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## 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

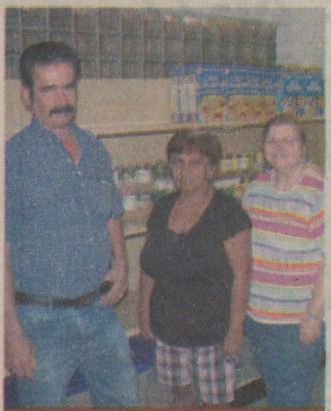
## Forage tour set on Friday

Marty Gibbs, Agrilife Extension Agent  
 For The Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, 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.



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 HAND

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## Republican candidate injured in horse accident

Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez  
 Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- Barry Hilliard, the Republican candidate for the November Runnels County Judge election fell off a horse last Friday, and was taken to the hospital with several broken ribs and a punctured lung.

Hilliard, a former law enforcement officer and now a rancher and horse raiser, was riding a young colt on Friday afternoon

when he fell off and had a bad landing. Severely injured the Republican candidate was taken to the Hendricks Medical Center, in Abilene.

Hilliard is doing fine, stable and recovering from his injuries, hoping to get well and get back to his normal life as soon as possible.



BARRY HILLIARD

"This has been my best day (Tuesday) so far, I hope I can get out of the hospital by the weekend and get better soon because I am no quitting the election."

Fully conscious Hilliard thanked all of the medical staff for the attention received, especially the Winters Hospital

"There is no way I could have made it without them".

Barry Hilliard participated in the Republican Primary held on March 2, and in April became the party candidate for the Runnels County Judge election, winning the runoff. The county election will be held in November. In the November election Hilliard will face Democratic candidate Ray Anderson.

Hilliard grew up in Runnels County and started

his career after High School as a deputy, with Sheriff Don Atkins. After his first few years in Runnels County Sheriff's Department he went to Midland, to continue his career in the City's Police Department and worked there for about 10 years until he became a detective sergeant.

At age 26 Hilliard was sent to the FBI training field in Quantico, Virginia, and finished the academy as the youngest ever.

## WISD IMPROVING ACADEMICALLY ACCORDING TO THE TEA REPORT

# A lesson on commitment

WISD achieved the 'Recognized' accountability rating

Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez  
 Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- The Texas Education Agency (TEA) announced last Friday the accountability ratings for districts and schools all over the state, where all the Runnels County Independent School Districts received the "Recognized" label.

Winters Independent School District upgraded from "Acceptable" to "Recognized".

"I am very excited about the recent Texas Education Agency announcement regarding the Winters ISD accountability ratings," said Winters ISD Superintendent David Hutton.

The rating is based on how students performed on their TAKS tests. Additionally, Winters High School is "Recognized" for the second year in a row while the Junior High is also now a "Recognized" campus.

Area ratings	
<b>Winters ISD</b>	2010 Accountability Rating: <b>Recognized</b>
Last year:	Ac. Acceptable
Winters HS	Recognized
Winters JH	Recognized
Winters Elementary	Ac. Acceptable
<b>Miles ISD</b>	2010 Accountability Rating: <b>Recognized</b>
Last year:	Recognized
Miles HS	Recognized
Miles Elementary	EXEMPLARY
<b>Ballinger ISD</b>	2010 Accountability Rating: <b>Recognized</b>
Last year:	Ac. Unacceptable
Ballinger HS	Recognized
Fairview Acc.	AEA: Ac. Acceptable
Ballinger JH	Ac. Acceptable
Ballinger Elementary	Ac. Acceptable
<b>Olfen ISD</b>	2010 Accountability Rating: <b>Recognized</b>
Last year:	Ac. Acceptable
Olfen Elementary	Recognized
Wall Special Programs	Not Rated
Fairview Special Programs	Not Rated

"It feels wonderful to be a part of a school system and community that reaches such a huge a milestone of success. While I am extremely proud of our teachers, staff and students for their work, I know that our community is proud of having a 'Recognized' district as well. These accomplishments have not come easy but are the result of hard work and dedication from the entire

Winters District. Every one of our employees should be credited as part of the team of educators that work toward helping students reach this goal. It means that the long hours and seemingly endless studies do pay off when recognition for a job well done is announced.

To earn this rating, second highest of the ranking, more rigorous standards were implemented this year. The

new standards require 80 percent of all students and each evaluated student group to pass the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, compared to 75 percent in previous years. Additionally, the school or district must achieve an 85 percent completion rate and must now have an annual seventh and eighth-grade dropout rate of 1.8 percent or below. The previous seventh and eighth-grade dropout rate requirement was 2 percent.

Many schools and districts earned one of the top ratings by meeting the absolute rating criteria and did not use a progress measure or an exception. That is because the TAKS passing rates and completion rates went up across the state in 2010, while dropout rates for grades 7-12 declined according to Commissioner of Education Robert Scott.

For 2011 state accountability is considering several options for changes in the use of Texas Projection Measure to ensure that student performance is acknowledged and

to ensure that the state accountability system remains transparent. Proposals under consideration include the suspension of the use of TPM for accountability ratings, continued use of TPM in state accountability, but only for districts that elect to use it, modifications to the calculation of TPM and/or its use to include additional safeguards.

All over the state 45 districts and 125 schools received the lowest rating called Academically Unacceptable. They received this rating under standard accountability procedures if they had TAKS passing rates for any student group or their total student population below 70 percent for reading/English language arts, writing or social studies or below 60 percent for mathematics or 55 percent for science. A completion rate lower than 75 percent or an annual seventh and eighth-grade dropout rate higher than 1.8 percent would also result in an Academically Unacceptable rating.

## Re-training opportunities for Selkirk employees

Winters Enterprise  
 Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas and Winters Area Business and Industrial Corp are sponsoring an informational meeting on Friday, August 6 2010, from 1-3 p.m. at the Rock Hotel, Winters Texas, for former Selkirk employees.

This meeting has been scheduled in order to provide further assistance and information regarding job search assistance, training opportunities and additional program services.

Workforce Solutions staff will be available for all questions regarding workforce services and retraining opportunities.

For more information contact Robert Puls at (325) 795 4302 or Randall Conner at 325 754 4542.

The Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board



THIS FRIDAY WORKFORCE Solutions of West Central Texas and Winters Area Business and Industrial Corp are sponsoring an informational meeting for former Selkirk employees. is one of 28 boards in the county region. Additional information on the board's economic development efforts or services for business customers may be obtained by calling the Workforce Board at (325) 795 4200 or by visiting the website at www.workforcesystem.org.

## Woman dies days after accident

Winters Enterprise  
 Staff Report

ABILENE, Texas.- Ten days after surviving a rollover crash in Eastland County, a woman from Azle, Texas finally died, as a result of the injuries sustained on July 21.

The crash occurred on IH-20, near milemarker 348 at 1:04 p.m.

The vehicle was a 2002 Ford Ranger driven by Monta Jean Kellar, age 53.

Kellar was driving east-bound on IH-20 near milemarker 348 in Eastland County. Kellar's vehicle left the roadway to the south. The driver overcorrected causing the vehicle to roll several times.

Monta Jean Kellar was taken to John Peter Smith hospital in Fort Worth, Texas where she finally died on July 31.

## Got News ?

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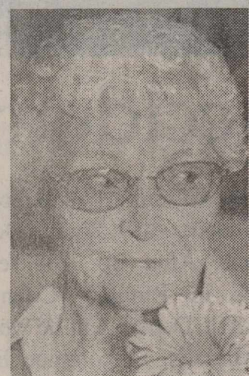
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**Lillie Winchester**

1922-2010

Lillie Rosa Machann Kurtz Winchester, 88, of Ballinger, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 26, 2010. She was born July 20, 1922 in Rowena, Texas to Joseph and Rosa Binder Machann. Lillie was the matriarch of her family. Her first marriage produced two children, Shirley and Bobby Kurtz,



by husband, Leroy Kurtz, who was killed during World War II. She later married Richard Winchester and had two sons, Larry and Terry. Unfortunately, a car accident took the life of her second husband. She raised these four children to be productive, responsible adults. Another important person in Lillie's life was Leo Johnson who also preceded her in death after having

dated for over 25 years.

Once her children were grown, she went to work at Ben Franklin's Variety Store and later retired from Dry's Manufacturing. Upon retirement she returned to her hobby of quilting, making all of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren heirloom quilts. After tiring of quilt making, she took up needlepoint and has made everyone at least one table runner.

Her family was very important to her and she always treated everyone special. Family meals and holidays were always prepared lovingly by her until her health prevented her doing it herself; however, she then always orchestrated the meal and made sure we prepared it just like she wanted it.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her brother, Bernie Machann, and sister, Mary Pullin.

She is survived by her children, Shirley Fant and husband, Marvin, of Miles; Bobby Kurtz and wife, Jan, of Yukon, Oklahoma; Larry Winchester and wife, Vicki, of Cottonwood, Arizona; and Terry Winchester and wife, Cindy, of Ballinger. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Paula Rankin and husband, Steven; Marla Dusek and husband, Ed; Jason Kurtz and wife, Ashley; Alison Basler and husband, Jeremy; Kyle Winchester; Kevin Winchester; John Winchester and wife, Shelly; Jessica Winchester and Justine Winchester; her great-grandchildren, MarLon Rankin, Chef C Rankin; Ashlee Whitesell and fiancé, Trey Weishuhn; CiJi Dickson and husband, Lee; Ashlyn Basler; Jady Basler; Sterling Winchester; Mykennah Winchester; Ayers Kurtz and newborn, Wyatt Winchester; a great-great-grandson, Lane Whitesell; and sisters, Margie Bradley of Midland; and Ella Caffey and husband, Bill, of Andrews; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation for family and friends was Wednesday, July 28 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Funeral services were Thursday, July 29 at 2 p.m. at Lange Funeral Home with burial in Evergreen Cemetery. Grandsons, great-grandsons and great-great-grandsons were pallbearers.

The family would like to give special thanks to all of the 5th Floor North nurses at Shannon Medical Center, Dr. Carl Anderton and his nurse, Penny, for their wonderful care over the years, and the staff at Ballinger Home Health.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of San Angelo or a favorite charity.

Mother/Gran, we will all miss you dearly, and our family times will never be the same. We will see you again soon! Rest in peace!

Winters Enterprise  
Thursday, August 5, 2010

**Jack Glynn Davis**

1940-2010

Jack Glynn Davis, 70, of Winters passed away Friday, July 30, 2010. He was born July 24, 1940 in Vernon, Texas. He was raised in Big Spring and graduated high school there. He worked for Brown and Root for three years before entering the U.S. Army. He married Margaret Merrill on August 18, 1962 in Big Spring. Following his discharge he worked for Borden Milk and later Gandy's Milk. He moved to Winters in 1971 and worked for Pool Well Service Co. for 15 years. He worked in the oilfield for a total of 17 years. He later returned to Gandy's Dairies in San Angelo in 1988, retiring in 2003. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife Margaret Merrill of Winters and his daughter Lana Kay Davis of Dallas.

Winters Enterprise  
Thursday, August 5, 2010



**Police report**

BY NATHAN T. JOHNSON  
WINTERS POLICE CHIEF

ANIMAL CONTROL - PART III

Someone once said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". In the case of rabies, a gram of prevention may be worth a metric ton of cure.

HISTORICAL TREATMENT OF RABIES

Although rabies has plagued both people and animals from the dawn of recorded history, it was not until 1884 that Louis Pasteur first announced his discovery of an anti-rabies vaccine.

During Pasteur's time, France was overrun with rabies and Pasteur wanted to do something to help the victims. Townspeople were being treated for animal bites by having the wound cauterized (burnt closed) with a red-hot iron.

Pasteur was not able to isolate the virus that caused the disease, but he did develop a vaccine against it. Pasteur took saliva from a rabid dog and injected it into a rabbit, which subsequently died. Pasteur then removed its spinal cord and allowed it to dry for 14 days. He reasoned that drying the spinal cord would weaken its virus content to the point it would not cause disease when injected into a human body, but would still trigger the body's natural defense mechanism to produce rabies antibodies.

He used this vaccine to inoculate a small boy (Joseph Meister) who had been severely bitten by a mad dog and whose mother had turned to Pasteur as a last hope. First, the scientist injected the boy with the 14-day-old preparation, and gradually, day by day increased the potency of the vaccine until he was using a 3-day-old solution. Miraculously, Joseph Meister did not develop rabies and the world had its first weapon against the disease.

WHAT TO DO WHEN AN ANIMAL BITES A PERSON

Any time a warm-blooded animal like a dog, fox, skunk, cat, bat, etc... bites a human being there is a danger that the animal is rabid and that the person involved may develop rabies. The following precautions should be taken immediately:

**WJH and WHS student schedules on August 18**

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Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Student schedules for the 2010-2011 school year will be available for pickup on Wednesday, August 18, at Winters Junior High and Winters High School. Schedules will be handed out at the following times.

New students are encouraged to visit the counselor's office as soon as possible between the hours of 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to complete new student paperwork.

School begins on August 23, and we look forward to the great things to come this year.

Please feel free to call the high school office at 754-5516 or the junior high office at 754-5518 with any questions.

**Schedules by grade**

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Seniors
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Juniors
10:00-11:00 a.m.	Sophomores
11:00-12:00 p.m.	Freshmen
8:00am-12:00 p.m.	All JH students

Schedule Changes: Thursday, August 19, from 8 a.m.- Noon.

**NRH Clinic FAMILY PRACTICE**

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Wash the wound thoroughly with soap and hot water as an immediate first aid procedure. Consult a physician right away concerning the advisability of anti-rabies treatment.

Identify and confine (if possible) the biting animal for observation or submit the animal's head for laboratory examination. (Your local veterinarian should handle this so the brain remains intact for examination and the observation is medically sound.)

Wild or farrell animals involved in attacks on humans should be killed immediately and the brain examined for evidence of rabies. They should never be quarantined.

If symptoms of rabies appear in an animal confined for observation, immediately notify the physician who was consulted at the time of the attack. The physician will decide whether to begin the anti-rabies treatment at once, and the veterinarian will verify the animal's rabid appearance and later prepare the animal's head for laboratory examination.

COMMUNITY CONTROL OF RABIES

Effective community control of rabies is possible. The first step is an informed and cooperative public. Lack of public education and cooperation creates a bigger problem and a solution is essential to public health and safety. Community control of rabies can be accomplished by the following measures:

1. Immunization of all domestically owned animals. (All dogs and cats over 4 months old should be vaccinated against rabies. Vaccination can be should be obtained through a local veterinarian's office.)
2. Registration and licensing of all domestic animals at city hall
3. Impoundment and elimination of all strays that cannot be returned or adopted
4. Quarantine and observation of domestic animals suspected of having rabies
5. Removal and elimination of all "un-owned" or "farrell" dogs, cats, and other animals capable of carrying rabies

The Winters Police Department (animal control) will assist citizens within the city limits where stray, farrell, or wild animal have been spotted. If resources allow, animal control can also place "live traps" in areas of the city where animals are present but capture or contact is difficult. Should you wish to request a trap please contact our office at 325-754-4121.

Semper Fi,  
Chief Johnson

**Chatting with Paw Paw**

By John DeMoss Jr.

I realized how much I loved Beverly Spencer one afternoon outside of Vera, Texas. She was standing by the car taking pictures of the scenery. I looked out the window and saw the beautiful dress that she was wearing blowing in the wind. Man! What a fox! That was almost twenty-seven years ago.

was about to be my wife! After nearly twenty-seven years, I still get a kick out of looking at my beautiful wife. I don't shiver as much now but I sure do grin.

Through our faith in the Lord Jesus we become a part of His bride, The Church. We become the beautiful Bride of The King of Kings! Think for a moment and just imagine how our Lord must smile as He looks upon us with His supernatural, unconditional love and compassion. I just wonder if my precious Jesus shivers with joy as He looks on us. With all my heart I want my Lord Jesus to smile and shiver when He sees me! Don't you?

Rev. Bob DeMoss

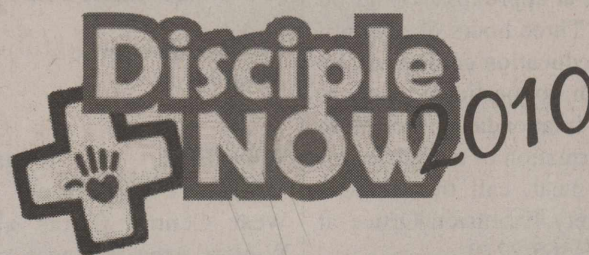
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# News

## notes

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### WHS Class of 1980 celebrates 30th reunion

The Class of 1980 will celebrate its 30th High School class reunion during homecoming weekend on September 17 and 18, 2010. Plans are being finalized and will be centered around the Friday night homecoming game against Menard along with a school tour on Saturday. Plans are also being made for dinner and fellowship on Saturday night September 18 in Abilene. Information has been posted on Facebook under "Winters High School - Class of 1980 Reunion" or Renee (Pierce) Calcote may be contacted via e-mail at [Reneec\\_00@yahoo.com](mailto:Reneec_00@yahoo.com). There will be more information to follow in the coming weeks.

### YMCA football signups

The YMCA will be conducting its 2010 football sign-ups, for kids third thru sixth grades. On Thursday August 5 at the signup will be at 7 p.m. and Saturday August 7 at Noon at the Winters City Park. For any questions please contact Ronald Rodriguez at 325-977-0423.

### Car show in Bronte

Come out and enjoy a day of fun in downtown Bronte on August 21. Car show and arts and crafts booths will be open at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Registration for the car show starts at 8 a.m. in the bank parking lot.

Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will be serving lunch around 11:30 under the trees at the Depot. And for the grand finale, the Bronte Chamber of Commerce will have a special showing in the Texas Theater at 2:15 p.m. For more information contact: [www.brontetexas.org](http://www.brontetexas.org) or City Hall (325) 473-3501.

### A/C funding available

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. serving Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, McCulloch and Runnels counties has funding available to purchase portable cooling units for clients that are in situations that are life threatening particularly to the elderly, disabled, or children age five and younger.

A doctor's statement is required stating that a health condition of household occupants require climate control. If you or someone you know fits this descriptions and does not have any cooling in home already, please contact Community Services Offices by calling 800-625-4167 ext. 239 for further details.

### AA Meetings

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truitt behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

### Ministerial Alliance

Winters Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month at 9 a.m. at Samaritans House on the corner of E. Dale and Grant.

### Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce meets at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month at 100 West Dale Street.

### City Council Meetings

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

### School Board Meetings

Winters ISD School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of the month at 603 North Heights.

### Hospital Board Meetings

The North Runnels Hospital Board meets at 6 p.m. the third Monday of the month.

### Literary Service Club

Literary Service Club meets at 6 p.m. the third Monday of the month.

### Public Library

Winters Public Library meets at 4:30 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month at the Library.

### Winters Women's Club

Winters Women's Club meet on the second Tuesday of the month, from September through May. Contact Jane Bourdo, 754-2048 or Becky Hays, 754-1912 for more information.

### Masonic Lodge meetings

Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, TX Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754-2048.

# Hendrick Health System recognized for diversity

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

ABILENE, Texas.- The Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services will honor Hendrick Health Systems, in Abilene, Texas, for supporting accommodations in its workforce and the medical center's contribution to promote workplace diversity and accessibility.

The award ceremony will be held on Monday, August 2, at 10:30 a.m. at the Hendrick Medical Center, located at Meek Wing, 1900

Pine St. (entrance off Hickory St.)

The Business of the Year Award ceremony will recognize Hendrick Health Systems for supporting diversity in its workforce.

Dan Curl, Pediatric Nursing Supervisor and Juanita Barker, Division for Blind Services Lubbock Field HQ Director will be present as Hendrick Medical Center representatives.

DARS is a state agency whose mission is to ensure Texas is a state where adults and children with disabilities enjoy the same opportunities

as other Texans to live independent and productive lives.

DARS administers programs that help Texans with

disabilities find jobs through vocational

rehabilitation, ensure that Texans with disabilities live independently in their communities, and help families who have children with disabilities and developmental delays develop their full potential through transitional, vocational training pro-

grams and employment. The Blind Services division helps people who are blind or visually impaired develop

their full potential through transitional and vocational training programs.

For more information about the services that DARS provides to Texans with disabilities, please call the DARS Inquiries Line at 1-800-628-5115 or go to [www.dars.state.tx.us](http://www.dars.state.tx.us).



# Annual Brice family reunion

Winters Enterprise Staff Report

The annual Brice Reunion was held at the Winters Community Center on June 19 and 20, 2010, with 112 relatives and visitors attending.

Those attending were Juanita Bradley of Bronte; W.A. and Dot Henley of Ingram; Faye and Marvin Henager, Gary Brice, Meagan and Kendall of Belton; Amy Corinsky and Reese, Vickie Watts, Janie and Olen Baker and granddaughter Makenna Potts, Christopher Watts, Shelly

Brakes of Temple; Kenneth, Cynthia and Sarah Henager, Katy and Marcus and baby of Moody; Leon Brice and granddaughter Taylor Brice, Debbie and Eddie Parker and three grandsons of Comanche; Rita and Ben Blakeney, Shirley Strakos, Jimmy Weidner and family, Sarah Gandy, Leslie Brice, Joyce Weidner, Rusty Weidner, Sandy Camp and family, Tisha Baxbajay and Joseph, Brenda Braden, Brandy Tennell and William, Stony and Martha Weidner of San Angelo, Pasty Robertson, Terry Sanders, Vonda and

Kirsten Grun of Tuscola; Billy Brice, A.J. Monroe and Karolyn, Mary L. Dement of Sweetwater; Wendy and Randall Lyons and Tiffany, Haley Johnson, Jim Bob Webb, Laura Barnett of Clifton; Earlene Moore, Dane and Heather Moore and family of Cabot, Ark.; Same and Shirley Pierce of Demming, N.M.; Iris Coffey of Port Lavaca Frances Faglie, Bobby, Joe Faglie and Colette Ruddick of Palacios, Tina Mitchell and Curtis of Merkel; Gena and Nathan Wright of Lubbock; Travis and Alicia Sims and Aubree,

Christa McCellan, Emily and Gracie of Abilene; Bryce Webb, Breanna Webb, Justin and Katie Webb and Abby and Robert Henry of Coppell; Darlene and Tim Kelly and Loy Morris of Ballinger; Gene Brice of Robert Leel Odell and Horace McGinnis of Mineral Wells; Beth Brice, Linda Scott, Ben Waldrop, Ann and Eddie Bedrick, Georgia and Steve Collier and Judy Snowden of Odessa; Oleta Webb of Winters.

Visitors were Cindy and Jessica Callahan of Tuscola.

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### Letter to the Editor

REPORT: A Winters City Council meeting was held last evening. In reporting to you those of us attending could see the handwriting on the wall. The City is considering raising your tax rate from .68/\$100 to .74 or approximately a 7.4% tax increase. To add to your misery the appraisal district has also gone up another 6.74% on your home values-this during a severe recession and an overall broad drop in our little economy. FORCED: Home owners are, in effect, being forced to make up for appraisal losses in commercial business (example SellKirk). Industrial losses dropped 6.7 million dollars (-31.7%) while average home values were increased the 6.74%. Overall the appraisal district has increased home values almost 80% since 2006 (4 years). Goodness! COUNCIL CAUTIONED: City employee Sheila Paschal cautioned the Council that if they went up a smidgin over the .74 rate increase it would require public hearings. The implication being they probably would not welcome public hearing input from the tax payers. Tax data was provided the board and was greeted by what appeared to be indifference. CLEANERS: Homeowners are being taken to the cleaners by the Winters City Council at a time it can scarcely be afforded. Social

Security increases have been zero for 2 years and will probably extend into the future another 2-3 years. Health care is going up and on. Homeowners ability to pay for their extra expenses plus the extra expenses of the City requires a hardship in a reduction in some folks ability to even "make it." CARE: One assumes, (most believe) the Council members care! However, it appears they care less for the homeowner than they do for the City budget. Our entire community will continue to suffer from this mind set unless we can, somehow, reverse it. HEADS UP: The next City Council budget meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, August 10 at 6 p.m. If we are going to stop this significant tax increase on homeowners we better start figuring a way. Don Davis, Winters, Texas

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# Roundup

## Runnels County

### Olfen ISD rated 'Recognized'

**Winters Enterprise Staff Report**  
**O**LFEN, Texas.- The Olfen Independent School District has been rated "Recognized" by the Texas Education Agency.  
 "This achievement is the result of hard work, persistence and a commitment to

excellence on the part of our faculty and students," said Olfen ISD Superintendent David Velky. Olfen ISD is a Pre-Kindergarten thru eight grade school district located ten miles south of Ballinger. The school accepts transfer students from surrounding dis-

tricts, and features small class sizes. "We focus on giving each child the attention and support needed for academic success," states Mr. Velky. "Olfen School has a friendly, family-oriented environment that you just can't get anywhere else. We are proud of our school."

Olfen ISD has excellent facilities, is financially strong, and has a great athletic program. Football, basketball and track are offered for grades 6-8. Parents who are interested in touring Olfen School are asked to call 325-442-4301 for more information.



## Fishing

### report

BY DAVE CAUDLE

**T**he line up of huge bass being brought to the scales at Ivie continues to surpass understanding. It seems that even though we're in the dog days of summer, a 12 pounder and a couple more double digit bass found their way into someone's bass boat just in the past week. On a trip last week we took about 30 bass but nothing to weigh or photo. The fishing was hard on one day trip last week, and we finally caught something just to say we weren't skunked. I always tell my clients that they will not go in or see their loved ones again until I boat a fish. This policy will keep my never-been-skunked record in tact for day trips. There have been a couple of times that I fished longer than expected and would count a perch--but no skunk.

ed one of their sponsors be present to assist in the reading. I've had an idea in the reading area. I'm wanting to build a 12-volt lighted sign to put in the back window of my truck. This sign would scroll pre-written statements for those behind me on the highway to read and enjoy or at least consider. "Have a nice day," or "Thank you for pulling over so I could pass," and other happy statements might brighten someone's day. There would also be some messages like "If you can read, you are too close," or "If you can't read this, you might consider getting glasses or stopping and I will give you the verbal edition." Maybe something like, "Is there another driver who might be competent in the car? If so, please let him or her drive." Since I do most of my driving in or near Runnels County, I could also run ads for Lange Funeral Home, the Ballinger Hospital, and other services that might be needed due to poor driving skills and habits. I know one cattle truck driver who probably would need some help understanding anything written. During this last rain I was pulling my boat to town going north on US 83 approximately five miles south of Ballinger. I was in a driving rain storm and slowed down to 55 mph. This cattle truck passed me causing a southbound vehicle to get in the ditch and me to be blinded by splashed water for about a hundred yards. The funny thing is that we ended up at the stop light in Ballinger at the same time. I sure did want to visit with him about his passing me being worth the risk to at least three people and some cows who have nothing to say about their driver. I suppose even a sign can't fix stupid.

### Rail plan for Texas is underway

**Winters Enterprise Staff Report**  
**B**ALLINGER, Texas.- The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is in the process of developing a comprehensive rail plan for Texas. This plan will serve to guide future actions of both public and private sectors as they work to meet the rail needs of the state.



THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION is developing a comprehensive rail plan for Texas, to guide future actions of both public and private sectors. (Photo: Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez)

TxDOT values public participation in laying the foundation for the Texas Rail Plan and creating a vision for the future of rail in Texas. The department will be holding a series of public outreach meetings throughout the state from August 2 through August 19. At these meetings, attendees will receive information about the plan and be able to interact with and ask questions of our experts. Public will also be able to provide your input and comments regarding the plan. Meeting dates, times and locations are scheduled as follows: on August 18, at 6

p.m. at the TxDOT District Office Training Center in Lubbock, Mesquite Room, 135 Slaton Road. On Thursday August 5, from 6 - 8 p.m. in San Antonio, at the VIA Metro Center Board Room, 1021 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio, Texas. The TxDOT also has meetings scheduled for

Pharr, on August 9; Austin, on August 10, and El Paso, on August 16. The Texas Rail Plan is being developed in coordination with other TxDOT planning efforts currently underway, including the Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan. Following this series of public meetings, the department will analyze the feed-

back received and finalize the plan. TxDOT will hold a final public hearing and submit the plan to the Texas Transportation Commission for adoption. TxDOT hopes the public is able to join at one of the meetings. If not, people are encouraged to visit the website @ www.txdot.gov, keyword: "rail plan".

PUBLIC RECORD			
<b>Marriages</b>			
Names		Filed	
Alberto Gonzales and Ampara Delgado Enriquez		July 26	
<b>Divorce filings</b>			
Names		Filed	
Carol Lynn Squyres vs Leslie Jean Squyres		July 29	
Jaime Correa vs Mararita Correa		July 27	
Jerry Emmit Ripple Jr vs Elsie Virginia Ripple		July 21	
<b>Crime and misdemeanor</b>			
Name	Charge	Filed	
Rudy S. Torres	Illegal dumping	July 23	
<b>Jail Log</b>			
Joseph D. Bates	19	Concho S.O.	Resisting arrest P.O.M.
Jeffrey V. Nicholas	17	Concho S.O.	P.O.M.
Nickolas Curtis	21	Concho S.O.	—
Steven R. Halbleib	34	DPS	DWI/open cont.

### Biker dies in crash

**Winters Enterprise Staff Report**  
**B**ALLINGER, Texas.- One person died in a motorcycle crash on Tuesday, July 29 at 9:00 a.m. on State Highway 153. The crash was 0.2 miles north of Wingate. Jonathan Edward Ehl, 21 years of age from Blackwell, Texas, was pronounced dead at 10:00 a.m. at the scene by justice of the peace Richard Hamilton. The body was transported to Winters Funeral Home in Winters, Texas. Ehl was not wearing a helmet. Ehl was driving a 2002 Suzuki motorcycle northbound on State Highway 153. The driver failed to negotiate a curve and traveled off of the west side of the road, striking a culvert. The weather was clear and the roadway dry.

Crappie continue to be taken in both rivers out of the tree tops by those willing to spend the time and effort. Catfish are being taken by the jug fishermen and trotliners, and we also get our fair share of channel cats when we put out the cheese bait and corks in shallow water. Speaking of shallow water, this past weekend our family had a reunion at the Elegante Suites in Abilene. It was attended by about 38 members of our close family. The motel has a very nice indoor atrium area and a swimming pool that's well supervised. The pool is somewhat small and doesn't allow diving. It seems that there was also a jr. high cheerleader gathering going on, and naturally the girls wanted to use the pool after being out in the hot sun. They might be good at cheerleading, but they lacked some reading skills. They didn't exactly dive but did cheerleading jumps and flips into the water until the pool attendant stopped the activity and also request-

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- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

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138 W. Dale Friday & Saturday, Aug. 6 & 7. 8 a.m. to ??? Stove, baby bed, TV, heaters, beds, dresser, clothes. Too much to list.

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600 North 5th Sat. August 7th 8am to 3 pm Furniture - including 2 twin beds painted Texas Longhorn. Baby stroller & car seat, glassware, clothes (teen girl, boy, womens, mens, scrubs), pictures, shop vac, lots of misc. items. Don't miss this one!

**GARAGE SALE**  
Gospel Chapel Church, corner of Novice Rd. & Trinity St. Saturday Aug. 14. 8 a.m. to ??? Household goods, knick knacks, toys, adult and children clothing. Everything PRICED to sale. Baked goods & hot dogs also available.

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Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010. 8 a.m. to ?? 3301 Hwy. 83. 3rd house past cemetery. Cleaning house-- Lots of misc.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Runnels County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget for all interested citizens of Runnels County. This budget will raise less total property taxes than last year's budget by \$2,462.00. The hearing will be in the Runnels County Judge's office/Commissioners Courtroom on August 17, 2010, at 13:00 A.M. for the purpose of

consideration of the proposed budget. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays in the County Clerk's office, Runnels County Courthouse, from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Marilyn Egan County Judge Runnels County, Texas

**NO. 6710 ESTATE OF EMMA SUDDUTH MOORE DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Emma Sudduth Moore, Deceased, were issued on April 26, 2010, in Docket No. 6710, pending in the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, to: Bobbie Bowman. The residence of the Independent Executor is in Aspermont, Stonewall County, Texas, and the post office address is: P.O. Box 784, Aspermont, Texas 79502. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 30th day of July, 2010.

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Bids shall be addressed to the Mayor, Dawson McGuffin. Bidding Documents and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, may be examined at:

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tion Act.

ment to Bid that we now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time prescribed by law. Please forward all claims against KYLE GOODWIN, c/o Kenneth H. Slimp, P.O. Box 157, Winters, TX 79567. Ex- KYLE GOODWIN, Independent Executor of the Estate of JO ANN POE, Deceased, Cause No. 6708, County Court of Runnels County, Texas. SUSAN K. GOODWIN, Independent Executrix of the Estate of JO ANN POE, Deceased, Cause No. 6708, County Court of Runnels County, Texas.

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Rice Krispie
- Tuesday**  
Swiss Steak, Cornbread  
Dressing, Peas, Hot  
Roll, Cobbler
- Wednesday**  
Lasagna, Green Beans,  
Toss Salad, Garlic  
Bread, Cake
- Thursday**  
Hamburger Steak,  
Green Beans and  
Tomatoes, Pear Salad,  
Biscuit, Cookies
- Friday**  
Burrito, Spanish Rice,  
Coleslaw, Chips and  
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# The daily bread... for everyone

Supported by all churches in the Winters area, the Samaritan's House provides a refuge for needy families

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**W**INTERS, Texas.—“Give us today the daily bread” Christians pray, but for the daily bread sometimes God works in mysterious ways.

Run by the churches, as it has been for decades, the Winters Ministerial Alliance has in the Samaritan's House a refuge for families in need, those who are struggling with these troubled economic times.

This non-profit organization provides food, clothing and relief, looking to lend a helping hand and support the less fortunate members of the Winters community.

The house, located at 109 E Dale, is sponsored by all the churches in the area, including Assembly of God, Bluff Creek Cowboy Church,



**VOLUNTEERS YSIDRO ALCARAZ and Perry Ochoa help Samaritan's House Director Barbara Jones to organize and hand out the groceries.** (Photo: Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez)

Church of Christ, First Baptist Church, First United Methodist, Fruit of the Vine Cowboy Church, Gospel Chapel Church, Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, New Beginnings, Primera Iglesia Bautista, Pioneer Church of God, Second Baptist Church, St. John's Lutheran Church,

Southside Baptist Church and Wingate Baptist Church.

“Most of them participate in one way or another,” said Barbara Jones, director of the non-profit organization.

All of the churches bring in the resources needed to keep the house operating. Donations are received from

both, churches and individuals. They contribute either in cash or with items such as food, clothes or even their time to help the needy families.

The Samaritan's House has only one employee, all of the work is made mainly by volunteers, and the Board members which include pres-

ident Heath Powers, vice-president Sam Nix, Treasurer Ruth Cooper, and Secretary Tamara Growman.

At the Samaritan's House an average of 140 families receive help each month, some of them even twice in a month.

Individuals receive cans of assorted vegetables, spaghetti, rice, flour, dry milk, canned fruit and soup, eggs and two different meats. The amounts given depend on the family size and sometimes include watermelon, corn on a cob, onions and bread.

“This goods run out pretty quickly,” said Jones.

At the Samaritan's House there is no dining room, the food is given only to take home, and the families in need can also find there a place to dress for a very small fee.

“We receive cloth donations from the churches and individuals, and anybody can take whatever they need for a very small fee,” stated Jones.

In order to receive all the benefits families are asked to register once a year, the requirements and qualifications are very easy to fill and so far nobody has ever been turned down when filling a registry form.

“Most of the people can fill a couple of forms to get food according to the income qualifications, so far nobody has ever exceeded the qualifications and anyway nobody is ever turned away, in one way or another every person that comes looking for help always takes a little something that will help them to carry on with life.”

The main sponsor for the food is the Food Bank of West Central Texas, located in Abilene. The monthly trip provides this non-profit organization with everything that is needed for the house to operate.

Churches also have boxes located on their premises where fellowship takes their contributions.

At the Samaritan's House the help is not only for food, families in need also get a hand to pay for their bills and prescriptions.

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