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Gate approved for reservoir

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

In a special council meeting held last Monday, the Winters City Council approved unanimously the building of a gate at the Elm Creek Reservoir to control the public access and address the illegal dumping and hunting problems. The operation of the

Winters lake access will be subject to registration and control in order to address illegal dumping, hunting

access, which will be managed by the Winters Police Department has not been detailed yet, but was outlined as the building of a structure to manage and document access to the non-park areas of the Elm Creek Reservoir. The Winters City Council approved only the construction and access management phases, but at the special meeting no arrangement was made about some possible charge in order to grant the access to these facilities for the general public. According to the project approved, submitted by Nathan Johnson, Chief of Police, two gates will be installed

at the East and West access, while the northern gate will be used exclusively by the Fire Department.

The hunting access would be controlled by means of a registry with the lake keeper and the Police Department prior to hunting at the lake. The proposal considers annual permit for individuals to gain access to the lake by contacting the lake keeper, who will provide an entry code prior to arrival or contacting the on-duty police officer for the weekly or daily code. The proposal seeks to finish with an old and recurrent problem at the northern part of the premises, known as the old lake, where illegal dumping and hunting activities have been reported and documented on numerous occasions.

The Winters City Council has been working on a new ordinance for the premises after a debate between two groups of citizens, one of the interested parties is looking to maintain the waterfowl hunting open at the lake while the other pretends to ban every hunting and firearm activity in the public land. The new ordinance regarding the hunting at the public place will be addressed at the next City Council meeting, on September 27, 2010.

At the special meeting other issues were addressed such as the health, dental, and vision insurance proposals for



FILE PHOTO

One of the access to the lake had to be cancelled with a welded fence because of the unwanted visitors.

the City employees. The Council also voted to reduce the cleaning costs for the City Hall, for the cleaning to be performed once a week and the charge reduced to two thirds of the prior cost. A resolution was approved to authorize Mayor Dawson McGuffin to act as repre-

sentative in the Home Program, and the Council members agreed to search for alternatives in order to replace the Water Department fleet, as well as a proposal by the Police Department to trade the Animal Control vehicle and another vehicle for a newer one.

Queen candidates



RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ/WINTERS ENTERPRISE

One of the lucky High School girls will be nominated homecoming queen this Friday at Blizzard Stadium. Pictured from left to right are: Zannie Slimp, Bianca Castillo, Shelby Gehrels and Abby Guy.

Woman's Club resume meetings

JOYCE CARBERY
CONTRIBUTED

The Winters Woman's Club will resume their meeting on September 14. The first meeting will be held at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

The Winters Woman's Club was organized in 1982 and their first president was Halley Sims. This year's president is Marlene Smith, vice president Sylvia Wilson, Treasurer Pat Ambrose, Recording Secretary is Donna Moore, Correspondence secretary is Becky Hays, and Historians are Ann Baldwin and Dortha Laughon.

The club's Vice President and Program Committee are responsible for the programs. The programs are very informative and versatile. The Ways and Means Committee chairman, Joyce Bradstreet is in charge of all of the clubs fund raising projects through out the year. Ladies Night Out has been a success for the past 16 years. All women in Winters and surrounding areas eagerly look forward to this social event every year. You will find club members at the grocery store and in front of Bluebonnet Mercantile selling delicious bake goods in november. Members are also invited to the Dove Fest.

At the end of each year, the club donates monetary gifts to several organizations including scholarships for two deserving seniors, Rock Hotel, Z.I. Hale Museum, Library, Samaritan's House, Senior Activity Center, Ministerial Alliance, North Runnels Auxiliary and North Runnels Hospital.

Guests may be invited by a member or you may call Marlene at 754 4961 if you are interested in attending a meeting or becoming a member. The club meets every second Tuesday of the month from September through May. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

Conaway talks budget cuts

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

Budget cuts, a boost to the local small businesses and keeping the government from causing debt for the life of future generations were among top priorities of US Congressman Mike Conaway, who came to the Winters High School cafeteria last Friday.

Conaway, who visited Winters as a part of his America Speaking Out initiative, addressed the audience with the results of the Republican Conference held in August, and said that the federal budget has been increased 24 percent since 2008, while the stimulus funds represent 84 percent.

"The federal budget should be taken back to what government was spending in 2008, cut excessive spending increases already in the pipeline and capitalize discretionary spending," said Conaway.

Congressman also proposed to end bailouts permanently and end bailouts to private business. The Republican Conference also proposed to get government hands off the Federal National Mortgage Association, and the Federal Home Mortgage Corporation.

In order to reduce the size and spending in federal government Conaway said the Congress should look for a freeze in the budget and impose a hiring

freeze on federal employees.

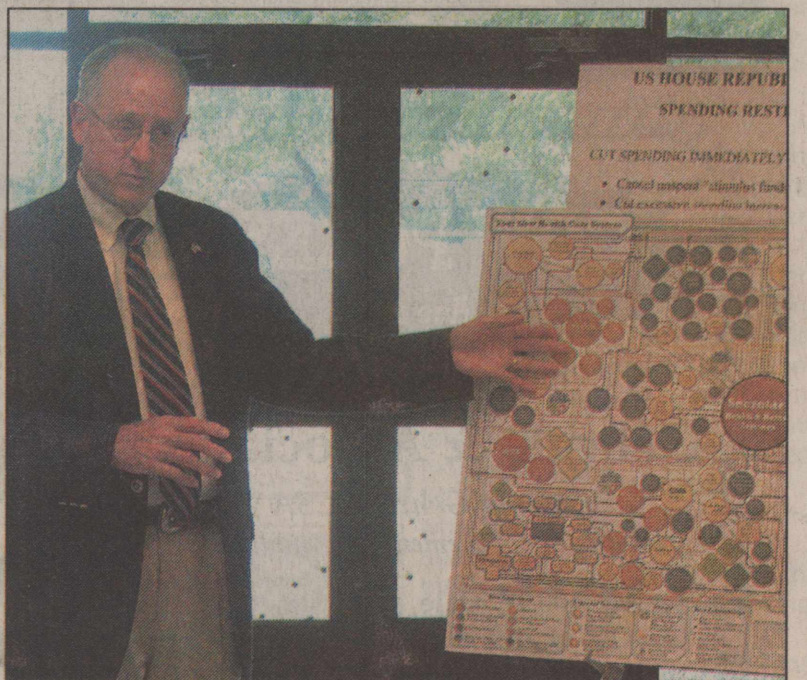
Conaway also addressed several subjects such as border security, where he said the government has registered an advance, and health care expenses, one of the hottest topics could mark the November election.

"In terms of border security we are better now than what we were before but it is still not enough, we need to redo the immigration laws completely because they were built for a society decades ago, we need to evaluate a reform to the Fourteenth Amendment," said Conaway.

The health care and Social Security costs represent an issue for almost everybody and in some cases prevent the small business from growing, because people need to feel that their investment is safe.

"We need to find a way to protect the small business, a way for them to hire new people, right now the small business is reluctant to expand because we need to take the economy out of the recession and they are the only ones who can do that.

"We don't declare that the economy is out of recession, that is not something that anybody can just say and everything is fine, the people need to trust the government again."



RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ/WINTERS ENTERPRISE

Mike Conaway brought his America Speaking Out initiative to the Winters High School cafeteria.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Maria Gonzales Hernandez

Maria Gonzales Hernandez, 58 of Winters, passed away Wednesday, September 8, 2010, in a local nursing home. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, at Heritage Family Funeral Home Chapel.

Maria was born May 25, 1952 in San Antonio, Texas, to Clemencia and Encarnacion Gonzales, where she met her husband, Ruben of 42 years. They moved to Winters in 1975. Maria enjoyed being mom and Grandma the most, taking care of everyone, from cooking their favorite meals to watching her kids and grandkids play games and participate in sports.

Maria was preceded in death by her dad, one son David Hernandez, and one sister Otelia Garcia.

Maria is survived by her husband Ruben Hernandez Sr.; two daughters, Lillie Hernandez and Priscilla Hernandez; four sons, Ruben Hernandez Jr., Michael Hernandez, Gabriel Hernandez and Jacob Hernandez, all of Winters; 22 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; her mother, Clemencia Gonzales of San Antonio, Tx.; two sisters, Minerva Villanueva and Cynthia Gonzales; a brother Joe Gonzales; and numerous extended family.



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Jerry Haynes

Jerry (Elton) Haynes, 91 of Rogers, passed away September 9, 2010 in Springdale. Mr. Haynes was born November 13, 1918 in San Angelo, Texas the son of Floyd and Lola Rampy Haynes. He was a Pump Station Operator for Arco Pipeline Company. Preceded in death by his first wife Jessie Evelyn Reid Haynes; his son Larry Elton Haynes and two sisters Inez Haynes and Clara Belle Smith.

He is survived by his wife Lillian E. Reid Haynes of the home; his children Joyce Annette Priest of Littleton, CO; Clara Frances Haynes of Sacramento, CA; Thomas Reid Haynes of Crowley, TX; Michael Dean Haynes of Allen, TX; his brother Robert (Bruce) Haynes of El Reno, OK. Fifteen grandchildren Jerry and Darrell Haynes; Sabrena Priest-Martin, Joel Lynn Priest, Jeremiah Daniel Haynes, Machea Haynes, Todd, Scott and Joy Evans, Heather Neff, Bradley, Terrence and Tommy Haynes, Jr., Scott and Ricky Davis; 20 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 11, 2010 at the Rogers Christian Church with Pastor Jack Galbraith officiating. A graveside service will be held Saturday September 18, 2010 at Crane Cemetery in Crane, Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of Benton County Funeral Home (downtown) Rogers. Online condolences to www.bentoncountyfuneral-home.com.

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NEWS NOTES

Winters playday on Sept 18

The Winters Rodeo Association will host their September playday on September 18th at the Winters Rodeo Arena. Sign up for events will start at 5:30 p.m. and we'll ride at 6:30 p.m.

WHS Class of 1960 50th reunion

Fifty years have passed since we graduated from Dear Winters High School in 1960. On September 17, we will come together as a class to celebrate this milestone. We will have a supper in the newly remodeled school cafeteria starting at 5:00 p.m. Then we will go to the football game at the stadium, Winters vs. Menard. On Saturday we will gather at the Rock Hotel at 10:00 a.m. with lots of visiting followed by a catered lunch. Then more visiting. A trip to the Z.L. Hale Museum in the afternoon will take us back in time. If anyone has questions, call Lavera Tharp at 754-4243 or Kay Guy at 754-5248.

Novice evaluates Pre-K for 3-year olds

Novice ISD is exploring the possibility of beginning a Pre-Kindergarten program for three year olds. The program would have the same qualification criteria as the program for four year olds and there would be a limit on the number of children admitted to the program.

If you are interested please call the Novice ISD administration office at 625-4069. The district plans to make a decision on the program by September 10.

Former Blizzard inducted to NSCS

Tamela Jackson of Winters, Texas, has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). Tamela will be honored during an Induction Convocation this fall on the campus of Argosy University Online.

"NSCS is more than just a symbol of academic achievement. Membership gives students access to a number of amazing benefits including career and networking resources, scholarships, travel, and service projects both on campus and in the community," says Stephen E. Loflin, NSCS executive director.

NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first and second year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing. NSCS has more than 750,000 lifetime members and 270 chapters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

For more information about the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Please call 202-265-9000, visit NSCS' web site nscs.org or contact Tamela Jackson at 503 Tinkle St., Winters, Texas.

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.

Literacy Service Club

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

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.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

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

Masonic Lodge meeting

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

Band Boosters

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Winters Womans Club

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Police report

BY NATHAN T. JOHNSON
WINTERS POLICE CHIEF

LOCAL POLICE - PART II

Robert Greenleaf said, "The forces of good and evil in the world are propelled by the thoughts, attitudes, and actions of individual beings".

No one is perfect, and COPs are no exception, but to be a force for good in a community and to serve as a peace officer, one must meet and maintain certain criteria. In rare circumstances, these guidelines have "special" exceptions, but generally, the following are baseline elements for an officer to serve.

BASIC POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

Individuals seeking employment with Winters Police Department as a sworn law enforcement officer must:

- Be a United States citizen;
 - Be a resident of Texas;
 - Be at least twenty one [21] years of age;
 - Possess a valid Texas Driver License with a clean driving record;
 - Never have been convicted of a felony, or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude
 - Be free of misdemeanor convictions for the last ten [10] years;
 - Have no previous or current charges of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) or Driving Under the Influence (DUI);
 - Be subject to a thorough background investigation and personal interviews by agency personnel;
 - If served in the armed forces of any country, have an Honorable Discharge [Dishonorable or General discharges are not acceptable;
 - Demonstrate a good financial credit rating for the last five [5] years
 - Demonstrate reading and comprehension skills in the English language;
 - Be subject to a pre-employment polygraph and drug screen;
 - Demonstrate honesty and integrity by successfully completing pre-employment polygraph and drug testing.
 - Be free from illegal drug use, or legal drugs that impair mental or physical performance, for the past [5] years, as determined by interview, medical, or polygraph testing
 - Be fingerprinted and subjected to a search of local, state, and national records and fingerprint files;
 - Undergo physical and psychological assessments by licensed professionals to identify conditions that may impede or prevent the individual from performing the essential tasks of this position.
 - Be available to the dispatch office, department sergeant and / or the Chief of Police at all times by department cell phone or designated land line phone for conference, or recall to duty when off
 - Be accountable for all issued equipment and turn in an annual inventory of all equipment
 - Maintain all issued equipment in a clean and functional manner
 - Perform other such duties as assigned by the Chief of Police or supervisor
- I am thankful for the officers we have here in Winters and for the support of the community as they do their duty and serve the public interests. Good help is often hard to find in any business, and we are fortunate to have a group of officers in Winters who really care about the public they serve. We continue to ask for your prayers and support.

Semper Fi,
Nathan T. Johnson
Chief of Police

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Blizzards streak to third win

CHARLES MURPHY
SPECIAL TO THE ENTERPRISE
WINTERS, Texas. - While everyone in the stands was still looking for something to use as a fan Cross Plains had received the kickoff and returned it deep into Blizzard land only to lose the handle on the football and give Devin Martinez the opportunity he was looking for. The fumble recovery gave the fans and the Blizzards a collective sigh as they set up at their own 17. The adrenalin flow started by the kickoff

return transferred to the Blizzard offense as they put together a seven play drive that would end with Riley Ripley finding Cristian Sandoval with a 27 yard strike for a touchdown. The extra point was missed and the score was Winters 6 Cross Plains 0. The big play of the drive was a 55 yard sprint to the 23 yard line by Angel Barron. Three plays later on a fourth and 13 situation Ripley and Sandoval connected.

Without a doubt the Blizzard "D" was not to be outdone. The kickoff return left the Buffaloes at their own 45. The CP offense would only get two snaps when Angel Barron would strip the ball loose as he sacked the Buffalo quarterback and Dillon Lindley recovered the fumble giving the Blizzards a short field near mid field. The drive would end with Ripley finding Sandoval again, this time for 15 and the score with 2:45 left in the 1st quarter. The drive was a "5 yards and a cloud of dust" drive with the longest play a 15 yard completion to Strait Daniel on a crucial 4th and 14 play. The drive would leave the Blizzards with a 14-0 lead when Ripley ran in the two point conversion.

The ensuing kickoff set the visitors up at their own 32. The Buffaloes would get their first down of the night on a penalty as they put together a short drive that would see them facing 4th and 13 as the first quarter ended. The punt gave the ball to the Blizzards at their own 18 as the second quarter began. The drive would start in a large way as Ripley found Paul Armendariz for 25 to the 43. This drive would bog down as the Blizzards faced 4th and 4 and chose to punt.

The punt gave the visitor the ball at their own 23 where Big "D" stepped onto the field and said no again. Facing 4th and 10 Cross Plains would punt setting the home team up at midfield again. This drive would end in disaster as a Blizzard fumble would be scooped up and returned 60 yards to the 3 yard line. Two plays later the Buffaloes would score and bring the score to 14-6

Winters as the extra point try for two was unsuccessful with 5 minutes left in the half.

The teams would exchange punts on the next two drives leaving the Blizzards with the ball at their own 43 with 2:23 left on the clock. Ripley found Hayden Nitsch for the distance and a 57 yard touchdown and Orlando Rodriguez added the extra point for a 21-6 lead with 2:09 left in the half.

Here is where things would get very interesting. The next 2 minutes saw both teams put points on the board. First, what looked like an end the half Ripley interception at the 9 yard line, turned into a Cross Plains touchdown. Two plays in the drive Ripley, being harassed in the end zone, unloaded the ball into the bread basket of a Buffalo lineman who was standing in the end zone. The extra point was unsuccessful and the Blizzard lead was trimmed to 21-12 with 31 second left. Noe Sanchez would return the kickoff into Cross Plains territory and a face mask penalty would put the ball at the 20 with 20 seconds left. On first down Ripley found Sandoval for 15 to the five and then Barron for the TD to cap a scoring frenzy to end the half as Rodriguez was true on the ep for a 28-12 Blizzard lead at the half.

The home team would receive the second half kickoff and pick up where they left off in the first half with a 7 play drive that culminated in a 2 yard run by Sandoval with 9 minutes left. Again Rodriguez proved good on the ep and the Blizzards had upped their lead to 35-12. The highlight of the drive was a 36 yard completion from Ripley to Nitsch on a crucial 3rd and 3 play.

The kickoff and return would place the ball at the Blizzard 45. The Buffaloes would seem to find new life with a short drive that would only end in a Sandoval interception and return to the Blizzard 20. This Blizzard possession would end at the Cross Plains 24 with the home team turning the ball over on downs. During the ill fated drive Ripley found



PHOTO BY/CHARLES MURPHY
Blizzards quarterback Riley Ripley connected with Sandoval, Armendariz, Nitsch and Garcia in a one side game last Friday.

Daniel for 30 on 2nd and 8.

The Blizzard defense would prove as stingy as ever and force the visitors in to a 3 and out. The punt was mishandled and Cross Plains would gain new life at the Blizzard 45. This Buffalo possession would bring the 3rd quarter to an end with the Blizzards up 35-12. With time beginning to be a factor the visitors would find no success as Barron and CJ Johnson would combine for a sack setting up 4th and 14. The ensuing punt gave the home team the ball at

their own 34. With 8:56 left Ripley find the end zone from 52 yards out only to be denied on a illegal block penalty. The run still gave the Blizzards a first down at the CP 40. Six plays later Ripley found Andy Garcia for a 21 yard touchdown and with Addam Ramirez's extra point extended the lead to 42-12 with 5:32 left.

Big D would hit the field with the ball at the CP 23. After an initial first down the Blizzards would again force the CP punt team onto the field. Steve Torres

would seal the deal with a 4 yard tackle for loss forcing the 4th and 9 punt.

Setting up at their own 33 the Blizzards would go 3 and out. The punt would be fielded near mid field and knocked loose. Strait Daniels scooped the ball up and rambled 55 yard for the final score of the night. Ramirez's ep was good for the winning margin leaving the score 49-12 Winters with a little over a minute to play.

The rest is history as the clock ticked off on an impressive Blizzard victory, the third in a row.

Cross country team excels at meet

STAFF REPORT

Winters hosted the cross country meet on Saturday at the Country Club. The runners did a good job. The junior high boys team won their division. There were several medallist in the high school and junior high races. Harrison Roberts won the boys competition, Miguel Rodriguez medalled with a third place finish and June Suh placed ninth. In the girl's seventh grade, Athena Mata won the race. Winters hosted the cross country meet on Saturday at the Country Club. The runners did a good job. The junior high boys team won their division. There were several medallist in the high school and junior high races. Harrison Roberts won the boys competition, Miguel Rodriguez medalled with a third place finish and June Suh placed ninth. In the girl's seventh grade, Athena Mata won the race and Cedie Taylor was second. In the junior high boys race, Marshall Scates was second, Jimmy Ripley placed third, Daryl Hagle was fourth, Jordan Hamrick seventh, and Brandon Reyna eighth. In the junior high girls race, Marshall Scates was second, Jimmy Ripley placed third, Daryl Hagle was fourth, Jordan Hamrick seventh, and Brandon Reyna eighth.

Cross Country results

Name	Place	Time
Varsity Boys		
Harrison Roberts	1	17:40
Miguel Rodriguez	3	18:29
June Suh	9	21:08
Wes Hagle	20	23:25
Nick Kraatz	21	23:38
Varsity Girls		
Zannie Slimp	13	15:08
Kat Lindley	21	15:55
Crystal Sanchez	22	15:57
Basilia Aragon	26	16:20
Jr. High Boys Team 1st		
Marshall Scates	2	14:09
Jimmy Ripley	3	15:10
Daryl Hagle	4	15:32
Jordan Hamrick	7	16:05
Brandon Reyna	8	16:17
7th Girls		
Athena Mata	1	15:49
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Gabby Madrid	12	20:16

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Tuesday
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal or Breakfast Pocket, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Sausage on Stick, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
Sausage Roll or Cereal or Breakfast Burrito, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Friday
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Cinnamon Roll/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.

Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extra items: Entree - \$1.00, Milk - \$.30, Sides - \$.50.

WISD LUNCH MENU
Monday
Beef Stroganoff or Hot Dog, Black Eyed Peas, Cheesy Potatoes, Strawberries, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
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Chicken Pot Pie or BBQ on Bun, Green Beans, Cooked Carrots, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Rainbow Bar, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Frito Pie or Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Orange Wedges, Cornbread or Jep/Che Bread, Bread Pudding, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
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STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER, Texas.- The County Clerk's Office is now accepting applications for early voting by mail for the November 2 General Election. There will also be a Special Election regarding the creation of a Runnels County Emergency District No. 1 for eligible voters that reside in the portions of the Miles Independent School District or Bronte Independent School District which are located within Runnels County and which are not located within the Ballinger Memorial Hospital District or the North Runnels Hospital District. This proposition will be at the bottom of the General Election ballot. The last day to receive an application to vote by mail is October 26.

For further information or to request an application to vote early by mail, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 365-2720.

Dinner sponsored at homecoming

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WINTERS - The Literary and Service Club of Winters was established in 1918.

The purpose of our organization is two-fold. First we strive for self improvement through study and participation in various programs sponsored by the local club and the Federation. Second we do service to the local and Federation projects.

Locally the Literary and Service Club sponsors the Homecoming Turkey Dinner. The money that is taken in at this event goes to the scholarship fund to support our local students. This year the dinner will be held at the new Winters High School cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 17, 2010.

Last year the Club sponsored "Girls Night Out" for the Middle School and High School girls. This was the first time that we were involved in an event for teenage girls alerting

them to teen violence. "Girls Night Out" was a success. This year we are planning to do something special for a "Boys Night Out".

Statewide the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs is responsible for the adoption of the Bluebonnet as the State Flower, Pecan as the State Tree and the Mockingbird as the State Bird. The TFWC is a big supporter to M.D. Anderson.

The General Federal of Women's Clubs pushed for the passage of Pure Food and Drug Act. In 1910 the GFWC supported the legislation of the 8-



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The Literary and Service Club of Winters will be sponsoring this week the Homecoming Turkey Dinner.

hour workday.

For more information about the Literary Service Club and how to become a member, you can contact Brenda Darnell at 325-669-1721.

PUBLIC RECORD

Divorce Filings

Byron Zavertein vs. Pamela Zavertein	Sept. 2
Julie Ann Gray vs. Seth David Gray	Sept. 3
Vonda Charles vs. Edward F. Charles	Sept. 3
Richard Minzenmayer vs. Mary Minzenmayer	Sept. 7

Crime and misdemeanor

Lupe Manuel Molina	Int. with emergency call	Aug 24
Sammy Adams Robertson	Speeding	Aug 24
Jerod Michael Klaras	DWI	Aug 24

Jail Log

Johnny E. Gaston	50	126	Crim. mischief
Rafael Garcia	40	WPD	Cruelty to animals
Clyde O. Escobar	47	RCSO	Poss. controlled substance
Randall D. Goodgion	53	MPD	Injury to child
Alison N. Robinson	27	MPD	Poss. controlled substance
Kelly D. West	38	BPD	DWI
Christopher A. Medina	22	WPD	MTR Poss. controlled substance
Juan A. Muzquiz	17	Concho SO	Poss. controlled substance
Brandon Martinez	21	BPD	Furnish alcohol to minor
Bobby D. Millican	56	DPS	DWI III or more
Dylan G. Kihutek	18	RCSO	Assault, family violence
Mario Esquivel	23	RCSO	MTR
Kendra Bohannon	20	RCSO	Sent to CRTC
Jodie Dixon	32	RCSO	Sent 14 days to Co. Jail
Dennis R. Masters	65	Concho Game Warden	DWI I
Allison S. Jeffrey	26	MPD	DOC
Brady W. Johnson	22	MPD	DOC
Antonio Munoz, Jr.	31	MPD	DOC
Dianna M. Reyna (Martinez)	37	BPD	DWI
Rose L. Martinez	30	BPD	Tarrant Co. warrant
David A. Pena	37	BPD	DWI I
Jerry J. Carson	56	BPD	P.I.
Mark H. Hurt	47	BPD	Poss. controlled substance
Joanna L. Aaron	25	RCSO	Theft by check
Christopher L. Dering	27	Coke Co.	DWI II

Fishing report

BY DAVE CAUDLE

I don't know about the rest of the public, but I'm ready for a little cooling off time. These 90 degree days and 70 degree nights equate to a water temperature of about 80 degrees, which is not quite ideal for fish activity. Fish, like most of us, would rather just lie in the shade until it cools off some and we feel like chasing dinner. Just after a sweaty workout, most of us want a cool drink instead of a good hot steak and onion rings. Ideal winter time fishing is when it's so cold that you have to dip your rod tip in the water to thaw it out so you can let out line or reel in a fish.

Just in the past week I've seen some signs that winter is on the way. The ospreys, or fish eagles, have arrived at the lake with the mud hens to follow. I've also talked to a friend in Minnesota who informed me that the loons were gone, which is one indicator for northerners that winter is just around the corner. I then informed him that I thought they had plenty of loons left up there even during the winter. I'm not sure he saw the humor in that statement, but he did mention that he would be down to winter in Kerrville in late October. He even talked about moving south for his golden years, and I asked him why no one ever retired to the north country. My friend, Ole, then told me that since I thought they had plenty of loons up there, they didn't need any southerners. I suggested that we might set a quota on Yankees here.

A few reports back I wrote about the joy of birthday cake Blue Bell ice cream. I was only able to secure one bucket of this cherished delight which didn't last long at my house. Just a few days ago while I was in the IGA, a man came up to me and said he had read about the ice cream in the paper, got some, and had to give it to his daughter because he couldn't eat it. He described how it stuck in his throat and made him ill. I could tell that he felt I had given him all wrong information about this treat. I mentioned that there were other kinds of Blue Bell and that he could most likely find something he liked. I did, however, stop short of advising him not to consume the carton along with the ice cream. It's the same reason there are Chevys and Fords and a few more of all different colors.

About reading stuff in the newspapers and listening to the media, can you believe that a church pastor has now gone worldwide with a 37 member congregation? Why the major networks even paid any attention to this crack pot is beyond my thought processes. This guy is also trying to broker a deal with the mosque builders in New York City. Maybe he's just trying to get his own reality show. But what he should be doing is getting some bomb proof clothing and a bus ticket to the Yukon.

And "How 'bout them Cowboys?" Could they have played any more awful? I kept thinking that any minute they would wake up and start playing in accordance with what they were being paid. Jerry is thinking that his team will be in Dallas for the Super Bowl at his stadium. If they keep playing like they did last Sunday night, they may be at the game but sitting in the peanut gallery or the nose bleed seats. I guess I should call Bobby McNaley and tell him that's why they have 16 games and winter is coming. Anything to make the fans feel better.

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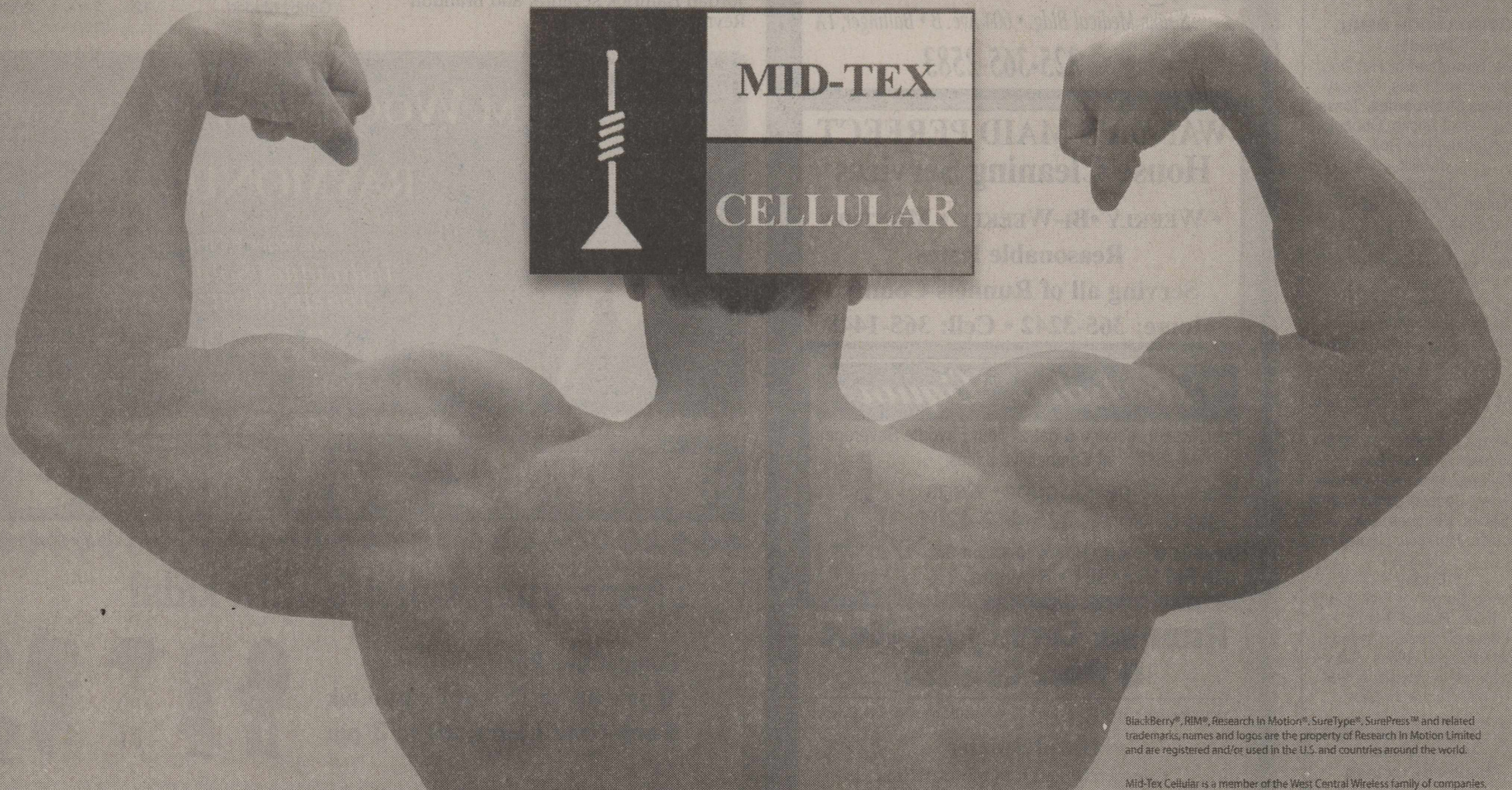
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An ascending career reaches the top

STAFF REPORT

Dale Covington started in the elevator business at an early age, right out of high school, in Houston. Starting as a mechanic's helper and after attending school for 5 years became an elevator mechanic.

He joined the local union upon entering the business. Dale worked for Otis, Schindler and ERS, Inc. On April 1, 2010, his Elevator Construction Union Local #31, which is part of the AFL-CIO, presented him with his Gold Union Card. A Gold union Card is a prestigious honor to a Union member.

On September 3 the owners of ERS, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, flew to Winters to give him a surprise retirement party. ERS, Inc. is based in Houston and services other states also. The Staffords' valued Dale's expertise and dedication in helping their company become the success that it is today. The Staffords presented Dale with a framed certificate of recognition for outstanding service in the elevator trade. Also presented him with a framed certificate The Winters, Texas Retirement Club, "The Youngest Fisherman Award".

Two of his co-workers, Bryan Hawkins and Fidel Castillo told about the extra hours Dale put in to help them study for their elevator mechanic test. Dale would come in early each morning to help them prepare for this difficult 4 hour test.

Both men said they appreciated his help tremendously and will always be indebted to him. It was said more than once how much he was missed at the company.

Dale's wife, Sharon, told Dale that they were having a family reunion so he would not be suspicious of the surprise party.

Dale immediately started planning a menu of brisket and all trimmings, getting the yard in shape and during numerous other chores for the so call, family reunion. Six of his co-workers and Union brothers from Houston, cousins Glen and Pat Sammons, of Haskell and his Winters friends attended the party.

Dale and Sharon moved to Winters in February 2010 coming from Cypress, Texas, just north of Houston. After deciding that they wanted to retire to a small community they starting checking the Internet for houses.

A historical home in Coleman got their interest, however after arriving to view this house, it just wasn't up to their expectation. On their way to San Angelo, they stopped at Ballinger, at the Four Star Title where they met Jill Davis, of Davis Land and Cattle.

Jill, being the sales person she is, brought them directly to Winters to look at a couple of houses. The house Sharon fell in love with was the former home of



Dale Covington received a certificate of recognition and "The Youngest Fisherman Award" at his retirement party. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Marva Jean Underwood.

As Sharon entered the house she went over to the couch, sat down and looked at Dale and said "this is the house I want" without even seeing the rest of it. This was fine with Dale as he had checked out the yard and the very large garage which he had fallen in love

with too.

They felt that the Lord had lead them to this area and after settling in their new home and meeting the members of the community, they knew they had made the right decision. Sharon said Winters is the perfect place for them.

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The hot air balloons are coming

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ABILENE - On September 24 and 25. The Optimist Club Unlimited of Abilene is proud to sponsor the 16 Annual Big Country Balloon Fest. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year to provide funds for the youth of the Big Country.

We will have more balloons than last year and the Kite Team from Austin too. This year the Boys Scouts will be celebrating their 100th Birthday with us at the festival; a once in a lifetime celebrations for

them, come see what all they have planned. We will have a large number of food and crafts vendors. Please look for our Balloon Fest programs next week at local grocery and convenience stores, these programs are free.

Our festival schedule is Friday, September 24 at 7 a.m. to watch the Balloons lift off, and then have some activities and booths during the day, the Balloon glow at sundown and entertainment until 11 p.m. There will be a designated area for Mom and Tot's activities, Friday morning 9 a.m. Till 3 p.m. and Senior Citizens, Friday morning 7 a.m. till noon for coffee and donuts.

Saturday 7 a.m. the Balloons will fly again and all booths and activities will be open till 11 p.m., Balloons will glow at sundown. Schools and Day Cares are welcome to schedule field trips, Friday,

September 24, just call Heather 325-280-5254.

The admission is free and opened to the public and there will be buses available to ride from the Mall parking lot by Pier I Imports.

Multiple organizations will come out and "strut their stuff", free entertainment. Some of the nightly performances will be Happy Fat, Three Shades Blue, Allan Dawson Band, True Blend and many more. Both evenings at dark all the balloons will light up and do a balloon glow. So Come out and enjoy all these great festivities at Redbud Park, just off So. 32nd and Buffalo Gap Rd. and help us provide scholarships and other programs for our youth.

For any questions or Balloon rides call Michelle at 325-795-0995 and to Volunteer call Pat Baack 325-668-3224 or Patsy Williams 325-695-5654.

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- Tuesday**
Tater Tot, Carrots, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Biscuit, Apple Crisp
- Wednesday**
Steak or Liver W/Gravy, Parsley Potatoes, Greens, Cornbread, Jam Crunch Bar
- Thursday**
Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Banana Cake
- Friday**
Mexican Cornbread, Pinto beans, Coleslaw, Crackers, Peaches

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The City of Winters is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fundapplication for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application requestis \$275,000 for a sewer project which will benefit the entire city. The application will be available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.