The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in San Angelo will conduct a Cotton and Grain Risk Management Workshop on March 7 at the Research and Extension Center.

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# **Annual Chamber Banquet and Ball** to be held this Saturday

#### **RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ** VINTERS ENTERPRIS

WINTERS- The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Annual Banquet and Chamber Ball on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at the

Winters Community Center. Nominations for Man of the Year, and Woman of the Year and Business of the Year will be also awarded.

Nominees for the 2013 Woman of the Year are: Juanita Bredemeyer, Joyce Carbery, Dawn Killough, Tina Davis, and Bobbie Collom. Nominees for are: John Joeris,



Ruth Cooper and Stephen Hermesmeyer, awarded 2012 Woman of Man of the Year the Year and Man of the Year.

Jordan Sanchez, Jack Davis, Sr., Larry Collom, and **Richard Hamilton.** 

The nominated for Business of the Year are: Winters Funeral Home, Tradesman and Lone Star Video and Diner.

The event will start at 6 p.m. with a meal, door prizes, silent auction, and awards for Man, Woman, and Business of the Year followed by the dance.

The event is BYOB with no glass containers allowed. Formal dress. Guest speakers will be Elaine Coleman and Jayme Clough. Tickets available for couples, single or dance only. Children 5 and under get in free. Tickets available at: The Attic, Winters City Hall, Lone Star Video and Diner and at the door.



Lone Star Video and Diner receives a delivery of beer on Monday morning. Lone Star is one of five businesses in Winters recently granted a license to sell alcoholic beverages.

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City lives historical weekend, with the first ever legal alcohol sold in the history of town

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off- premises consumption.

Several businesses started selling beer and alcoholic beverages once they received their license from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

According to online commission records, as rence Bros. IGA, Lone Star Video and Diner, West Dale Grocery, and Winters Feed-Seed and Supply. Wes-T-Go is listed online as an applicant.

In November of 2012 the City of Winters held an election to allow the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages off-premises

favor to pass Proposition 1, for the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages offpremises only casted 502 votes (77.1 percent) while those against the proposition were 149 (22.9 percent).

Proposition 2 was also passed by a wide margin. Voting in favor of the legal



# It's play ball time!

The Winters Blizzard Varsity Baseball team held their first scrimmage of the season last Monday, February 11, in Winters facing the Bangs Dragons. The Blizzards performed very well in preparation for the upcoming season. The team will be under the direction of Head Baseball Coach Todd Lawdermilk.

In the photo Austen Green slides with unique style to get safe into third base.

PHOTO: JOE GERHART

WINTERS- Three months and two days after being approved by voters in the November 6 General Election, the City of Winters was open over the weekend to the legal sale of alcoholic beverages for

of Tuesday, February 12, 2013 five businesses in town were approved and one more was pending approval. Those authorized starting Friday, February 8, 2013 are: 7-Eleven Skinny's, Law-

only, and for the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only.

Voters decided to make the city go "wet" by a wide margin. Voters in

sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only were 505 (77.2 percent) while against the proposition were 149 votes casted (22.8 percent).

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**BALLINGER- Ten years** 

have gone by since the first Santa Fe Trail Ride took on the road following the first settlers tracks, and drove dozens of riders and wagons to San Angelo's Rodeo Parade. This week the 10th trail ride rode one more time, starting in Coleman, Texas,

steakhouse

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PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ The Santa Fe Trail Ride, a heritage celebration of the first settlers, spent the night at the Ballinger Community Center on Monday, February 11, 2013 on its way to San Angelo.





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### FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES





### Lema Rae Dorst

Lema Rae Dorst age 87, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away peacefully on February 4, 2013 in Vancouver, Washington.

She was born on September 18, 1925 in Winters, Texas to Lawrence and Lilly Marks. She attended and graduated from high school and then Business School before moving to Tacoma, Washington. She married and started a family in 1944.

Lema worked in accounting for various firms, but primarily for SMS of Sunnyvale, California. After retirement she returned to Washington and lived in Vancouver the past 27 years. She is survived by sons Larry Bond of Vancouver, Joseph Bond of Phoenix, Arizona, and daughter Cheryl of Everett. Washington. Brother Kenneth Marks of Midland. Texas, 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her spouse Arthur Dorst and brother, RQ Marks of Winters, Texas.

Lema was a devoted member of Northside Baptist Church and a member of the "Gold Star Wives of America." She loved her church, the involvement, the programs, especially foreign missions. Lema loved her Dachshund "Sutter" and doing the

NY Times crossword puzzle daily. She was truly loved by her neighbors, friends,

church group, and family. A generous, devout and lov-ing lady. She will be missed by many.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at Northside Baptist Church, 5201 NE Minnehaha St. Vancouver, Washington. Interment with immediate family only was held at Northwood Park Cemetery, Ridgefield, Washington.

Donations and contributions can be made in her memory to Northside Baptist Church.

Please sign her guestbook at www columbian com/ obits

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### New AgriLife Extension hire to deal with feral hog issues

### WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**COLLEGE STATION- Mark Tyson was recently** hired as a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service associate to work on the Lone Star Healthy Streams program's feral hog issues, said his supervisor, Dr. Jim Cathey, AgriLife Extension associate department head and program leader at **College** Station.

Tyson will be headquartered in College Station, developing and delivering educational materials to landowners in Grimes, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Walker, Waller, Brazoria, Galveston, Fort Bend, Austin, Colorado and Wharton counties, Cathey said.

"Landowners work hard to reduce the negative impacts feral hogs have on land and water sources," Cathey said. "Tyson will build on past efforts including 16 AgriLife Extension publications and five videos now available that teach feral hog biology and trapping techniques. He'll also conduct personal landowner visits and provide guidance on removing feral hogs from the landscape."

#### Noon Lions 2013 Bikefest

Ballinger Noon Lions Club will be holding the 38th Annual Colorado River Bikefest. The run/bike ride will be held in conjunction with the Ethnic Festival. The festival starts on Friday, April 26 and the Bikefest will be on Sat-urday, April 27 starting at 8:30 a.m. by the Courthouse. Go to www.ballingernoonlions.org and get an entry

form to register.

The Bikefest will have 30K, 60K and 100K tours as well as a 5K fun ride/walk/run.

#### **TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'**

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

#### Valentine's Day chocolate buffet has been canceled The first chocolate buffet to be held at Heritage Hall, in Coleman. has been canceled

#### **Club notes**

Lunch will be served on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at the Rock Hotel. Stew, cornbread and desserts will be served between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Donations only.

Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club monthly meeting Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 19 at 6:45 p.m. at Coldwell Banker Panian and Mash Building 2500 S. Willis in Abilene, Texas.

Please join us for a light meal. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about

Texas A&M and all of its traditions! Whoop!

For more information call or email: Sheryl Kendrick (President) 695-2628 sherylann@suddenlink.net, or Martha Michalewicz (membership) - 668-7307 marthamike@ sbcglobal.net

Pray Until Something Happens Every first Friday of the month the First United Meth-

## **Training series targets farmers and ranchers** on the use of smartphones and tablets

### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

LUBBOCK - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct three workshops in February and March to introduce farmers and ranchers to electronic tablets and smartphones.

Dr. Jackie Smith, AgriLife Extension economist at Lubbock, said the work-shops, all with similar curriculums, have the common goal of teaching producers the basics of the comparatively new technologies.

Specifically, we want to help producers obtain market information and utilize various apps to make timely and profitable decisions on the go whether they are in the field on a tractor, at the livestock auction or in their pickup truck," Smith said. All the workshops last

from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dates and locations are: - Feb. 27, Perryton Expo Center, 402 Expo Drive,

Perryton. - March 1, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and **Extension Center**, U.S. Highway 87 North, San Angelo.

- March 4, Texas Farm Bureau, 7420 Fish Pond Road, Waco.

Smith said the workshops will be the beginning of the second year of a project to develop

agricultural apps and teach farmers and ranchers to use those applications as well as existing

apps. "The first year of the project included an emphasis on the development and use of crop apps," Smith said. "This year's project will also include existing livestock apps as well as the development of more livestock-related apps by the AgriLife Extension team."

Smith said each participant will have access to an Apple iPad with apps selected by the instructors that have already been installed to illustrate what is available. The instructors will also demonstrate

and discuss both Android and Microsoft tablets. Participants are welcome to bring their own tablet or smartphone. The instructors will also demonstrate crop apps they have developed and discuss planned livestock apps. Participants will be asked about possible apps the teaching team could develop.

Individual registration for each workshop is \$30, paid by check upon arrival. The fee covers a meal and course materials. For more information and to reserve a place at any of the workshops, RSVP to Viki Bartlett at 806-746-6101. **Registration information is** available at http://agrilife. org/southplainsprofit/.

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odist Church will be having PUSH "Pray Until Something Happens" everyone is invited to come and pray from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### **Mentors** needed

**NEWS NOTES** 

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.

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. 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.

Existing materials can be found at feralhogs.tamu. edu, plumcreek.tamu.edu/feralhogs and extension. org/feral hogs

Cathey said feral hogs are a non-native invasive species that cause about \$52 million in damages annually to Texas farms, ranches and the agricultural industry.

"For most people, feral hogs are a neighbor you just don't want," Tyson said, referring to feral hog damage and their contributions of E. coli bacteria to Texas streams. "I am glad to have the oppor-tunity to work with landowners, as they are the ones who can do the most good to reduce feral hog populations."

Tyson earned a bachelor's degree from Sul Ross State University at Alpine and a master's degree from Texas Tech University.

While attending Sul Ross, he worked as a student biologist for a 32,000-acre Hudspeth County ranch.

He later worked as a research assistant evaluating coyote diets on the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch near Roby.

Tyson, a Bryan native, joined the U.S. Navy after high school and served aboard the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln until his honorable discharge in 2003 when he returned to complete his education.

"Mark will make a great resource for the folks in the counties he will be serving - hogs beware," Cathey said.

Tyson's position is funded through a Clean Water Act §319(h) nonpoint source grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, according to Cathey.

# Well-owner training set Feb. 27 in Boerne

#### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

BOERNE- Anyone interested in private water well management in the Upper Cibolo Creek watershed area is invited to attend the Texas Well Owner Network training to be held Feb. 27 in Boerne.

Participants may bring samples of their well water to the program for analysis, according to Drew Gholson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist and program coordinator.

The no-cost training will be from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Cibolo Nature Center, 140 City Park Road in Boerne.

This program is for Texas residents who depend on household wells for their water needs, so they can learn about improving and protecting their community water resources," Gholson said. "The program was established to help well owners become familiar with Texas groundwater resources, septic system maintenance, well maintenance and construction, and water quality and treatment."

This is the second of 14 trainings to be conducted through the Preventing Water Quality Contamination initiative of the Texas Well Owner Network project, he added.

Gholson said private well-water samples will be screened for nitrate, total dissolved solids, arsenic and bacteria.

"The core content of these trainings will be the same, but the information will be tailored to the local water quality issues and aquifers," Gholson said.

Other scheduled trainings include Wellington, Lubbock, Haskell, Wimberley, Fort Stockton, Lampasas and Uvalde.

Well owners can pick up sample containers from the Upper Guadalupe River Authority, 125 Lehmann Drive, Suite 100, Kerrville, or Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District, 201 E. San Antonio Ave., Suite 100, Boerne.

Sample containers may also be obtained from the

AgriLife Extension office in Kendall County at 201 E. San Antonio Ave., Suite 9, Boerne.

"Fill each bottle and bag according to instructions and bring the two samples to the training," Gholson said. The analyses cost \$10 per sample for nitrate, total dis-

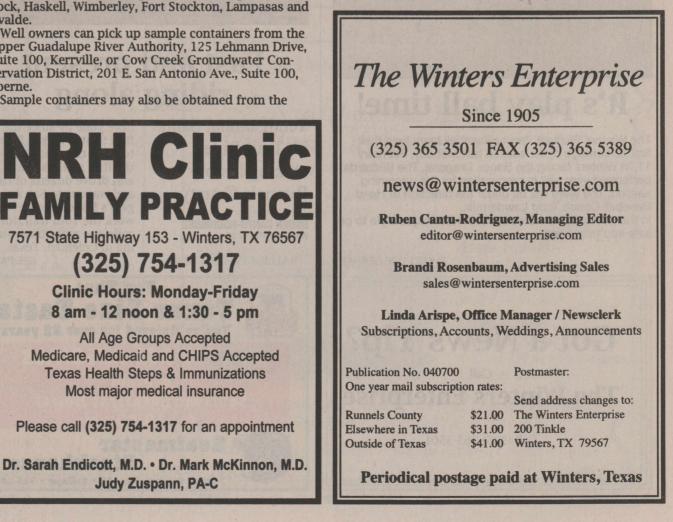
solved solids and arsenic. There is also a \$10 per sample cost for E. coli bacteria analyzed by the river authority, and cash payment is due when samples are turned in at the training.

Bringing water samples is not required, Gholson said, but those wanting to have water samples analyzed must attend the training.

"Over 1 million private water wells in Texas provide water to citizens in rural areas and, increasingly, to those living in small acreages at the growing rural-urban interface," he said. "Private well owners are independently responsible for monitoring the quality of their wells. They are responsible for ensuring their drinking water is safe. They are responsible for all aspects of the water system - testing, inspecting, maintaining - and this training will help private well owners to understand and care for their wells.

Attendance is limited to 70 participants, so attendees are requested to register as soon as possible at http://

twon.tamu.edu/training or by calling 979-845-1461. Funding for the Texas Well Owner Network is through a Clean Water Act nonpoint source grant provided by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.** 





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# **Blizzard basketball** closes the season

#### **RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ** WINTERS ENTERF

WINTERS- The Winters Blizzards closed a chapter in the District 8-1A Division I basketball playing their last three games of the season. The Blizzards were defeated last week on the road by TLCA, district champion Christoval and as of press time they were facing the Miles Bulldogs at home on Tuesday night.

Tuesday, February 5, the Blizzards traveled to San Angelo to face the TLCA Eagles at the Junell Center, in San Angelo. Winters came out on the short end of the game by a score of 58-22.

Winters trailed from the first quarter 14-4, 25-6 at the half and 47-13 with three quarter completed.

Bryce Mikeska ended up as the highest scorer for the Blizzards with 12

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#### points.

Friday, February 8, the Blizzards traveled to Christoval. The Cougars upset Winters by a score of 54-24.

Christoval lead the game at the end of the first quarter by a score of 21-2, Winters trailed 30-10 at halftime and 49-16 with three quarters played.

Bryce Mikeska led the Blizzards with 7 points, followed by Stephon Cleghorn, with 5.

As of press time, Tuesday evening, starting at 5 p.m. the Blizzards had the last game of the season scheduled playing at home agains the Miles Bulldogs. Miles and Winters were already eliminated from the postseason while Christoval, Ozona and TLCA clinched the three available tickets to the 2013 playoffs.

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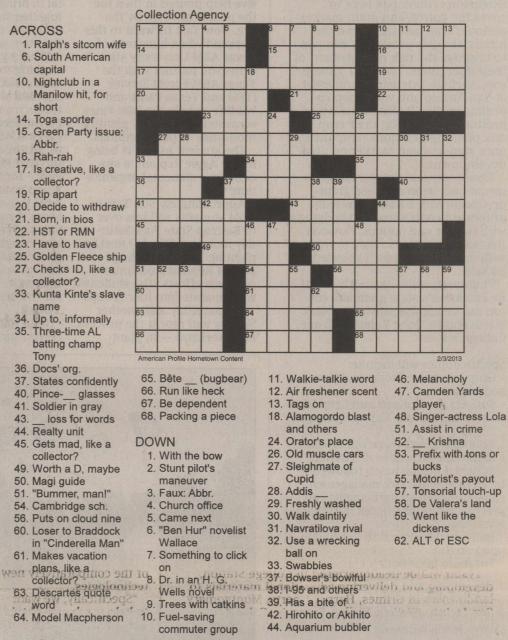
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Lady Blizzards finish the season



Bryce Mikeska shooting during the Varsity boys game vs TLCA.

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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## with a well deserved win

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Lady Blizzards ended the District 8-1A Division I basketball season with a 48-13 win against TLCA. Although the Lady Blizzards started out very sluggish in the first half, the girls came out and played the second half the best they have in the last three games.

Not used to playing in a gym with seating all around, the Lady Blizzards struggled during the first half with their space

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perception at the goal. The Lady Blizzards missed their open shots in the first half.

What turned the game around was the level of. intensity that they played with in the second half.

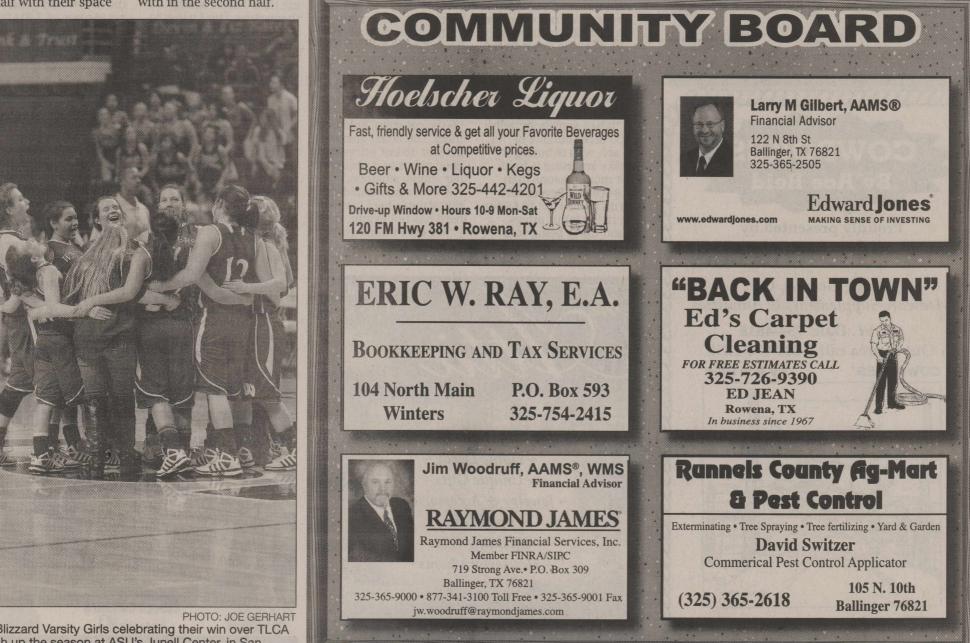
#### The Lady Blizzards had lost that intensity in the previous two or three games and it was good to see it back at the end of this game.

The season ending now is not what the girls, the team or the coach had in mind, but with the system now in place and the girls only getting more comfortable with this type of basketball, this team can do big things in the years to come.

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#### Q: Do sunspots affect the Earth's weather?

A: This is a question that has been nagging scientists for decades, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University, and no one really seems to know. "There has been research done on the subject of sunspots and our weather for at least 100 years," McRoberts reports, "and the bottom line is that we still aren't sure. We know that the primary energy source that controls our weather is sunlight. And we know that sunspots which release giant solar flares of energy - can often disrupt satellites and radio transmissions here on Earth. But a link between sunspots and the weather is still not certain. Galileo observed them 400 years ago and we know that sunspots seem to occur in a roughly 11-year cycle during which there can be just a few dozen or several thousand."



Lady Blizzard Varsity Girls celebrating their win over TLCA to finish up the season at ASU's Junell Center, in San Angelo.



## Cotton and Grain Risk Management Workshop to be held in San Angelo

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a Cotton and Grain Risk Management Workshop from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 7 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 7887 U.S. Highway North, San Angelo.

"We'll have a team of AgriLife Extension economists here to cover the cotton and grain market outlook, crop insurance and the price risk tools producers can use to improve the risk management of their operations," said Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist at San Angelo and workshop coordinator. "We'll also be assisting producers in making their crop mix planting decisions, crop insurance sign-ups and marketing plan development."

Thompson said the workshop is meant for cotton and feed grain producers with a basic knowledge of forward contracting and hedging with futures and options. However, the teaching team is ready to work with those without such knowledge, he said.

Thompson will be joined by AgriLife Extension's state grain and cotton marketing specialists, Dr. Mark Welch and Dr. John Robinson from College Station.

Specific topics will include: - Crop Insurance Products, Prices

and Impacts.

- Budgets, Breakevens and Crop Mix. - Grain and Cotton Market Outlooks.

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Thompson said there will also be a marketing strategies discussion conducted during lunch followed by an interactive risk management game designed so participants can practice the skills offered during the workshop.

Individual registration is \$20 due upon arrival.

For more information contact Thompson at 325-653-4576, Ext. 286, w-thompson@tamutedu; Rob-i inson at 979-845-8011, jrcr@tamu. edu; or Welch or 979-845-8011, JMWelch@ag.tamu.edu

# Hundreds of Aggies to plant thousands of trees at Bastrop State Park

### WINTERS ENTERPRISE

**COLLEGE STATION- Flash** back to Labor Day weekend in 2011 when high winds spawned by a tropical storm in Louisiana combined with epic drought conditions to fuel the most damaging wildfire in Texas history in and around the Central Texas community of Bastrop. Massive help poured in then for the people affected by the fire. Now, fast forward to this weekend when hundreds of Texas A&M University students will partner with the Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) and Texas Parks and Wildlife to help the Lost Pines ecosystem recover by planting thousands of pine seedlings. The student aspect is being

led by Aggie Replant, a student environmental organization.

Approximately 800 Texas A&M students will bus over to Bastrop State Park Saturday morning (Feb. 16) to start planting 30,000 seedlings as part of Replant's community outreach efforts. The students will separate into four groups - one Saturday and another Sunday and repeat the process next weekend — in planting loblolly pine seedlings to replenish the trees lost in the fire.

The event kicks off at the picnic/swimming pool area of the park at 10 a.m. Saturday with brief remarks by representatives of the participating entities and invited dignitaries.

Texas A&M System Chancellor John Sharp was instrumental in bringing the key groups together to carry out the initiative, citing the benefits to the state and its citizens.

"This a grand example of working together for the common good - Aggies volunteering their weekend time to join teams from the Texas A&M Forest Service and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to restore this state treasure the Lost Pines of Bastrop State Park – for future generations,' Sharp notes. "For our Texas A&M University students, this event demonstrates our core value of selfless service, while also carrying out the landgrant mission of the Forest Service and The Texas A&M University System overall for the benefit of Texas and Texans.

John Han, Aggie Replant director, agrees with Chancellor Sharp, saying, "I am excited for the opportunity that has been given to Texas A&M. We are taking the initiative to assist a community in need and that is truly exemplary. I think that this project does a good job of embodying Texas A&M and its core values."

Katharina Moeller, another Aggie Replant leader, offers more from the student perspective: "The Lost Pines Recovery Campaign is something that Replant is so proud to participate in and plan. We have spent countless hours preparing for this project and cannot wait to see the results. The interest in the project from the students was outstanding and the help we received in marketing the project was phenomenal."

Moeller says Replant has recruited hundreds of Aggies to come together and show the selfless service, leadership and respect – in this case for the environment – that are among the university's core values. Aggie Replant is believed to be the first student-led university organization to participate in the Bastrop recovery campaign – certainly on the scale being undertaken.

"It's great that Texas A&M students will have a role in restoring Bastrop State Park. I'm sure many have seen the devastation as they drive along Highway 21, maybe on their way home on a break, and these Aggie Replant weekends are a chance to lend a helping hand," says Pete Smith, TFS urban forestry pro-gram manager. "TFS foresters will be there to help train the students on proper planting technique so that the Lost Pines seedlings they plant can survive the long, hot summer ahead.

TFS foresters are helping facilitate the Aggie planting events and training the students on proper planting technique, working alongside Bastrop State Park rangers.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Commissioner Bill Jones of Austin said it's been exciting to see the generosity Texans displayed in the aftermath of the Bastrop wildfire.

More information regarding the seedling distribution plan and other restoration and recovery efforts is posted on the Lost Pines Recovery Team website at http://bastroprecovery.org.



## **Researching history**

The Runnels County Historical Commission is looking for information on a batch of historical photos. The collection was given years ago to a resident of Norton, Texas and so far nobody nor any place in the pictures has been identified.

The photos will be presented here one at a time for the next several weeks. If you know somebody in the pictures you may tag it in our Facebook page, call the Ballinger Ledger or Winters Enterprise at (325) 365 3501 or call Ruth Cooper, Chair of the Runnels County Access Historical Commission at (325) 754 5183. The commission will have copies available for those interested in preserving family memories.

### **Public Record**

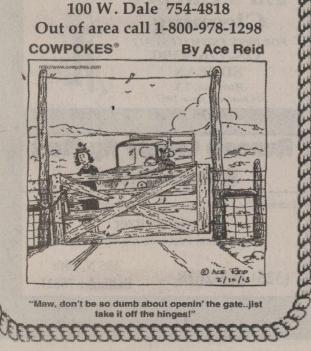
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# Beef producers weigh options on buying replacement cattle

#### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WACO- A 32 percent decline in Texas beef cattle has many pointing to drought as the main culprit, but there are other factors that have chipped away at inventory levels over the past couple of years, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist.

Stan Bevers told beef producers at the Blackland Income Growth Conference that not only has drought forced large selloffs of cattle down to the point of Texas inventory levels of 1959, but land fragmentation continually is taking away potential beef cattle production.

"When somebody sells 100 acres outside of Waco, who is buying it? Folks are using it for a lot more reasons than just cows," Bevers said. "You've also got to factor in rising input prices. Land that's being sold is not being bought by ranchers to run cows on." Overall, the outlook for cattle prices will continue an upward climb, a trend that could last for at least two more years, Bevers said, unless rain returns through the Midwest and the Dakotas.

"(Ranchers) there are making the same decisions we were making two years ago during the 2011 drought," he said.

Feedlot capacity is approximately 38 million to 42 million calves with this year's calf crop being (only) about 34 million head, Bevers said.

"Feedlots either pay high prices or they close down," Bevers said. "We are going to continue to see this market contract. If you've got cows, hold onto them. You aren't going to get just decent prices, but good prices as a result of our supply situation."

Bevers said rebuilding the nation's beef cattle herd has not begun. "We aren't done go-

ing down yet," he said. "We've got 29.3 million

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He said retail beef prices will likely continue to move higher and that's going to test what price consumers will pay.

"We have many scratching their heads, asking themselves, 'am I going to buy replacement heifers?'"

What has happened is a floor price was put in the replacement heifer market by feedlots needing cattle, Bevers said. That floor price is approximately \$1,100 a head. If a rancher wants to purchase replacement heifers, then the price will go up depending upon conditions such as color, quality, conformation, etc.

"The question a lot of folks are asking when paying \$1,100 or more for replacements is, 'will it work?" Bevers said.

He said producers have to take into account the annual net income over the years of life of the cow and the value of the cow at the end of her life. "Hopefully each year, the calf value is worth more than the expenses."

Bevers said according to Standardized Performance Analysis, it costs \$594.78 annually to maintain a cow. Using this cost figure, and assuming average production for the next seven years, Bevers analyzed what a rancher could afford to pay for a four-yearold bred cow today.

"As an example, in 2013, the cow would generate a net income of \$404 based on the costs to keep her, the price of the calf sold, and the fact that she was already bred."

However, in 2014, Bevers said a calf from that cow would net only \$155 due to lower productivity, higher maintenance costs for the cow and lower calf prices. After seven years of varying net incomes and a useful life, the cow could be sold for a cull value of \$900 assuming the female weighed 1,075 pounds and brought .83 cents a pound, he said.

Given this seven-year net-income stream, the most a rancher could pay for a four-year bred cow today is \$1,918.

"Your long-term investment is predicted to be zero," Bevers said.



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**Guinness World Records** is bound to have a new entry, thanks to Super Bowl XLVII. Surely a record number of curses were screamed against the darkness when the lights went out in New Orleans. A blue haze of epithets remained long after game's end. The restless crowd

wanted no part of candles. And, it was not mollified by immediate wild speculation that Beyonce's "lights out" half-time show was too much for older circuits in the stadium. (Other guesses included "plug-ins" of one too many phone chargers and the fall of a hamster or two from the electricity-producing flywheel. Related thought: If the Saints add Rob Ryan to their coaching staff, more "short-circuitry" seems assured.)

For the next Super Bowl, the NFL should engage Gary Redwine, a maintenance man at Colorado High School in Colorado City, Texas. He's a "do every thing" guy. Last fall, a tripleheader of Seventh, Eighth

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touching base in several

points in Runnels County.

Monday, February 11,

2013, the long line of rid-

ers departed at 8 a.m. from

Coleman, Texas. The riders

arrived to Ballinger nearly

spent the night at the Ball-

inger Community Center.

year for us, this year we

started in the city were

we originally started 10

Boss Kristy Herring. "The

route is not the same but

al least we started in the

Keeping an old tradition

alive, each year riders from

Coleman, Ballinger, Winters,

Miles as well as other places

in the Big Country and out

of state take their horses or

wagons on their way to San

years ago," said Trail

same city.

"It's kind of a special

at 3:30 p.m. were they

Guinness records and darkness-cursing. and JV games against Cisco went on as scheduled, despite an electrical box on its

TEXAS

Don

last wheeze....

I'm just saying he faced the problem head-on, despite the advice of others. Nothing in his job description calls for electrical work beyond changing light bulbs. While coaches and fans closed their eyes and looked the other way, he worked his magic. Sure enough, inside of a halfhour, the stadium was bathed in light, albeit somewhat short of the amount needed to work up a lather comparable to the one wrought at the

Superdome. Born and reared in the West Texas community, Redwine knew that little is more important to Texans than football, and by hokies, he was going to see to it that the games went on. Someone said that atop the tool tangle in his kit

were a roll of pennies, aluminum foil, baling wire

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ticipate in the San Angelo

This tradition carries

on a heritage that started

Angelo, where they par-

Stock Show and Rodeo.

hundreds of years ago

before modern transpor-

tation. The Santa Fe Trail

plus mile journey where

for 5 years. We try to

scenery," said Herring.

change it up a little so they

don't keep seen the same

Trail ride: Touching base in

and duct tape. Do not try this at home or anyplace else. Instead, contact consultant Redwine, who, like Larry the Cable Guy, Gits-R-Done....

THE IDLE AMERICAN

The situation need not have arisen in New Oris a finite amount of electricity and/ brittle, it shouldn't be squandered on the half-time show.

I knew a guy back when rock-'nroll hit the scene with amplifiers and boom boxes Newbury - who heard his daughter's plea for a certain band to play at her wedding reception. "You can book any band you want," he explained, "as long as it

don't 'plug in'." As NFL "big wigs" plan for next year, they should begin half-time auditions RAT NOW — not "rat" like a "mouse," but RAT NOW — considering only those who don't "plug-in."..

Too bad the sound was

on when MVP Joe Flacco sputtered his expanded description of "awesome" during post-game bedlam. His "Googles" already open with three different apologies for earlier verbal miscues. Surely a fourth will be added forthwith.

Mikes and cameras are in place, of course, to catch it all, profane or profound. Pity.

If Super Bowls are "family entertainment" worthy of viewing by a billion people worldwide, surely the NFL can require TV and radio networks to initiate 10-second delays. We'd never know the difference, and players/coaches/officials spewing curse words with abandon will appreciate it if their bombs are "bleeped." (Speaking of officials, when one is "bumped" by a player, an ejection should follow, in exhibition games or Super Bowls.)..

Ads didn't disappoint. The tribute to American farmers, first voiced by the inimitable Paul Harvey on network radio three decades ago, was classic. Kudos to Ram trucks for this poignant reminder that

is as important today as ever. No bells and whistles, just the engaging voice of Harvey and stark photos. Why not something next year featuring Kate Smith's God Bless America?

Thursday, February 14, 2013

Skechers' ad also engaged. It featured a runner tackling a cheetah just before it inhales a gazelle. Winks between guy and gazelle "nail it." This reminds me of the fable about morning jungle wake-ups. A gazelle awakens knowing it must run faster than the fastest lion or face death. A few yards away, a lion awakens, knowing it must outrun the slowest gazelle or face starvation. Whether a lion or a gazelle, when the sun comes up, each had better be running — Skechers or not!

Finally, when a Clydesdale remembers his trainer years after "colthood," hearts are warmed and tears run down cheeks....

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ancestors "It's just their love for history," Herring said.

This year the ride started in Coleman and continued through Goldbusk, Concho and Ballinger. The route carries on through Miles, the Goodyear test grounds. Friday the riders will be spending the night in Fort Concho and from there will go to San Angelo, to partake in the Stock Show and Rodeo Parade on Saturday morning.

Eight wagons and nearly 100 riders took the road Tuesday morning in Ballinger, and more will be joining the ride on their way to San Angelo.

**TRICARE** Management Activity (TMA) announced new TRICARE co-payments for prescription drugs effective February 1, 2013. The Fiscal Year

The ride doesn't go

**CITY OF WINTERS** 

Veteran's Corner

2013 National Defense Au- or hospitals. There is no thorization Act authorizes higher co-pays on brand name and non-formulary medications that are not filled at military clinics

increase to co-pays for generic medications. The co-pays vary based on the class of drug and where beneficiaries choose to fill their prescriptions. The co-pay for generic medications stays at \$5 when a

prescription is filled at a

network retail pharmacy.

There is no co-pay when

generic prescriptions are filled through TRICARE

Home Delivery. The new co-pay for a 30-day supply

of a brand name medica-

tion purchased at a retail

network pharmacy will be \$17, up from \$12. Ben-

eficiaries using TRICARE

up from \$9. The greatest

change in co-pays applies

to non-formulary medica-

tions. The \$25 co-pay for these drugs increases to

\$44 at retail pharmacies,

Delivery, and the TRICARE

covers. For fiscal 2014 and

beyond, the new law limits

tion, contact Sandra at the

and \$43 through Home

**Uniform Formulary lists** 

all medications TRICARE

annual co-pay increases

to the same percentage

level as retiree cost-ofliving. For more informa-

**Veterans Service Office** at 602 Strong Ave or call

16 and up are adult price

Home Delivery pay \$13

for brand name drugs,

ant, quiet and traditional.

Riders are motivated to join for their love for the animals, love for the old west, and the love for their

#### Ride was started by Lynn Donahoe in 2003. Each year the ride starts in a different city and takes the modern cowboys in a 100

the present meets the past. straight down the high-"We try to change it up way, riders take the county for the riders because we and back roads to try to have people here that has make the ride more pleasbeen the whole 10 years, we have people here for the first time and we have people who has been here

leans. When there or circuits are too



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#### APPLICATION NOTICE **HOME -- HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION** ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

TO RECONSTRUCT HOME FOR LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS

The City of Winters has received funds through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to administer a HOME Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Program within the city limits of Winters. This program is designed to reconstruct homes for eligible low-income homeowners who occupy their homes.

The application period will be open from February 14, 2013 to March 14, 2013. The 20 households to (1) complete and return the application information, (2) provide all requested information to verify eligibility, (3) meet all eligibility requirements and (4) agree to participate in the program will be served.

The City will host an Application Workshop to provide program information and to assist homeowners with the completion of application materials. Applicants are encouraged to attend this workshop but are not required to participate in this workshop as an eligibility requirement.

The Application Workshop will be held February 27, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. located at City Hall 310 S Main Winters, Texas.

Special advance arrangements can be made for persons with special needs, language interpretation needs or for persons needing alternative times or locations by calling

Shelly Antilley-Guevara, City Secretary, 325-754-4424. Application packets will be available for pick up at City Hall starting on February 14, 2013



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