second clinic will be held in Ballinger 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 your convenience please call to schedule an appointment, if no answer leave a message. For more information call (325) 754-4945.

Movie Night at FUMC of Winters

The First United Methodist Church of Winters will be having a free Movie Night on Friday, April 20 at 5 p.m. The movie will be "Courageous." There will be popcorn. Everyone is welcome to attend and have a good time.

Sesame St characters in Abilene

Elmo, Abby Cadabby and friends will share their love of music in Sesame Street Live "Elmo Makes Music" at Abilene Civic Center, April 14 - 15, 2012.

Bronte 2012 golf calendar

Bronte Longhorn Golf Club 2012 events: April 7, two-person 18 holes select shot; May 5, two-person 18 holes select shot; May 19, Wilson tournament three-person 27 holes select shot; June 2, two-person 18 holes select shot; July 7, two-person 27 holes LB/AS/SS; August 4, three-person 27 holes select shot; September 8, two-person 18 holes select shot; September 29 and 30, Coke Co. Tournament two-person 18 holes select shot each day; October 6, two-person 18 holes select shot; November 3, two-person 18 holes shot.

Carts are limited so sign up early if need carts. Bronte Longhorn Golf Club (325) 437-2156.

Mentors needed

Winters Elementary School is looking for volunteers to be a mentor on an elementary student. The volunteer would meet with the student once a week during

school hours for approximately 30 minutes to help with homework, read a book, or just talk. Mentoring has shown to help build self-esteem, improve grades and in some cases improves test scores. Anyone interested may contact Charles Murphy, Elementary Counselor at 754 5577 ext. 1126.

Runnels Co. RSE meetings

The Runnels Co. Retired School Employees meet at the First United Methodist Church, the second Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m. On February 14, 2012 Dist. XV President Nancy Byler will present the program at the Miles Citizen's State Bank; on April 10, 2012 UIL Students will be the program at the Winters ISD.

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held first Thursday of each month at 6 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 every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Band Hall.

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.

City Council Meetings

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

Colorado River Bikefest

The Ballinger Noon Lions Club will be holding its 37th annual Colorado River Bikefest/Lions Journey For Sight on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

Entry fee for the 5K ride, run and walk will be \$10. The 30K, 60K, and 100K tours registration fee is \$20. The first 100 entries will be getting free T-shirts. Proceeds will benefit Lions Club Journey for Sight. For more information contact Lanada Driskell at (325) 234-7842, e-mail lanada.driskell@yahoo.com or visit the Noon Lions Club website at <http://www.ballingernoonlions.org>. Entry forms are available on the website.

Teenager killed in accident near Colorado City

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STAFF REPORT

COLORADO CITY- One person was killed and one injured in a one vehicle overturn crash that occurred on State Highway 208, about 0.7 of a mile south of Colorado City last Friday, March 16, 2012.

According to information released by the Abilene office of the Texas Department of Public Safety the fatality was identified as Douglas

Major Bell, 18-years-of-age from Colorado City, Texas.

Bell was pronounced dead at the scene at 9:11 a.m. by Judge Rick Grisam. The body was taken to Kiker Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City, Texas.

Wesley Andrew Jordan, 18-years-of-age, passenger of the vehicle and also from Colorado City was transported to Mitchell County Hospital where he was treated

and released.

Bell was driving a 1992 Chevrolet pickup at 8:49 a.m. traveling southbound on Texas Highway 208, about 0.7 of a mile south of Colorado City. The vehicle left the roadway and struck a cement culvert. The vehicle launched into the air and overturned.

The pavement was dry and the weather clear. This crash is being investigated by Trooper Ricky Molina.

Comanche Co crash leaves two fatalities

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COMANCHE- Two people were killed in a two-vehicle head-on crash occurring last Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 1:18 p.m. in Comanche County. The crash was on State Highway 06, four miles east of Deleon, Texas.

Drivers of the two vehicles were pronounced dead by Judge Rex Plumlee and taken to Nowlin Funeral Home in Deleon, Texas.

The Abilene office of the Texas Department of Public Safety identified the victims as Laticia Ramirez, a 25-years-of-age surgeon assistant from Temple, Texas, and Javier Olvera, a 51-year-old construction worker from Mexia, Texas.

Ramirez was driving a 2008 Dodge pickup westbound on Texas 06 in Comanche County. And Olvera was driving a 2010 Chevrolet pickup eastbound on the same highway. The accident occurred when Ramirez crossed over into the eastbound lane in a curve and struck the Chevrolet pickup head-on.

At the time of the wreck the road was dry and weather clear/cloudy. This crash is being investigated by Trooper Mitchell Best.

Pedestrian struck by two vehicles on Interstate Highway 20

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STAFF REPORT

WESTBROOK- One person was killed and one injured in a two vehicle and pedestrians crash occurring on Interstate Highway 20, in Mitchell County. The accident occurred on Monday, March 19 at 9:56 p.m. on the interstate 20 westbound lanes, mile post 205. 1.5 mile west of Westbrook, Mitchell County, Texas.

Floyd Lee Hickman, 73-years-of-age and a retired military from Abilene, Texas, was

pronounced dead at the scene at 10:35 p.m. by Judge Williams. The body was taken to Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City, Texas.

The accident occurred when Hickman had car trouble and stepped away from his vehicle becoming a pedestrian. Eric Matthew Gavin was driving a 2008 Toyota westbound on Interstate 20 when he struck the pedestrian. Gavin and his passenger, Andrew Deana Johnston, stopped to render aid to Hickman.

A third vehicle driven by Maribel Bernal was driving westbound on Interstate 20 and struck Hickman and the passenger of the Toyota (now also a pedestrian), Andrew Deana Johnston. Bernal was driving a 1994 Buick sedan.

Johnston, 24, and from Jber, Alaska, was transported to Odessa Regional Medical Center with a broken leg.

The pavement was dry and the weather clear. This crash is being investigated by Trooper Vernon Guthrie.

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Don't Mess with Texas scholarship open now to High School Seniors

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AUSTIN- Texas high school seniors who care about the environment have the chance to win a college scholarship by composing a 350-word essay explaining what they've done to improve the litter situation in their community.

The ninth annual Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship is sponsored by BASF Corporation's Freeport, Texas, location in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Don't Mess with Texas is accepting essays for the 2012 Scholarship March 15 through April 20, 2012.

"This scholarship is such a fit for what we at BASF are trying to accomplish. From the products we make that impact the quality of our lives every day to how we operate our facilities safely and as good stewards of our environment, we are living the 'Don't Mess with Texas' philosophy," said Chris Witte, Sr. Vice President

and Site Manager, BASF Freeport.

"Plus, by supporting the educational initiative, it further aligns with our mission of ensuring we have trained, qualified people available to enter the workforce, or even join our industry one day. So BASF is proud — honored — to be able to support this scholarship and the Keep Texas Beautiful organization, while continuing to spread the word that those of us who live in Texas, need to take care of Texas."

The first-place winner will receive \$3,000. The second- and third-place winners will receive \$1,000 each.

Don't Mess with Texas is a litter prevention campaign sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation. The scholarship is one of TxDOT's efforts to generate more youth involvement in the campaign.

"The scholarship requires students to write an essay explaining the litter prevention efforts

they've made in their community, and we're always impressed with how hard many high school students work to keep Texas beautiful," said Brenda Flores-Dollar, program administrator for TxDOT's Travel Information Division, which manages the Don't Mess with Texas campaign.

Eligibility requirements include any high school senior graduating spring 2012, who currently resides and attends school in Texas, Seniors planning to further their education at an accredited two — or four-year college or university (public or private) in Texas.

Students can send their essays from March 15, 2012 - April 20, 2012. Materials are due via email or must be postmarked by April 20, 2012.

Works should be essays from 300 to 350 words identifying a litter problem in the student's school or community and the action he or she took to address it. Students should complete an

online or by mail Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship application with the essay by April 20, 2012. For the application, mailing address or further details, visit www.DontMessWithTexas.org.

Don't Mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. TxDOT's litter prevention program includes Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Don't Mess with Texas activities also include a spring "Trash-Off," community outreach, a corporate partner program, and a new photo album where Texans can share their iconic Texas images. For more information, visit www.DontMessWithTexas.org

The BASF Corporation is home to more than 100 manufacturing sites throughout the US, Mexico and Canada, including one of its largest sites in Freeport, Texas. Founded in 1958, the BASF Freeport site is home to 24 manufacturing plants

making 23 different products. These products are the raw materials used to make many products that we depend upon every day, including fertilizer, food packaging, automobile parts, housing materials, fishing line, carpet, epoxies, paints and more. We have more than 1,100 people working here - direct employees and contractors - together ensuring we make our products safely, efficiently and with minimal impact on our environment. Our site believes in giving back to the community who gives us the right to operate. We do that by supporting more than 50 organizations and their related activities each year, with our employees donating more than 500 man-hours annually to community goodwill. Along those same lines, BASF is a proud partner with our local public schools and our community college, realizing that our future workforce - our future leadership - depends upon what we teach our youth today.

A&M aims to teens through 'College Week Live'

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- Texas A&M University will once again reach out to teens interested in attending a college or university using the spring online "CollegeWeekLive" fair for prospective students.

The college fair planned for March 21-22 will feature more than 300 colleges from across the U.S. and around the world. Teens and their parents, regardless of geographic location, can meet online with Texas A&M admissions and financial aid representatives from the convenience of any computer, organizers of the event note.

By participating in live chats — scheduled from 4 to 9 p.m. — prospective students can ask questions about what it's like to be an Aggie, while parents can ask about admission requirements or financial aid. Jon Buchanan, executive director admissions and records, will host a live video chat

on Thursday (March 22) from 7 to 8 p.m.

Texas A&M recruitment officials say they believe the spring event will help the university connect with prospective students who may not normally be able to visit the campus.

CollegeWeekLive is another opportunity to give prospective students an online experience that will showcase Texas A&M as a top-tier, world-class flagship institution, they add.

The free online college fair at http://www.collegeweeklive.com/en_CA/Guest/CollegeWeekLive_SPRING is planned from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (CT) each day and will include live chats from 4 to 9 p.m. with Texas A&M representatives who can provide admissions and financial aid advice.

"CollegeWeekLive," free for students, parents and guidance counselors, has become the leading platform for online admissions by providing the world's largest college

and online admissions events. "CollegeWeekLive," with hundreds of colleges and universities exhibiting nationally, has revolutionized college admissions, officials say. It is making the process easier and more cost effective by bringing students, parents, counselors and colleges together online, they explain. This allows prospective college students to "visit" colleges and universities, and talk to admissions officials and current college students no matter what time or distance constraints they might have.

Students or parents can register for the Texas A&M "CollegeWeekLive" event at no charge by visiting http://www.collegeweeklive.com/en_CA/br/Texas_AM_University_Reg/refcode=COL_Texas_AM_UNIVERSITY_Email_SPRING2012

Students who register will be eligible to win a \$1,000 scholarship from "CollegeWeekLive."

Blizzards blank Ballinger



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

The Winters Blizzards rallied five runs in the first inning and held the Ballinger Bearcats scoreless for the rest of the match for an 8-0 win during the last non-district game of the 2012 baseball season. The game was held Friday, March 16, 2012 at the Ballinger High School field. Pictured here is Bryce Mikeska sliding at home to score despite the efforts of Ballinger's catcher to tag him out.

Baseball polls

Top 10 teams for the state of Texas as of March 16, 2012. Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association

Conference 5A	Pleasant Grove	13-3
Corpus Christi Carroll10-0 (0-0)	Carthage	14-2
Seven Lakes	Bridge City	9-2
13-1 (1-0)	Sweeny	11-1
The Woodlands	Prosper	13-2
11-2 (1-0)	Yoakum	8-1
El Paso Franklin	Lubbock Cooper	12-2
15-1 (1-0)	Wimberley	9-1
Klein Collins	Farmersville	14-2
10-2 (0-0)	Others receiving votes:	
Georgetown	Argyle, Spring Hill, Sinton,	
11-0 (1-0)	Snyder, Princeton, and	
San Antonio Churchill13-1 (2-0)	Somerset	
Flower Mound	Conference 2A	
11-2 (0-0)	Hughes Springs	11-2
Austin Westlake	Franklin	13-1
13-1 (1-0)	Brock	9-0
Tomball	Refugio	11-0
9-1 (1-0)	Bangs	11-0
Others receiving votes:	Elkhart	15-1
Houston Strake Jesuit,	Bishop	11-2
College Park, PSJA, Plano	Weimar	6-2
West, Coppell, and Ft Bend	Palmer	10-3
Kempner.	Luling - 11-3	
Conference 4A	Conference 1A	
Corpus Christi Calallen	Dodd City	3-1
15-0 (1-0)	Archer City	9-2
Rockwall	Muenster	9-3
12-1 (1-0)	Douglass	10-2
Medina Valley	Trenton	7-2
10-1 (0-0)	D'Hanis	9-0
Canyon	Cayuga	8-2
9-1 (0-0)	Miles	4-0
George Ranch	Carlisle	6-2
8-2 (1-0)	10. Shiner	5-4
Centennial		
10-3 (1-0)		
Magnolia		
9-3 (1-0)		
Wichita Falls Rider8-3 (1-0)		
El Campo		
9-3 (1-0)		
Hallsville		
9-3 (1-0)		
Others receiving votes:		
Caprock, Brenham, Rock-		
wall Heath, and Alamo		
Heights.		
Conference 3A		
Robinson		
10-1		

Rains bring moisture and weeds

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- More rain came to most of Texas, improving drought-damaged pastures and rangeland, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

The rains greatly improved the agricultural situation, according to weekly reports, but many ranchers were still feeding hay, though the green-up allowed them to cut back. The warmer-than-normal weather and moisture also brought on weed growth in pastures, particularly those pastures damaged by last year's drought.

"Grass stands are thin from last year's drought, and weeds are making a comeback with a vengeance," said Randy Reeves, AgriLife Extension agent for Harrison County, north of Longview. "Winter forage is growing well."

"Recent rains and moisture have really greened things up in the county. Unfortunately right now a large percentage of that appears to be weeds and small forbs," said Tyler Bobinmyer, AgriLife Extension agent for Mason County, north of San Antonio. "Good grazing for sheep and goats."

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BALLINGER- William Henry (Billy) Brown was born October 21, 1853 in Georgia. His father, W. F. Brown arrived in Brown County with his family in the spring of 1857 from the State of Georgia when young Billy was four years old. The Brown family settled in the Jones Chapel area and began assisting in the organization of the county.

Mr. Brown was the first district clerk and served as the county's third postmaster. He also produced the first bale of cotton and ginned it in Comanche, Texas at a gin operated by horsepower. He was credited with having slain the

last buffalo killed on open range in Brown County in 1857. The horns of the buffalo were placed in the Boeniche Collection, later given to Howard Payne College. Mr. Brown died in Brown County, December 23, 1918.

W. H., (Billy) Brown and his brother, John P. joined the Texas Rangers. John P. Brown was one of the 14 volunteers sent to fight the Kickapoo Indians under the command of Lieutenant Addison Morton in the Dove Creek Battle. The Indians moved to Mexico and were actually friendly.

Frontier Battalion, Company E, Capt. B. S. Foster, Commander, dated December 1874, lists W. H. (Billy) Brown discharged

December 9, 1874.

In 1875 some horses were stolen from Brown County by the Indians. Billy went with a group to find and bring back the horses.

They were traced through Runnels County and into the edge of Coke County. As the men were returning with the horses, they were overtaken by Comanche Indians. A fight followed. Billy was wounded and his friends endeavored to reach home with him, but he died. He was 22 years of age. The men buried him where he fell — the last man to be killed by Indians in Runnels County. Another man who had also been a Texas Ranger also died in the

same battle.

The spot where Billy fell and was buried was on the estate of Samuel A. Maverick for whom the town of Maverick was named.

It became for a short time the area's only cemetery before it was abandoned as a burying place. Only about 20 persons were entombed in Maverick Cemetery, most of them children.

The dedication was held on Sunday afternoon, August 27, 1967. Texas Ranger, R. R. Rohatsdch of San Angelo, Texas spoke at the ceremonies at the grave site where the Texas Historical Marker was placed. It is one of a series that record the brave deeds of Texas lawmen.

Marker inscription

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Resources:

Runnels County Historical Commission Marker Histories.
Ballinger Ledger, Ballinger, Texas, August 24, 1967.
Standard Times, San Angelo, Texas, August 24, 1967.
Winters Enterprise, Winters, Texas, August 25, 1967.

TPWD exploring non-lethal burro control

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN - The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is continuing to explore the feasibility of non-lethal alternatives to manage the feral burro problem at Big Bend Ranch State Park.

Since the mid-2000s, TPWD's State Parks Division has explored non-lethal options such as live trapping to remove the burros. State parks staff met early on with veterinarians and other experts with the USDA-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) based in Presidio, but APHIS was unsuccessful in trapping feral burros along the US-Mexico Border within the state park.

In 2007, no feasible alternatives had been found and TPWD began lethal control in 2008, the agency temporarily ceased lethal efforts to allow Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue to try live trapping burros at

the park, but after nearly two years of efforts by the group no burros were caught.

In 2011, TPWD Executive Director Carter Smith challenged critics of the department's burro control methods to bring resources to bear on the problem and to suggest practical alternatives.

"We have said consistently that Texas Parks and Wildlife does not have the financial resources to control burros at Big Bend Ranch State Park through alternatives such as capture and quarantine, but that we are open to substantive discussions with interested parties who wish to offer their own resources to help address this problem," Smith said. "However, any proposed plan must account for adequate and sustained funding, and we must be clear that the goal is to remove feral burros from the park."

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)

has offered its resources to assess non-lethal options. In January, state parks and HSUS staff met at Big Bend Ranch to allow HSUS to assess the landscape and conditions. HSUS is working with a private contractor to conduct an aerial survey to determine the numbers and locations of burros at the park, an essential first step to assess costs and feasibility of control options. TPWD has agreed to cost-share up to \$10,000 to help pay for the survey, which should occur this spring.

If HSUS determines that non-lethal alternatives are feasible, the organization will prepare and submit to TPWD for its consideration a proposed timeframe, strategies, methods and resources required to accomplish non-lethal management alternatives. At present, there is no formal proposal or agreement between TPWD and HSUS.

"We understand concerns that have been

expressed by many people and are open to considering feasible, non-lethal alternatives," Smith said. "However, our basic policy is unchanged. Our responsibility to protect Big Bend Ranch State Park's sensitive lands and waters is our highest priority. The need to control feral burros to protect park resources remains, and if non-lethal methods are determined to be unfeasible, we retain the option to conduct lethal control as conditions require."

Smith said if HSUS is able to commit to adequate and sustained funding for burro control, and if the methods proposed by the humane society are accepted by TPWD, the agency will facilitate HSUS efforts by furnishing access, information and other available resources.

The burros are a feral, exotic, invasive species threatening the state park's native plants and animals, precious desert

springs and seeps, and other natural and cultural resources, a threat similar to that posed by feral hogs and other invasive plants and animals across Texas. TPWD has a statewide policy to control all such exotic, invasive plants and animals on its public lands. In 2011, the agency posted an online fact sheet with photos and video detailing the park burro problem.

Removal of burros has been an opportunistic activity that occurs in the state park at times when visitor safety can be assured. The high season for BBR visitation is October-April. It is normal and customary for TPWD to curtail burro control during these months due to heavier public use in back country areas. Smith said it is not likely that TPWD will conduct lethal burro control in the near future, until it has been determined whether any non-lethal methods are feasible.

Veteran's Corner

On Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) will once again offer forfeited land tracts to eligible Texas veterans in a sealed-bid sale. For complete information on tracts and bidding instructions, go to their website at <http://www.glo.texas.gov/vlb> or call toll free 1-800-252-VETS (8387). If you need help with the application, I am here to help. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave or call 365-3612.

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AARP asking for voice in Medicare, Social Security debate

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN - AARP leaders at events across the country announced the launch of You've Earned a Say, a national conversation about strengthening health and retirement security. Through You've Earned a Say, AARP is taking the debate about Medicare and Social Security out from behind closed doors in Washington and making sure that all Americans have a voice in the discussion about their future.

AARP Texas is kicking off You've Earned a Say this week by holding community conversations

across the state to hear from Texans of all ages on how to keep Social Security and Medicare strong. From Austin to Dallas, from Fort Worth to San Antonio, AARP Texas is inviting voters to engage in a conversation about these important programs. AARP Board Member and nationally-recognized aging expert Dr. Fernando Torres-Gil will attend a conversation in Houston to hear first hand why these programs are important to Texans.

In the coming months, AARP will travel the state holding community conversations and distributing questionnaires on Social

Security and Medicare to give Texans the chance to speak their minds and offer ideas to strengthen these important programs. AARP Chapters across Texas are launching a contest to see which Chapter can collect the most questionnaires, and hear from the most Texans.

"Instead of talking about Medicare and Social Security as line items in the federal budget, Washington should be talking about how to strengthen health and retirement security and ensuring Americans have a voice in the debate," said AARP CEO A. Barry Rand at an event in Virginia. "Our members and older Americans have paid into Medicare and Social Security throughout their working lives, and they have earned a say in the future of these programs."

Citing research showing that 95 percent of Americans think Washington should spend more time listening to ordinary citizens like them when it comes to decisions about

Social Security and Medicare, AARP Executive Vice President Nancy A. LeMond outlined a variety of activities through which You've Earned a Say will help Americans make their voices heard.

"We want to give Americans a way to speak out and be heard," LeMond said. "And we're committed to making You've Earned a Say an inclusive conversation with our members and adults of all ages."

You've Earned a Say will amplify the voices of Americans by: Holding community conversations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico; distributing a series of You've Earned a Say questionnaires and publishing the results on www.earnedasay.org; helping people to share their ideas directly with their members of Congress and the presidential candidates on www.earnedasay.org; hosting opportunities around the country for people to record their thoughts on

why Medicare and Social Security are important to older Americans and their loved ones; creating a map of the United States that features video footage from all the You've Earned a Say conversations taking place around the country.

A national television advertising schedule for You've Earned a Say began on network, cable news and lifestyle channels.

"You've Earned a Say is also about making sure that all Americans receive clear and balanced information about the programs and the proposals being debated in Washington," Rand continued. "We need to make sure that all Americans have the facts."

Emphasizing the importance of Medicare and Social Security to older Americans, Rand and LeMond outlined some of the challenges facing the programs in the coming years. In the survey released today, 98 percent of respondents said Medicare is important to people's health in retirement, but only 54 percent

are confident it will be there for them throughout their retirement. Similarly, 96 percent believe Social Security is important to people's financial security in retirement, but only 49 percent are confident it will be there for them.

"Social Security and Medicare are the foundation of retirement security for millions of Americans," Rand concluded. "By working together, getting involved and making our voices heard, we can keep Social Security and Medicare strong for today and for future generations."

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THE IDLE AMERICAN

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Dr. Don Newbury

I have a strong notion that most Americans have deep-down desires to fulfill the Biblical admonition to voluntarily take care of the poor. It's a conviction painted with a broad brush, with no attempt to define "poor," which requires an even broader brush.

During the Great Depression, most people were "poor" — and unaware of it at the time. They got through it by taking the high road, smiling through scarcities. They were "too poor to paint and too proud to whitewash." Some claimed being "too poor to buy cheap," convinced that items bought needed to be good enough to last a long time. Another said, "I was born with nothing and still have most of it..."

It is gratifying to note that churches, civic clubs and other humanitarian

groups tackle ever-growing challenges of poverty. Remarkably, progress continues despite a poor economic climate.

Aren't you glad that Mother Teresa remained committed to her pilgrimage of serving others until her life was spent? She trudged on, despite miserable economic conditions in India.

Arlington, TX, citizens salute their own modern-day Mother Teresa in Tillie Burgin. This saintly figure gives virtually all of her waking hours — and probably her short hours of slumber as well — to her beloved Mission Arlington, a model charitable outreach to the community. In addition to serving thousands of daily beneficiaries, the project is a beacon to a vast number of other churches and agencies. The reps show up, pads in hands, to learn

the "nuts and bolts" of the ministry. Some visit to see if Tillie really can get blood from turnips....

Some folks hone their skills of giving over lifetimes. Warren Buffett, the "oracle of Omaha" long known for his investment wizardry, has decreed that more than half of his multi-billion-dollar estate will accrue to charitable causes.

The late R. G. LeTourneau was likewise "others centered." Credited with almost 300 inventions, he was called a "mover of men and mountains." The industrialist's machines accounted for some three-fourths of the earthmoving equipment used during World War II. He and wife Evelyn tithed in reverse, living on 10% of their income and funneling 90% to others.



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They founded what is now LeTourneau University in Longview, TX, providing majority funding during its early decades. Dr. Dale A. Lunsford, president, continues to hear endearing accounts of the founders' generosity. He said an old-timer reminded him recently of the LeTourneaus' visit to his out-of-state church a half-century ago. The philanthropist challenged the congregation to participate in the church's capital campaign, and before leaving town, quietly left a sizeable check to help out....

I think of generous folks' giving patterns when candidates for public office make their financial disclosures. Most "telling" to me is their commitment to charity—or lack of same—to churches and/or other worthy groups.

When percentages are anemic, such candidates seem more accustomed to self-serving rather than others-serving. One current congressional candidate has made charitable gifts totaling 1% over the past five years. The 1% figure is lodged in my mind....

I applaud older folks for their giving records. Fund-raisers tell us that this group sets the pace in charitable giving. A good example is Ebby Halliday, a 101-year-old Dallas businesswoman associated with a myriad of great causes. Dallas ISD recently dedicated a new elementary school named in her honor. And she was present to take a bow....

the story goes, appeared at the pearly gates, sad that his charitable giving record had been worse than miserable.

"Didn't you give any money to anything?" St. Peter asked....

"I did give 25 cents to the Salvation Army one time." The angel Gabriel, thumbing through the man's book of life, found the entry, along with another 25 cents to "unplanned" parenthood, and still another gift of 25 cents to United Way. That was it.

"Well, 75 cents is more than nothing, but not much more," St. Peter said as he turned toward Gabriel. "What would you do?" he asked.

Gabriel was ready: "I'd give him back his six bits and send him south."...

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Falcon, Fork produce ShareLunkers

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

ATHENS—Perennial big-bass lakes Falcon and Fork each produced a Toyota ShareLunker over the weekend.

Falcon started the ball rolling March 16 with a

14.39-pounder, the biggest fish entered into the program so far this season. Gary Wingate of Amarillo caught the fish in 12 feet of water using a plastic worm. The fish was 26.5 inches long and 20.75 inches in girth. It was

weighed at Robert's Fish 'n Tackle in Zapata.

Wingate's catch boosted him into the front-runner spot for Angler of the Year. The person who catches the season's largest entry will be named Angler of the Year and will receive a prize package from G. Loomis valued at \$818. The package includes a G. Loomis NRX854C jig and worm rod, a Shimano Chronarch D1007 casting reel and 150 yards of moss green Power Pro super-braid fishing line. If a Texas angler catches the largest entry of the season, that person also receives a lifetime fishing license.

Lake Fork chimed in Sunday with a 13.1-pounder caught in a JC Outdoors individual tournament. Michael Justus of Garland was fishing alone when the big bass took his finesse worm on a dropshot rig

in six to seven feet of water.

This weekend's fish are the eighth and ninth entries of the season.

"It was a battle," Justus said. "I got the net after her five times before I finally netted her. Then I realized how big she was. It was awesome. It's something I'll cherish forever, that's for sure."

Anyone legally catching a 13-pound or bigger largemouth bass from Texas waters, public or private, between October 1 and April 30 may submit the fish to the Toyota ShareLunker program by calling the ShareLunker hotline at (903) 681-0550 or paging (888) 784-0600 and leaving a phone number including area code.

ShareLunker entries are used in a selective breeding program. Some of the offspring from these fish are stocked back into the water body from which they were caught.

ShareLunker program coordinator to retire

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

ATHENS—David L. Campbell, coordinator of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's ShareLunker program, will retire at the end of March.

Campbell has worked for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for 46 years. He was inducted into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in 2011.

As manager of the Tyler Fish Hatchery, he was instrumental in the introduction of Florida largemouth bass into Texas and has helped stock fish into almost every public reservoir in the state. He has been associated with the ShareLunker program since its beginning. He picked up the first fish entered into the program in 1986 and most of the more than 500 entered since.

Through his years of experience of caring for trophy largemouth bass, Campbell contributed a great deal to the knowledge of how best to care for big fish and communicated this information to the public through countless interviews with media from newspapers, magazines, radio and television. This emphasis on the proper way to handle big fish appeared in newspaper articles as early as 1990 and may prove to be one of Campbell's most enduring legacies. Coming as it did at the same time catch-and-release of big bass became the norm, the impact of proper fish handling on the conservation of trophy bass can hardly be overestimated.

"David Campbell and the ShareLunker program are almost synonymous," said Gary Saul, director of TPWD's Inland Fisheries Division. "He is without doubt the number one ambassador for the ShareLunker program, which is TPWD's most highly visible program, gaining more media coverage annually than all other TPWD programs combined. To hundreds of anglers and the public, Campbell is Mr. ShareLunker."

"David Campbell has been one of the most dedicated employees of TPWD I have ever worked with," said Allen Forshage, director of the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens, where the ShareLunker program is headquartered. "His work ethic is legendary within TPWD. Few people have so completely and selflessly dedicated their lives to making fishing better for the anglers of Texas as David has. Every big bass caught from a Texas reservoir is part of his legacy."

Campbell started work in 1965 as a fish hatchery assistant at the Lewisville State Fish Hatchery and worked his way up to Hatchery Manager at the Tyler Fish Hatchery and later the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. He has raised and stocked literally millions of fish in Texas waters including black bass, channel catfish, blue catfish, crappie, striped bass, hybrid striped bass, northern pike, walleye, peacock bass and several sunfish and forage species.

In 1973 Campbell went to Florida to collect Florida largemouth bass. The stocking of Florida largemouth bass into Texas public reservoirs elevated trophy fishing in Texas forever and earned Campbell the nickname "Godfather of Big Bass." Under the direction of former TPWD Fisheries Director Bob Kemp, Campbell began breeding and stocking pure Florida bass as an experiment to increase the size of trophy bass in Texas. By the early eighties, these efforts began to pay off as the 13.5-pound state record that had existed since 1943 was broken four times in six years. Then in November 1986, Mark Stevenson caught a 17.67-pound bass named Ethel out of Lake Fork. That fish shattered all previous records, garnered nationwide media coverage, and changed fishing in Texas forever.

Biodiesel industry may help to feed cattle

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

AMARILLO—Crude glycerin, a byproduct of biodiesel production, could be an economical ingredient in cattle diets, according to studies by Texas AgriLife Research and West Texas A&M University personnel.

Dr. Jim MacDonald, AgriLife Research beef cattle nutritionist in Amarillo, said during biodiesel production from sources such as cottonseed oil, glycerol is separated from fatty acids. The fatty acids become the biodiesel and the glycerol, combined with the impurities that remain, is a potential ingredient in livestock feed.

"Crude glycerin is usually priced at a discount relative to corn, so we wanted to look at replacing corn to evaluate at the energy value of the glycerin," MacDonald said. "Then the question became, what if you replace forage, which would be the case with stocker cattle?"

MacDonald said glycerin has good flowability in low temperatures, as opposed to molasses or other similar products, and is non-corrosive to feeding equipment — both traits making it attractive to the cattle feeding industry.

Additionally, glycerin is low in phosphorus, protein and sulfur, which can be concentrated in other dietary ingredients, he said.

While the researchers knew the physical and nutritional properties made crude glycerin an attractive carrier in liquid supplement programs, relatively little was known about its performance implications in growing or high-concentrate finishing diets for beef cattle.

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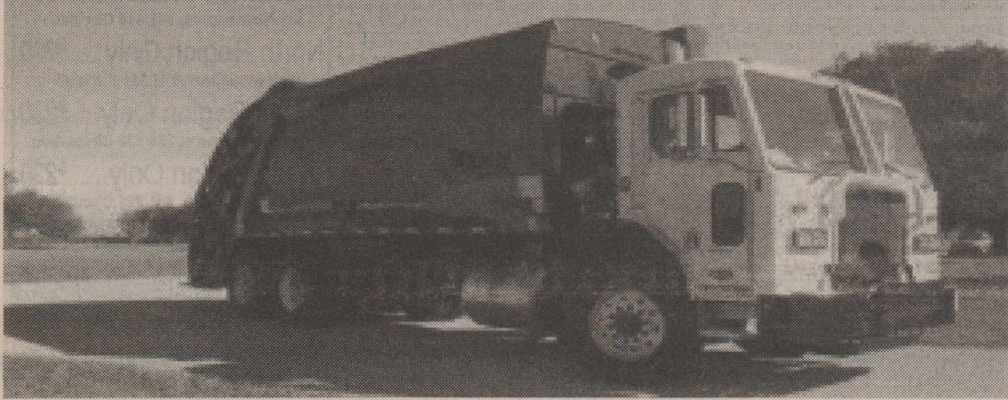
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Monday

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Tuesday

Spaghetti/Bread Stick or Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Hot Roll, Rainbow Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Frito Pie or Soft Taco, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Orange Wedges, Cornbread or Jalapeno Cheese Bread, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Grilled Chicken/Bun or Steak Fingers/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Tomato Pasta, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Peach Cobbler, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

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AG DAY 2012

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The Ag Day will feature nearly 30 exhibitors. This year's event will be held in the Ballinger Community Center and Stock Show buildings.



At the Health Fair there will be screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugars, as well as adult immunizations, cancer awareness and many more services.



Health care and rehab services will be available at no cost or at low cost for everyone.



The Farm Family of the Year and Agribusiness of the Year awards are presented in this event. Here the Bredemeyers, 2010 Farm Family of the Year are presented with the award by the Kalinas, 2008 recipients.

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2012 AGRI-PLEX AG DAY TO BE HELD ON MARCH 27 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

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RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
AGRI-PLEX AG DAY 2012

BALLINGER- Long awaited and highly anticipated by ranchers, farmers and producers in the area the 2012 Ag Day is finally here, and this year brings a comprehensive program that will be offering a wide array of conferences and seminars, as well as services for everyone.

The 26th Ag Day, an event held only every other year, will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012.

Unlike past editions of the event, when it was held in the Ballinger High School Auditorium, this year all the activities will be held at the renovated Ballinger Community Center and Stock Show buildings.

The schedule starts at 9 a.m. with the registration and booth visitation, and includes very interesting conferences and seminars for both producers and ladies.

The Ag Day will center on agricultural and consumer issues West Texans are facing such as water rights, cotton market, an update on the weather by the National Weather Service's San Angelo Office, cotton root rot management, and will host the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association annual meeting.

The Farm Family of the Year award, Agribusiness of the Year award, and the Pat Lee scholarship will be presented at the 2012 Agri-Plex Ag Day.

This year's keynote speaker will be former congressman Charlie Stenholm, who has long been a supporter and advocate of West Texas agriculture.

Stenholm, a third generation Texan, who represented the 17th Congressional District of Texas took to Washington his vision of amplifying the voice of rural America in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The former congressman is known for his trademark cowboy boots and a good-natured but no-nonsense, common-sense style.

Stenholm served on the Agriculture Committee since his Washington arrival and won the post of Ranking Democrat on the Committee in the 105th Congress.

Stenholm graduated from Tarleton State Junior College and Texas Tech University, and has received honorary Doctor of Law degrees from Abilene Christian, Hardin-Simmons, and McMurry Universities.

He will be addressing various ag-related issues pertaining to West Texas.

This year's event will include men's and women's programs, and a health fair with blood pressure and sugar screenings available cost-free or at low-cost, as well as health education efforts provided by several area health care providers.

The Ag Day will feature nearly 30 exhibitors and a noon meal sponsored by the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association.

Sponsored by the Monsanto Fund to support local farming communities, America's Farmers Grow Communities will be presenting the Monsanto Award. This award allows farmers to register to win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit organization.



Producers Program

9:00 a.m.
Registration and Booth Visitation

10:00 a.m.
2012 Ag Policy
Dr. Joe Outlaw, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Economist

10:30 a.m.
Water Rights and Issues - Senate Bill 18
Regan Beck, Texas Farm Bureau

11:15 a.m.
Cotton Market Update
Dr. Bill Thompson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Economist

11:45 a.m.
Complimentary Lunch
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12:15 p.m.
Awards Program
Prayer for Rain - Rev. Diane Eggemeyer
America's Farmers Grow Communities-Monsanto Award
Farm Family of the Year
Agribusiness of the Year
Pat Lee Scholarship Presentation
Keynote Speaker - Charles Stenholm

1:30 p.m.
National Weather Service Update
Dr. Steve Lyons, Meteorologist in Charge

2:00 p.m.
Cotton Root Rot Management Using Top-Guard
Rick Minzenmayer, Texas AgriLife Extension Entomologist

2:30 p.m.
Break and Booth Visitation

3:00 p.m.
Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association, Inc. Annual Meeting
■ Introductions
Robert Englert, SRPGRA President
■ Presidents Report
Robert Englert
■ Ag Issues at the State Level
Representative Drew Darby Texas House of Representatives
■ 2011 PIE Tour Report
Joe Mathiesen
■ National Cotton Council Report
Bret Cybert, Texas NCC Staff
■ Comm. For Advancement of Cotton
Doyle Schniers, SRP Committee

Women's Program

9:00 a.m.
Registration and Booth Visitation

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Health Fair
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■ Cholesterol
■ Blood Sugars, etc.

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1:30 p.m.
Water Wise Landscaping
Allison Watkins, Texas Agri-Life Extension Horticulturist

2:15 p.m.
Water Conservation at Home
Gary Bryant, Texas Agri-Life Extension Water Specialist

3:00 p.m.
Door Prizes and Wrap Up

3:15 p.m.
Break and Booth Visitation

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Ag Day to feature Health Fair

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BALLINGER— A Health Fair will be conducted in the Ballinger Community Center in conjunction with the Ag Day on Tuesday March 27, 2012. From 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., any person can participate in the cost-free or low-cost preventive health screenings, and health education efforts provided by several area health care providers.

Preventing disease before it begins is critical for everyone. Preventable illness makes up approximately 70 percent of the burden of disease and associated costs. Each year, chronic illnesses such as heart disease, cancer, and diabetes are respon-

sible for millions of premature deaths and cause Americans to miss 2.5 billion days of work, resulting in lost productivity totaling more than \$1 trillion. Nearly one out of four deaths in Texas are due to heart disease. In 2006, 38,782 Texans died from heart disease (National Vital Statistics Report, 2009). According to the Texas Diabetes Council an estimated 1.7 million persons aged 18 years and older in Texas have been diagnosed with diabetes. While another estimated 425,157 persons aged 18 and older in Texas are believed to have undiagnosed diabetes. Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in Texas. Runnels County has been identi-

fied to have a high mortality rate due to diabetes. With nearly 1 million Americans dying every year from diseases that could be prevented, even small preventive changes and initiatives can make a big difference in leading healthier lives.

Ballinger Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center will be present with information on new outpatient therapy services, skilled nursing and long term care. Therapy services are important so that you can stay independent and able to care for yourself safely. It is also important to understand benefits of long term care as needed to ensure the safety and highest level of care for your loved ones.

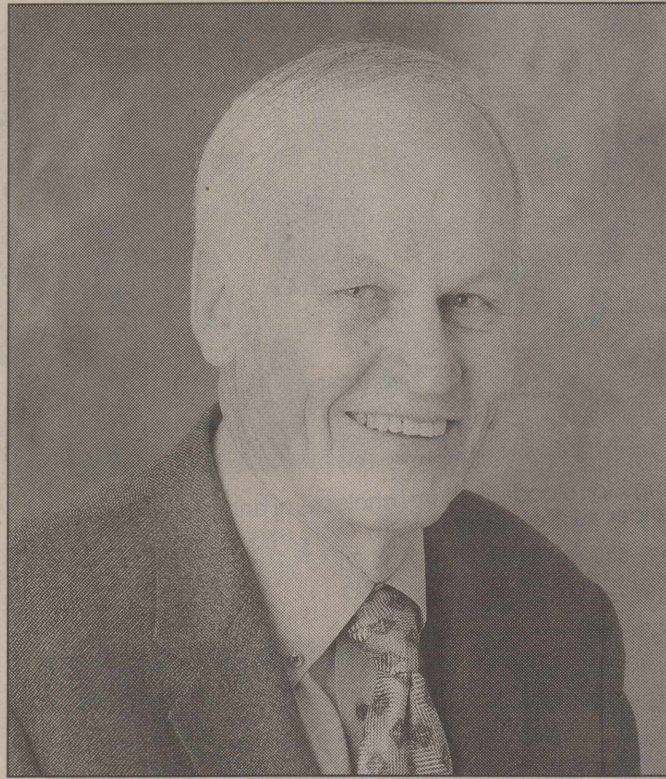
Ballinger Memorial Hospital will be conducting cholesterol screening, checking blood pressure, flu shots, peripheral artery disease testing, dietary consultations and information on cardiac rehab. If you are planning on participating in the cholesterol screening you will need to not eat after midnight the night before. Flu shots will be available for \$20.00.

Ballinger Home Health will be providing blood pressure checks and information along with blood sugar tests if needed. Blood pressure issues are the indicators of many serious health issues and should be closely monitored.

Shannon Cancer Empower-

ment and Resource Center will have resources, tools, self screening models and handouts on cancer prevention. Knowledge of self-screening and general cancer prevention makes it easier to find something early on for better treatment options. Shannon Air Med One will have information on services they provide.

North Runnels Hospital will have resources on diabetes awareness, and blood sugar information. The Texas Department of State Health Services will be providing information as well as some adult immunizations, dental care, smoking cessation, and children's immunization schedules.



CHARLES STENHOLM, AG DAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ag policy, upcoming farm bill, and an overview of DC

BALLINGER— Former Congressman Charles Stenholm will serve as the keynote speaker in the 2012 Agri-Plex Ag Day to be held this Tuesday, March 27 in Ballinger, Texas.

Stenholm will be talking about ag policy, the upcoming farm bill, and an overview of events in Washington, D.C.

Former Congressman Stenholm is a Senior Policy Advisor at OFW Law. Born in Stamford, Texas, Mr. Stenholm went on to serve the 32-county, 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representa-

tives. Mr. Stenholm was a member of the House Committee on Agriculture throughout his 26-year House career, serving as the Committee's ranking Democrat for his last eight years until 2004. He earned a reputation for building bipartisan alliances in areas as diverse as agriculture, resource conservation, food safety, Social Security, energy, health care, and the budget.

Mr. Stenholm currently serves as Co-Chair of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget and sits on the

Board of Directors for the Concord Coalition, the Business and Industry Political Action Committee, and the Coalition for a Fiscally Sound America. He is also a member of the Farm Foundation Round Table and the 25 x 25 Steering Committee. Mr. Stenholm graduated from Tarleton State Junior College and Texas Tech University with a BS and MS in agriculture education. He has also received honorary Doctor of Law degrees from Abilene Christian, Hardin-Simmons, and McMurry Universities.

Youth vet science workshop applications accepted now

SAN ANGELO — Applications are now being accepted for the West Texas Youth Veterinary Science Workshop, slated June 3-7 at the Tom Green County 4-H Center in San Angelo.

Organizers said the event is open to all Texas youth, but because enrollment is limited to 30 students, early registration is advised. The workshop is conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Sutton, Schleicher, Irion and Tom Green counties.

"The annual event introduces high school students to careers in veterinary science and related fields," said Pascual Hernandez, AgriLife Extension agent in Sutton County.

"Instructors will include veterinarians, university, Texas AgriLife Research and AgriLife Extension faculty, and other professionals," he said.

Course topics will include zoology, toxicology, parasitology, anaesthesiology, anatomy, nutrition, first aid, livestock health management, large and small animal veterinary practice, horse science and more. The workshop will include classroom study, lab work and field trips.

Participants must be of high school age, have an interest in veterinary science and be willing to work in teams.

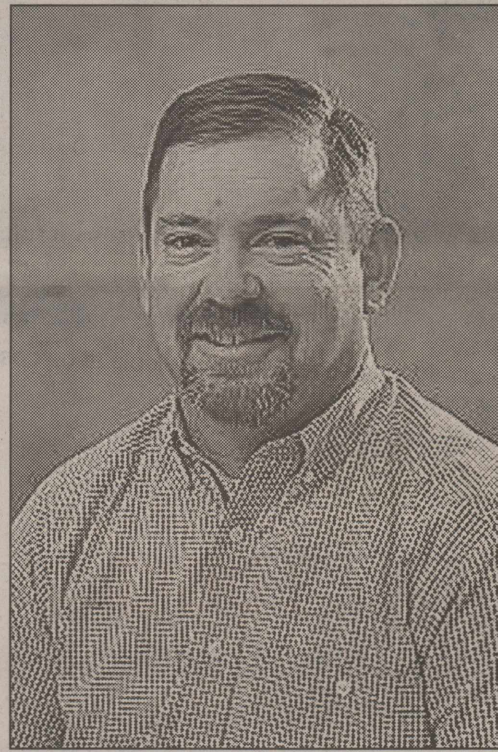
Applications must be submitted to the AgriLife Extension office in Sutton County by May 4. Participants will be informed of their acceptance by May 11.

BILL THOMPSON, EXTENSION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Cotton market outlook

BALLINGER— Bill Thompson is going to provide a cotton market outlook and an economic analysis of Topguard/Fluriafol as a treatment for cotton root rot.

Mr. Thompson provides leadership in the development and delivery of extension educational programs in farm, ranch and natural resource management in 31 counties of south west and west central Texas. This entails providing economic analysis, training and teaching materials to agricultural producers, landowners, commodity groups, county extension agents, extension specialists and other clientele. Delivery of agricultural economics extension programming includes: a) one-on-one review, b) analysis and evaluation of individual farm/ranch operations, c) educational meetings, d) fee-based workshops and programs, f) extension publications, g) web-based delivery systems and h) direct mail. Other areas of focus include applied research and result-demonstration programs. Specific commodity expertise covers wheat, grain sorghum, cotton, cow-calf and stocker cattle, sheep and goats.



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Cordell's to present olive oil and balsamic vinegar seminar

BALLINGER- Have you ever wondered what is extra virgin olive oil and how is it made? Or what is balsamic vinegar and how is it made? Jason Beard, owner of Cordell's a gourmet food shop that sells olive oil and vinegar, in Abilene will be educating participants on these kitchen essentials and all they have to offer. Jason and his wife Joy love to travel and love food, so they decided to marry the two and create Cordell's. They have a passion for great food and great fellowship. They truly believe that anyone can learn to

cook and anyone can learn to cook well. Therefore, they want to provide their customers with the highest quality products they can find, and they want to help make cooking less intimidating.

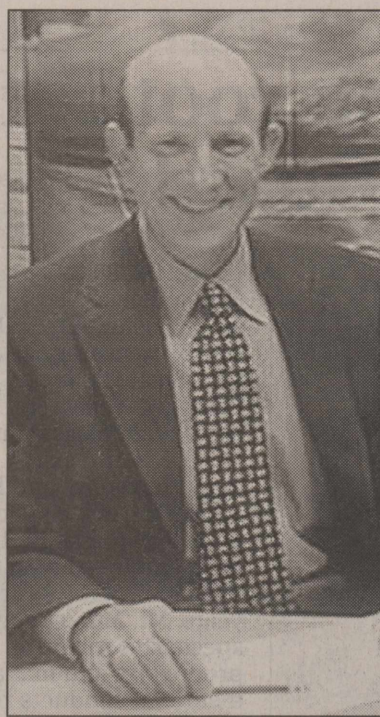
Jason has been cooking for over 25 years and has a passion for helping people learn how to be successful in the kitchen. He loves sharing and teaching about food in a way that allows people to feel confident about what they are doing and to develop a love of cooking.

Joy loves to make things beautiful and believes that

good food that is pleasing to the eye enhances your experience. Joy brings her natural art and design skills to everything that they do at Cordell's. From the design of the store, to their newsletters and shopping bags, Joy wants to create a pleasing experience for all their customers.

Jason and Joy hope that they are able to marry their talents and passions to create an experience that their customers truly enjoy.

Their goal is to make Cordell's an edible experience.



STEVE LYONS, NWS SAN ANGELO

Weather Forecast for 2012

BALLINGER- Dr. Steve Lyons received his Bachelor, Masters and his Ph.D. from the University of Hawaii. In 2010, he was named the Meteorologist in Charge at the National Weather Service in San Angelo, Texas. Dr. Lyons is also currently an adjunct professor at the Department of Atmospheric Science at Texas A&M University. Was Acting Deputy Director for the National Weather Service Southern Regional Headquarters, Fort Worth, Texas from August to November 2011. Worked previously as the Hurricane and Ocean Wave Expert for The Weather Channel in Atlanta, Georgia from 1998 to 2010. Received the Neil Frank Award and the Meteorologist of the Year Award from the Weather Research Center in 2010 as well as many numerous other awards. While working for The Weather Channel, Dr. Lyons developed and initiated "tropical cyclone impact graphics" for tropical cyclones from 1994-2010. Professional interests are tropical, marine, satellite, synoptic and mesoscale meteorology, ocean waves and media meteorology communications.

AFGC award to be presented at the Ag Day

BALLINGER- America's Farmers Grow Communities is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund to support local farming communities. The program allows farmers to register to win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit organization such as 4-H, FFA, schools, fire departments and other civic projects.

One winner will be selected in each of 1,245 eligible counties in 39 states. Runnels County winner, Mark Jacob, of Winters has chosen the Winters 4-H Club as the recipient of this award. Jearl Holland with Monsanto will be making the presentation during the awards program at the Ballinger Community Center on Tuesday, March 27, 2012.

JOE OUTLAW, A&M PROFESSOR AND EXTENSION ECONOMIST

Farm Bill deliberations

BALLINGER- Texas A&M Professor and Extension Economist Joe Outlaw is going to provide an update on current farm bill deliberations in Washington D.C. at the Runnels County 2012 Ag Day. He will provide some thoughts on where it is likely to end up.

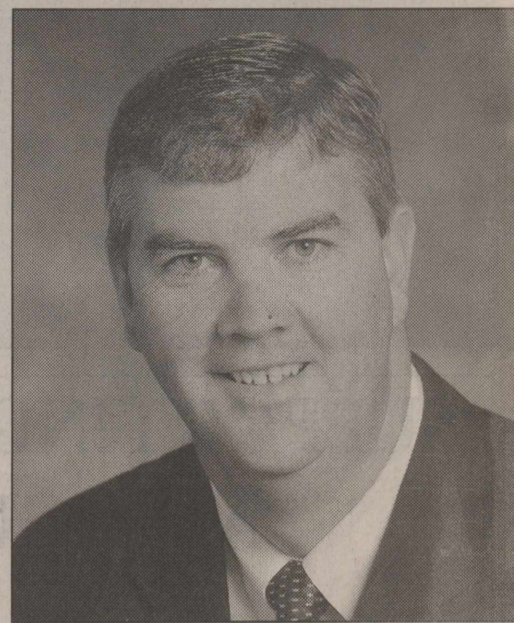
Dr. Joe Outlaw is a Professor and Extension Economist in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. He also serves as the Co-Director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) at Texas A&M University.

In this role, Dr. Outlaw frequently interacts with members of Congress and key agricultural committee staff to provide feedback on the likely

consequences of agricultural policy changes.

Dr. Outlaw has received numerous awards in excellence for his agricultural policy education efforts from the American Agricultural Economics Association, the Southern Agricultural Economics Association, the National Public Policy Education Committee, USDA-FSA, and the Vice Chancellor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Outlaw is originally from Devine, Texas. He received his B.S. (1987), M.S. (1988), and Ph.D. (1992) degrees from Texas A&M University, all in agricultural economics.



REGAN BECK, TEXAS FARM BUREAU

Eminent domain and Texas water law



BALLINGER- Regan Beck is the Assistant General Counsel for Public Policy for Texas Farm Bureau. He joined the staff in January 2006. He advises the Public Policy Department on matters involving public policy law, the Texas Farm Bureau Legal Defense Fund and AGFUND Texas Farm Bureau's political action committee. Prior to this position Beck served as an Associate Legislative Director for Texas Farm Bureau where he focused on property rights issues as well as utilities, and tort reform.

Beck grew up on a ranch and worked as a full time rancher raising

cattle, sheep, and goats from 1986-2002. He was very involved with the Texas Farm Bureau during this time, serving as President on his local Concho County Farm Bureau Board as well as on numerous Farm Bureau state committees. Beck also served on the Concho Soil and Water Conservation District Board and served two terms as a member of the USDA National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee.

Beck holds a bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, as well as a Masters of Business Administration

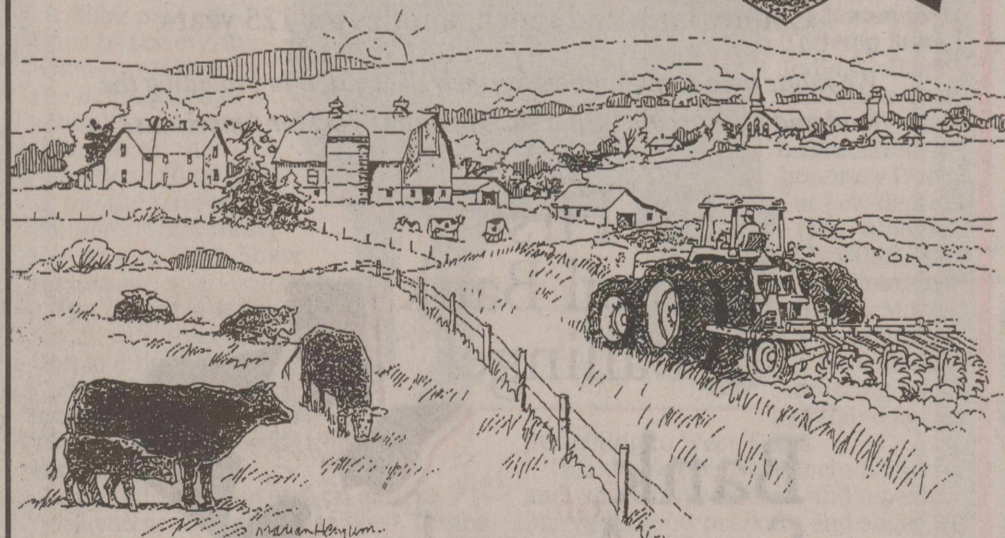
from Angelo State University. Most recently he earned his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law. Regan and his wife Liz reside in Waco.

Regan Beck will be talking about some of the legislation passed by our State Legislature last year. Specifically he will speak about legislation that affects rights of property owners including eminent domain and Texas water law. He will also address the recent Texas Supreme Court decision in the Edwards Aquifer Authority vs. Day and McDaniel case concerning rights of property owners have in their groundwater.

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RICHARD MINZENMAYER, EXTENSION AGENT-IPM, RUNNELS CO

Managing cotton root rot using Top Guard



BALLINGER- Richard Minzenmayer serves as an Extension Agent-IPM for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Ballinger, Texas. He received his Bachelor Degree from Texas Tech University and his Master's from Angelo State University. He has been employed with the Extension Service for 27 years. Mr. Minzenmayer specializes in cotton production and management and conducts research and educational activities in support of cotton growers in the southern rolling plains of Texas. He will discuss management of cotton root rot using Top Guard and how to apply the product at planting. The information he will be presenting is the result of five years of extensive research will be continuing his research in 2012.



Getting a healthy landscape during the drought, and water conservation at home will be two of the topics at the 2012 Agri-Plex Ag Day.

The 2012 Ag Day will feature drought, water programs

BALLINGER- The weather definitely plays a big role in our activities around our home. The drought we have had the past few years most have not been inspired to take care of their landscaping. And many are concerned about conservation of water in their homes.

Allison Watkins, County Extension Agent-Horticulturist for Tom Green County will be giving a program on how to have an attractive, healthy landscape that can survive heat and drought without wasting water. She will talk about plant selection, irrigation and more, so come and get inspired on how to have a beautiful landscape that can survive the drought. Allison is from Granbury, Texas and received her bachelor's de-

gree in horticulture from Tarleton State University.

Gary Bryant is a program specialist for water programs in Fort Stockton. He works with AgriLife Extension agents and specialists, federal and state agency personnel, and various water clientele to develop and deliver Extension educational programs focusing on priority water needs of West Texas. Bryant earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas and his master's degree from Texas Tech University.

Please come out and join us at Ag Day for great water conservation tips that are essential and educational to all to help with drought conditions in Runnels County.

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SOUTHERN ROLLING PLAINS COTTON GROWERS ASSOC

Annual Meeting and Agenda

Place: AgriPlex Ag Day
Ballinger Community Center
Ballinger, Texas

Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Time: 3 - 4:30 p.m.

1. Introductions-Robert Englert, SRPCGA President

2. President's Report-Robert Englert

3. Ag Issues at the State Level-Representative Drew Darby, Texas House of Representatives

4. 2011 PIE Tour Report-Joe Matthesen

6. National Cotton Council Report
Brett Cypert-Texas NCC Staff

7. Committee for the Advancement of Cotton Report-Doyle Schniers, CAC Director

8. Adjourn

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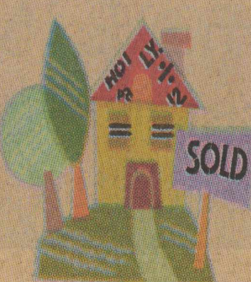
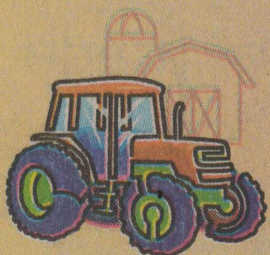
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