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## County approves grant for patrol equipment

Sheila Hernandez  
 Winters Enterprise

**B**ALLINGER, Texas.- The regular meeting of the commissioners court was held Tuesday, July 20, 2010. Once the meeting was called to order the minutes from the meeting held on July 13, 2010 were read by County Clerk, Elesia Ocker. The minutes were unanimously approved by the court.

First on the agenda was the request for approval of payment of all current accounts and ratifying payments of any

accounts that have been pre-approved between court dates by members duly appointed by the Commissioners Court. The approval came with an unanimous vote. The Tax Collector monthly report was next on the agenda and was also approved with an unanimous vote.

The Commissioners next issue on the agenda was the consideration of accepting the grant from Kickapoo Springs Foundation for the equipment for the Sheriff's Office new patrol vehicle. The grant is for the amount of \$4,314.95 and require

the Sheriff's Office to match the funds of \$2,500.00. The matching funds are still in the budget. The Commissioners all voted to approve the acceptance of the grant.

Commissioner James T. Self had put in a request to trade in a 1994 Ford Pickup on a new pickup and the request was approved. The next items that was approved was the County Treasurer's Quarterly Investment report as well as the Line Item/Budget amendments to the 2009-2010 Fiscal year budget.



RUNNELS COUNTY Commissioners Court held a regular meeting last Tuesday.



### FFA Convention and State Finalist

The 82nd Annual Texas FFA Convention was held this past week in the beautiful city of Corpus Christi at the American Bank Center. Winters FFA was proudly represented by six local members; Hannah Franklin, Jack Pritchard, Michelle Kruse, Bryce Mikeska, Jordan Busher, and Shelby Gehrels. Over 11,000 FFA members in their blue corduroy jackets from all across Texas were in attendance at this monumental event. The week was filled with concerts, speaking competitions, talent shows, world renowned guess speakers, state officer elections, and a convention dance. It was a great week for students to participate in leadership development, community relations, and social outreach.

While at the state convention, Hannah Franklin competed as a state finalist in the FFA Soil Stewardship Public Speaking Event. Hannah has previously won the speaking event on the district and area levels, before advancing to the state level competition. The event has contestants give a public presentation of a six to eight minute speech and answer questions related to the conservation of our natural resources. The event is sponsored by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Congratulations Hannah! (By Joel Bush)

## Runnels County Farm Bureau membership drive

Winters Enterprise  
 Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- The Runnels County Farm Bureau will be having a membership drive the week of July 26-31. Any one who is not a member of the Runnels County Farm Bureau can take advantage of this opportunity and become a member of the largest agriculture organization in the United States of America. Becoming a member indicates that you are concerned about the production of the safest, most inexpensive, and best quality food and fiber produced in the world. Production agricultural is also in the early stages of research and development of cleaner and more efficient energy sources in order to reduce the dependence on fossil fuels. As a member of the county farm bureau your dues also make you a member of the Texas Farm Bureau which is over 400,000 member families strong in 207 Texas counties. The Texas Farm Bureau is affiliated with the American Farm Bureau Federation, which has over 6 million member families in all 50 states.

Texas Farm Bureau's purpose is to be the Voice of Texas Agriculture. The vision of Texas Farm Bureau is to benefit all Texans through promotion of a prosperous agricultural industry, protecting private property rights, preserving the land and environment, and enhancing food safety and supply. The membership work together from the county level to the state and national level to accomplish these goals. Policies are proposed at the county and are use by the legislative staff

of Texas Farm Bureau in Austin and Washington D. C.

The Farm Bureau is working on numerous items through the legislative process. Some of the high priority issues are: obtain high net income for farmers and ranchers, ensure the right to own and control private property, develop, expand and protect foreign markets, reduce ad valorem tax burden, protect water rights, and reduce burdensome regulations on agriculture.

There are many programs for members to be apart of. There is a Young Farmer and Rancher Program to develop young leadership, AgLead to educate young leaders, FarmLead to educate existing leaders, youth leadership programs and scholarships, rural fireman training programs, 23 commodity divisions to help producers make policies and educate them.

Being a member entitles you to many organizational benefits and services. Some of these are as follows: Vehicle discount, Rental car discounts, Hotel room discounts, Banking services, Prescription drug discounts, all types of Insurance services.

If you are not a member of the Farm Bureau, the Runnels County Farm Bureau invite you to the Ballinger City Park on July 26, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. for a hamburger lunch prepared by the County Board of Directors and office staff. Come join us and learn more about becoming a member. For more information call the County office at 325-365-2562. If you would like more information on Texas Farm Bureau go to [www.txfb.org](http://www.txfb.org).



### DAVIS-NICHOLS 87th FAMILY REUNION

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## Christian Day Care currently enrolling

Amanda Collom  
 For The Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- Winters Area Chamber of Commerce wants to remind everyone in our community that we now have a non-profit Christian Day Care available. The daycare does accept CCPO if you qualify.

In order to get assistance from CCPO contact 325-795-4283 for questions or any other information.

The daycare has a Christian based curriculum at a reasonable rate of \$95 per week. They provide two nutritional snacks and educational activities. The Winters CDC is currently enrolling students from six

weeks to 5 years old and is open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

They also provide drop in service so you can get your chores done or treat yourself while your children are cared for. After school care is only \$10 a day for Pre K - 6th grade. For more information please call Cheryl at 754-

4871 or go by and see for yourself. The daycare is located right behind the Church of Christ, off of N Main Street.

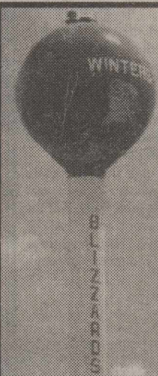
Winters CDC is currently selling Little Caesar's Pizza to raise money. You can order your pizza at the daycare or at the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce at 100 West Dale.

Football SEASON IS APPROACHING

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### Got News ?

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**FOLLOWING A TRADITION** started in 1923, the Davis and Nichols families held their 87th annual reunion. (Photo: Contributed)

## Davis-Nichols family reunion

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

**W**INTERS, Texas.- It started way back when three Davis brothers married three Nichols sisters. The results of these unions met for the 87th time Sunday, July 18, 2010 at the Winters Housing Authority. One can only imagine the resulting "double cousins" and the mixup of descendants that followed. Understandably, it is increasingly difficult for even the ones closest to the families to keep up with "who is who."

The trails of both families started at different times and from different states. W. T. Nichols moved his family from Selma, Alabama to Milam County. W. S. Davis moved his family to Milam County from Mississippi. The two families were close neighbors and close friends. It was not so far fetched what happened then. Three Davis brothers married three Nichols sisters.

Both families then moved to Runnels County in 1900.

W. T. Nichols had a deep appreciation and love for his family as did W. S. Davis. However, it was W. T. Nichols that is credited by the family for starting the annual reunion during 1923. For 87 years it has been held on the third Sunday in July.

Twenty three attended this 87th reunion. From left to right in the picture is Hunter Jay Davis, Curtis Michalewicz, Slade Ross Davis, Sally Sue Davis, Elton (Tuffy) Smith, Jim Davis, Marlene Smith, Foy Nic Davis, Jr., Martha Michalewicz, Nolo Gene Davis, Maurine Davis, Arnold Bryan Davis, Jill Davis, Doxie Lou Marks, Gena Denise Means, Dan Pate, Lauren Pate, Stacey Pate and Ala Joy Davis. In front is Blaine Davis and the youngest Davis of all-Keigan. Davis Michalewicz came later. Don Davis took the picture.

Little blond headed blue eyed Keigan mesmerized everybody there and a good time was had by all.

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# Annual Meeting --- Last-minute reminder

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COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2010

BALLINGER HIGH SCHOOL  
BALLINGER, TEXAS

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

7:00 - 7:30 P.M.  
Business Meeting

7:30 - 8:00 P.M.  
Entertainment

Adult and Kids Door Prizes

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





### Fishing report

BY DAVE CAUDLE

In case you haven't noticed, it's summertime and it is hot. While the mornings are bearable, just after noon it begins to get hot, and if the wind quits and the lake gets glassy, it is really hot. While smooth water is good for skiing, wakeboarding, boat riding, and other water sports, the fishing seems to go south--way south.

The only things on the move are the schooling white bass which surface chasing shad and minnows and churn the water for generally less than a minute. If you're lucky enough to be within casting distance of these schooling fish, they'll hit anything that gets in the meylay. Just after they leave the surface, they head down and move in any direction until they again locate a school of lunch and surface again. This past week we found the largest schools in the main lake near the dam in water generally over 70 feet. Chasing these fish and trying to figure them out will cause a fisherman to eat cheese bait. While we did get about 50 whites, nearly all of them came off deep shelves near the super deep water. So we get on a 30-50 foot drop and just wait until they find us.

The bass, which now have an over abundance of cover due to the weed growth on all banks, can still be caught along the outside edges and over the top on surface lures.

It does seem that as the sun gets up the fish tend to move closer to the weeds and take a nap. However, if one sees whites surfacing near the weeds, it's time to throw a worm in the mix because the black bass will generally come out to pick up an easy meal of either a shad or white bass. Most of our better bass, those over eight pounds, have come from this scenario.

This past Saturday morning I had the day off and was headed to the store and was also taking out the trash. I parked close to the dumpster and looked down 13th Street only to see two, not-so-old females in a fast walk headed toward me. I quickly identified them as Dot Hoelscher and Debbie Earnshaw, getting in a morning walk. As they approached, I could see a big sweat line on Dot's gray tee shirt. I thought I'd offer water or a ride to shade to these two sweaty exercisers. Upon their approach I greeted them in my usual cheerful way, only to be washed down by Dot and her water bottle. I grabbed her by the arm, and she slipped away. It appeared she had been swimming in the oil spill and was not only sweaty but greasy. Debbie had

on white, but I suspect she also needed a shower because of the high heat and humidity. But on this encounter I was the only one who got a bath. Being somewhat of a gentleman, I offered to get cold water, Gatorade, paramedics, or a hazardous wash down. After a brief, spirited but fun conversation, they continued their walk with my thanks for the bath. It goes to show that you never know what you might find near a dumpster.

Also this past week I was notified by mail that I'd been pre-selected for several memberships and also received several stimulus notices for my hearing and eyesight. My wife and I both got a \$500 dollar check; however, it's only redeemable at the sender's office. Not being the brightest candle on the cake, I can still figure out that these guys are trying to sell me something and trying to make me think I'm getting a good deal. I even got a roadside assistance deal from AAA, but I think they have to come from Houston to change your tire. You do get assistance; it just might be a few hours away. The only good thing I can see about this type of sales technique is that it gives the post office something to do. Is there a "no mail" list? Probably no one would pay any attention to it either.

See you on the lake.

# Forage tour set for Runnels Co

Marty Gibbs, Agrilife Extension Agent  
For The Winters Enterprise

### Agenda

#### Runnels County Forage Tour

**8:00 a.m.**  
Meet at Glen Halfmann Farm, Hwy 67 north out of Miles

**8:15 a.m.**  
Sorghum Variety Test Plot Ricky Rice

**9:45 a.m.**  
Meet at Wetherby Hall in Miles  
■ Chemical Brush Control for Mesquite and Prickly Pear  
Dr. Alan McGinty  
■ Laws and Regulations for Pesticide Applications  
Jan Hatler

**11:00 a.m.**  
Complimentary Noon Meal provided by B&H Services

**B**ALLINGER, Texas.- The Runnels County Ag and Natural Resources Committee will host at Forage Tour at the Glen Halfmann Farm in Miles on Friday, August 6th beginning at 8:00 a.m. near Miles.

The program will begin with a tour of the Forage Sorghum Variety Test Plot on Hwy 67 North. Dr Ricky Rice will discuss the varieties and lead the tour of the forages. At approximately 9:45 a.m., the tour will move to Wetherby Hall in Miles where several guest

speakers will talk including: Dr Alan McGinty, AgriLife Extension Range Specialist, "Chemical Brush Control options for Mesquite and Pricklypear", and Jan Hatler, Texas Department of Agriculture, "Laws and Regulations for Pesticide Applicators".

A complimentary noon meal will be served beginning at approximately 11:00 am. Three hours of continuing education credits will be given to pesticide applicators in attendance. For more information or to register for the meal, call the Runnels County Extension Office at (325)365-2219.

### PUBLIC RECORD

#### Marriages

Names	Filed
Derrick Kenn Fuchs and Ashlee Renee Noland	July 15

#### Divorce filings

Names	Filed
Joanna Roman vs Rosendo Roman	July 12
Colter Alan Dahlberg vs Leah Denise Perry Dahlberg	July 12

#### Civil cases

In reR for foreclosure concerning Billy G. Ray and Louise Ray and 301 East Truett, Winters, Tx, 79567, application for expedited foreclosure in regards to home equity loan	Filed
Oncor Electric LLC vs Kelly W. King & Pamela King	Injunctive Relief July 13
Oncor Electric vs Pat Gully & Carolyn Gully	Injunctive Relief July 13
Oncor Electric vs Janice Bundas	Injunctive Relief July 13

#### Crime and Misdemeanor

Name	Charge	Filed
Mario Albert Esquivel	Assault	July 15
Patricia G. Campbell	Theft by check	July 15
Harrold M. Sheppard	Theft by check	July 14
Maurilio Nava	Theft by check	July 12
Kristen L. Weber	Theft by check	July 12
Santiago M. Quiroga	--	July 12
Leah Denise Dahlberg	Harassment	July 9
Dorie Davenport	Theft by check	July 9
Melissa Dawkins	Theft by check	July 9
Laura Ortiz	Theft by check	July 9
Kristen Leelane Craig	Theft by check	July 9

#### Jail Log

Name	Age	Agency	Charge
Krissy A. Smith	17	WPD	D.O.C Warrant
Davey G. Ward	56	Concho	P.I.
David E. Ferguson	70	BPD	Assault family violence
Ervin Jackson	23	WPD	Poss C.S. 1g <4g Bexar Co
Francisco Hernandez-Delgado	40	DPS	U.U.M.V
Austin L. Hord	32	WPD	S/W crim. trespassing
Edward J. Odom	41	RCSO	S/W Assault
Andrew S. Hernandez	26	WPD	Assault family violence
Tabitha K. Carlhe	28	Eden PD	Assault causing bodily injury

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# Honor graduated from Texas Tech

On May 22, 2010, Kindy Walker graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center with a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Her four years of hard work and dedication paid off as she was given the academic excellence award in the fields of Chemistry, Bacteriology, Parasitological/Mycology, Immunohematology and Hematology. She was also named the Outstanding Clinical Laboratory Scientist for the graduating class of 2010.

She has currently secured a job in the Hematology department of Hendricks Regional Laboratories. She is also in the process of applying for Medical School and hopes to be a member of the entering class in the fall of 2011.



## Winters Athletic Report

# Football season already 'in the air'

Stephen Hermesmeyer  
For The Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- Are you ready for some football? The first day of high school football practice will be at 7:30 a.m. on August 2, 2010 at the track field. Make sure that all student athletes entering the 9th, 11th grades have an updated physical.

All incoming 7th, 9th, 11th grade boys and girls are required by UIL rule to receive a new physical in each of those years. The JH boys will begin afterschool practice on the first day of school (August 23, 2010). Cross country practice will also begin on August 2 in the evening. Contact Coach Whittenburg for times and location.

### Football activity

<b>August 2</b>
7:30 a.m. First day of high school football and cross country
<b>August 6</b>
First day of full pads and contact
<b>August 14</b>
10:00 a.m. First scrimmage against Roby (here)
<b>August 19</b>
6:00 p.m. Second scrimmage at Junction
<b>August 23</b>
Day of school and JH football practice begins.
<b>August 26</b>
Football season begins with JV against Coleman at Blizzard Stadium.

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# A new neighbor in Runnels County

Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez  
Winters Enterprise

**B**ALLINGER, Texas.- Brought to Ballinger by business opportunity, and with a wide knowledge of the regional needs, a new insurance company held a grand opening ceremony last week hoping to serve Runnels County and surrounding area.

Doug Little, an insurance agent raised in Albany, said Ballinger represents a great niche for the insurance business, with a lot of potential in the auto, home and agricultural markets.

The agency, located on Hutchings, started operations



CAROLE AND DOUG LITTLE cut the ribbon at the grand opening ceremony held on Wednesday, July 14. (Photo: Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez)

on March 1 and held a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 14.

"This is a good community, we saw a good opportunity here and we picked Ballinger, here is where we wanted to be... feels like home and it felt like home since the first day we were here, so that is really what brought us here," said Little.

Doug and his wife Carole have a background in the area, he grew up in Albany and she comes from Ranger. They also have family in Eastland County.

They found in Ballinger and the surrounding areas a place much like the land they grew up at, a community with farms and ranches.

Carole, the office manager,

has plenty of experience with the insurance business after six years working with State Farm management, in Midland.

The Littles have two sons, David, who is working on his mechanical engineering degree in Las Cruces, at New Mexico State University, and Joe and his wife Ashley, who live in Burlleson.

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**July 26-30**  
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**Tuesday**  
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**Wednesday**  
Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Bread, Cobbler.

**Thursday**  
Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Cake.

**Friday**  
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**Teenager dies in rollover**  
Winters Enterprise Staff Report

ABILENE, Texas.- One teenager was killed and two were injured in a one-vehicle rollover crash, Friday at 10:00 p.m. in Eastland County, east from Abilene. The crash occurred on Texas State Highway 112 near mile marker 294.

Kalena Gillispie, 16 years of age from Breckenridge, Texas was pronounced dead at the scene at 10:40 p.m. by judge d. J. Walker. The body was taken to Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland, Texas. According to the Texas Highway Patrol Gillispie was not wearing a seat belt.

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