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WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL students get a look at the actual truck where Alex Brown was texting on her cell phone when she passed away. Photos Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez

# **Buckle Up and Stop Texting**

**Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez** Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- Driving the length of a football field without looking at the road at 55 miles per hour? According to the Browns that is exactly what a lot of teenagers do when they choose to text and drive. Johnny Mac and Jeanne Brown presented last Friday in the Winters High School their program entitled Buckle Up and Stop Texting.

For them it was not an easy thing to learn, on November 10, 2009, they



# Hunting ordinance approved

City Council limits the hunting activity to dove, duck, and the use of firearms to shotguns; ordinance also regulates the number of hunters allowed at once

**Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez** Winters Enterprise

The Winters City Council approved a new ordinance in order to regulate the hunting activity at the Winters Lake. The new ordinance leaves the shooting activities open at the lake, but sets a new limit to the game hunter shall provide a valid and firearms that can be driver's license, proof of taken by hunters.

previously mandated, the hunters will receive a permit new ordinance limits the and a copy of the rules and hunting game to dove and duck. The measure leaves out the sandhill crane, a species that roosts in the dense vegetation and flood zones of the and shall be allowed to ordinance."

of the city property.

The City Council also regulated the number of hunters INTERS, Texas.- allowed at a time. There shall not be allowed at any tome more than 10 hunters upon the hunting area. Hunters shall register at such places and with city officials prior to entering on premises.

In order to register each insurance, and a current hunt-Instead of waterfowl, as ing license. By registering regulations.

> secure point of access, des- except in places "where the ignated by the City Council city may designate with an

city officials, as designated by the City Council.

The new ordinance was approved at the City Council meeting, and updates the regulations from 1984, March 2009 and October 2009 in the Winters Code of Ordinances.

The 1984 ordinance stated the prohibition of loaded firearms, ammunition, loaded projectile firing devices, bows and arrows, cross bows and explosives in the Lake Winters area.

The 7.101 section refers to firearms on city property but excluded a ban on shotguns from the area on the East side of the lake and North of the old dam.

An amendment to the ordinance was made in March 2009, and shotguns became Hunters shall enter at illegal on city property

lost Alex, their 17 year old daughter who was speeding, texting and did not have her seat belt.

"If you drive and talk on your cell phone you are four times more likely to have a car wreck, but if you text and talk you are 23 times more likely to have an accident", said Jeanne.

After the wreck the Browns decided to make all within their means to prevent this kind of suffer- School, and her mom, ing in other families.

senior at Seagraves High their message the Browns

JEANNE BROWN presented last Friday the program Buckle Up and Stop Texting. Last November she lost her daughter Alex, when she was 17 years old.

Jeanne was a teacher at the Alex Brown, 17, was a same school. Along with brought the actual truck that their daughter was driving at the time of the accident.

lake, and had sparked an intense debate among protection groups.

The new ordinance limits the firearms and sets boundaries in order to provide a safer environment for the campers and families that enjoy spending some time at the lake.

Hunting shall be performed with shotguns only, within all of the City of Winters Lake property lying north of the old dam and extending to FM 1770. There shall be a setback line of 450 feet, so that no hunting shall take place within that distance from the boundary line

remain on the premises for not more than the hour for hunting dove or duck as prescribed by the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife for the day or days authorized in the permit.

The entrance will be regulated by a combination lock code for access which shall be changed periodically.

Hunters will be asked to sign a release of liability form prior to enter to premises.

Individuals will still be allowed to access the premises for activities other than hunting, but those shall register at such places and with

The change did not last long; in October 2009 a group of duck hunters requested a new amendment to the ordinance, in order to allow waterfowl and wing hunting. The petition was taken to the City Council and unanimously approved the recommendation to allow firing of shotgun shells only, regulate the hunting with permits for the lake area, and log in with the Police Department and lake keeper.

On September 27, 2010, the latest ordinance was approved by the City Council of the City of Winters.

# Lone Star Diner brings a new choice to eat out

# **Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez** Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- As part of a growing list of products and services, last week the Lone Star Video opened a restaurant, adding hamburgers and chicken fillets to the wide variety of possibilities within the building located at 200 Tinkle.

At Lone Star Diner the menu includes hamburgers, chicken fried steaks, fried chicken and chicken strips as well as hamburger steaks, corn-dogs, salads, homemade pies and more. ,

"We trust in the people in Winters, we shop locally and try to boost the economy in our town, this restaurant is generating employment for our people" said Pam Barnes.

The restaurant business is not new to Pam, she worked over 15 years at Taylor's Restaurant. With the space available as well as the experience, the table was served and it was only matter of time.

"We see this place as a one stop shop, we already had movies, pool tables, a place for the kids and an exercise shop" said Pam.

Their operating hours will be 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday thru Thursday, and 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m Friday and Saturday.



PAM AND RANDY BARNES expanded operations to include a juicy menu at Lone Star Video. Photo: Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez

The decoration includes framed old newspapers, antique stuff and farming equipment.

"We keep on growing adding services and generat-

economy, after all this is do something for our com-

ing revenue for the local where we are and we want to munity", said Randy Barnes.

phone, with more than 20 candidates who submitted their curriculum. The position was advertised in a national circulation specialized magazine, and candidates from all over the country showed interest in the job.

> The Winters City Council reviewed resumes of candidates from Iowa, Utah, Mississippi, Illinois and several other places. Aref Hassan, the 18-year-manager of Winters retired from the position on June 17.







# Manager hiring narrowed

**Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez** Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- The new manager for the City of Winters

could be hired in the next few weeks. The City Council has interviewed a long list of candidates and narrowed the possibilities to just three of them.

Mayor Dawson McGuffin said that the city will be conducting personal interviews in the next few days, in order to evaluate the skills, experience and convenience to hire each one of them. The Council will DAWSON



then take a decision and the new manager MCGUFFIN could be in the office by the first days of November. The City Council held interviews, some of them over the 2 Winters Enterprise

# **FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES**

# Robbie Cotter

Robbie Cotter, 83, of Midland formerly of Winters, passed away Tuesday, September 21, 2010. She was born July 5,

1927 in Brady and grew up in Bronte. She married J.D. Cotter August 31, 1950 in Tuscola. She was a homemaker and a member of the 9th Street Church of Christ in Ballinger. She was preceded in death by her husband J.D. Cotter and son Jerry Cotter.

She is survived by her daughter



Carolyn Parsons and husband Jerry "Pepper" Parsons of Midland; sister Bennie Lou Fine of Winters; two grandchildren: Amanda Molina and Randy Cotter; and four great-grandchildren: Zachery Cotter, Brittany Molina, Jessica Molina and Presley Poe Cotter.

Graveside services were held Friday, September 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Wilmeth Cemetery with Max Pratt officiating under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

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# Doris Belden

Doris Belden, 79, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, September 28, 2010, in Midland. A rosary was be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 30, 2010 at the funeral home. Funeral mass was held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 1, 2010 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Msgr. Larry Droll, officiating. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Doris was born March 8, 1931 in Topeka, Kansas to Wilma (Bair) and Fred Fleming. She was raised in Lecompton, Kansas. She married Joe Belden on January 9, 1954 in Topeka.

Doris and Joe moved to Midland in 1961. She worked for Machen Contracting Inc as a bookkeeper for 15 years. Doris had many years of joy from her ("Share and Care") Group. She volunteered at Manor Park and was a member of the altar society at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include husband, Joe Belden of Midland; son Matthew N. Belden and wife Cindy of Ballinger; daughter Janet Belden and husband Bryan Bristol of Richardson; daughter Susan Fishback and husband Benny of Lumberton, TX; son Patrick Belden and wife Janie of Atlanta, GA; daughter Cheryl White and husband Lee of Odessa; grandchildren Martha Belden, Joseph Belden, Shannon Belden, Justin Fishback, Adam Fishback, Neal Belden, Jason Nash and Shelby Edwards; sister Corrine Childs of Lenexa, KS; brother Robert Fleming and wife Martha of Derby, KS.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Ann's Chapel Fund, 1906 W Texas AVE, Midland, TX 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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under the direction of Lange Funeral Home. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Norton Lions Club.

Lucius, the eldest of two children, was born August 22, 1916 in Ballinger to Lee and Una Allen Evans. He was raised south of Ballinger and graduated from Ballinger High School in 1933. He attended the University of Texas at Austin, intending to become a pharmacist, but he had to withdraw after one semester. He worked at a drug store in Odessa and then for Bailey Drug in Ballinger as a soda jerk.

He met and married his true love (other than fishing), the beautiful Evelyn Branham, on February 6, 1938. He began farming and ranching at Norton on leased land and then later bought the home farm and ranch from his dad. Years later he sold his stock and leased the farm and ranch but continued to live on the land. He was a long-time member of the Norton Methodist Church, serving as a trustee/steward. Later when the church closed, his membership was moved to Ballinger First Methodist. He was a trustee of the Norton School Board and served as president for several years. He was also a founding member of the Norton Lions Club and recently received his fifty-five year pin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and his sister, Zelma Lee Lange.

Lucius is survived by his son, Alan Evans of Norton, and his daughter, Nancy Lee Good and husband, Deril, of San Angelo. Survivors also include grandchildren, Todd Evans of Austin; Scott Evans of New York City; Joy Evans of Sacramento, California; Kevin Good and wife, Karen, of Midland; Lisa Casillas and husband, Leonard, of Seymore; Vanessa Wood and husband, Lance, of Round Rock; Dru Williams and wife, Paulina, and Angela Morgan and husband, Nathan, all of Austin. Also surviving are 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to a favorite charity.

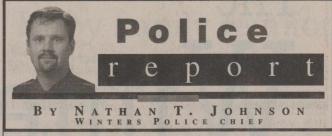
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# Bonnie Smith

Bonnie Lou Smith, 64, of Ballinger passed away Friday, October 1, 2010 at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. She was born October 25, 1945 in Littlefield to Ray and Edna (Ridley) Cullum. She and Ronnie Smith were married in Ballinger in September of 1993. She was employed with Dankworth Packing Company as a department supervisor. She was preceded in death by a son, Doug Jones.

Bonnie is survived by her husband Ronnie Smith of Ballinger; sons, Jeff Moreland and wife, Lacy, of Ballinger, Jeff Smith and wife, Kim, of San Antonio, Barrett Smith and wife, Haley, of Hubbard, TX; daughters Rebecca Behrens and husband, Jay, of Agua Dulce, TX, Shelly Schniers and husband, Howard, of Rowena, Kristi Smith of Ballinger, Michelle LaMunyon and husband, Denny, of Camp Wood, TX, and Becky Torres and husband, Ray, of Irving, TX; and a sister inlaw, Patti Ledingham and husband, Ron, of Manford, OK. Also surviving are 20 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday, October 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Gravesides services were held Monday, October 4 at Old Runnels Cemetery with Max Pratt officiating. Pallbearers were Colten Behrens, Chance Behrens, Cord Bowman, David Prince, Slade Egan, and Skylar Schniers.



# LOCAL POLICE - PART V

Although education, certification, licenses, and credentials are important, and required by the law, they can never take the place of good sound judgment and experience on the part of a peace officer. That is why there is a "Skill and Ability" section in the job description. Just having a great pedigree does not always cut it. An officer must have the ability to bring practical applications of knowledge and instinct to the situations that arise in the community they serve.

Here are some of the skill and ability requirements of officers working in our community.

• Sound judgment and decision making skills – Ability to consider the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate course of action

Active listening – Ability to give full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times

• Oral comprehension and speech recognition - The ability to listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences.

• Oral expression and speech clarity - The ability to communicate information and ideas

Reading comprehension – Ability to understand written sentences and paragraphs

Writing – Ability to communicate effectively by writing / documenting the details of an incident and the totality of circumstances surrounding an incident or issue

■ Critical Thinking – Ability to use logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems including the use of both Inductive Reasoning (The ability to combine pieces of information to form general rules or conclusions including finding a relationship among seemingly unrelated events) and Deductive Reasoning (The ability to apply general rules to specific problems to produce answers that make sense)

Social Perceptiveness – Ability to be aware of others' reactions and understand why they react as they do

Negotiation – Ability to bringing others together and trying to reconcile differences

Persuasion – Ability to persuade others to change their minds or behavior

Active Learning – Ability to understand the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making, and possession of an active desire to continue professional development through formal and informal education processes
 Functional Vision - The ability to see details at close range

and the ability to see details at a distance,

■ Functional Mobility – The physical ability to move with relative ease, agility, and dexterity; the ability to enter and exit tight spaces; the ability to pursue violators on foot for short distances; the ability to crawl short distances; the ability to jump and climb over obstacles of various sizes; the ability to move quickly and forcefully in response to unexpected situations; the possession of finger and arm dexterity and the strength necessary to operate a firearm safely; and the ability to swim and maintain buoyancy in water.

Reaction Time The ability to respond quickly (with the hand, finger, or foot) to a signal (sound, light, picture) when it appears

 Proficiency in computer and web-based applications such as: typing, power-point, & data-base systems

Knowledge and experience in the utilization of technical equipment such as computers, cameras, and radar units

Ability to work long - extended hours with physical and

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# Lucius S. Evans

Lucius Sandiford Evans, 94, long-time resident of Norton went to be with Jesus and be reunited with his loving wife, Evelyn, on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at Community Medical Center in San Angelo.

A memorial celebration was held at First United Methodist Church in Ballinger on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. with graveside service following at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger with Rev. Buddy Moore officiating. Services were The family extends a special thank you to Runnels County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Services were under the direction of Lange Funeral Home. Guests may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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mental fatigue, while maintaining a professional presence and effective performance of duty

• Ability to work in potentially hazardous and harsh environments while maintaining a professional presence and appropriate safety precautions

Ability to stop / control / neutralize potentially vicious animals (both wild and domesticated)

Ability to stop / control / neutralize potentially violent suspects that are demonstrably a danger to themselves or others (including the legal use of force and / or deadly force)

Ability to respond to and investigate crime scenes, traffic crashes, natural disasters, hazardous conditions and other incidents where death or serious bodily injury has occurred and may be occurring

Ability to work in inclement weather conditions including snow, ice, hail, rain, tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes, and other natural phenomena that may require an emergency response.

It takes a special person to be a good peace officer, and I am proud to serve with our team here in Winters. Keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

> Semper Fi, Nathan T. Johnson Chief of Police

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# Trick or treat at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home

"Trick or Treat" outside at the Senior Citizen Nursing Home Halloween evening, Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010. Come to the north door for treats. Donations for bags of individually wrapped candy are needed. Please

## Winters Hospital Clinic Project

Donations for the Clinic Fund have reached \$5,000 until September 30. Susan Conner, President

of the Winters Area Foundation said that the amount represents one fifth of estimated value for the Winters Hospital Clinic Project. The project is still in need of \$20,000 to be completed.

# **CDC requests book donations**

Winters Child Development Center is having a Used Book Sale on Saturday, December 4, 2010, and would appreciate any donations of books

# **Co-Dependant Recovery Group**

Winters Co-Dependent Recovery Group meeting at Southside Baptist Church on Tuesdays, at 6 p.m. for more information call Theresa at 325 977 1007

# Flu and pneumonia injections

North Runnels Clinic will be offering flu and pneumonia injections each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Flu injections will be \$20 and pneumonia injections will be \$50. Medicare will be filed for Medicare participants. Please call North Runnels Clinic at 325-754-1317 for further information.

# Winters Area Foundation seeking for donors

The Winters Area Foundation is seeking donors that will match a \$25,000 grant being offered anonymously for the purchase and refitting of new clinic property for the North Runnels Hospital.

The Winters Area Foundation, along with North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary, will coordinate this project and all donated funds will go toward the North Runnels Clinic Project. Donations of \$1000 or more will be recognized on a plaque which will be placed in the new clinic building. Contributors of \$1000 or more will be designated as bronze donors, \$5000 or more will be silver donors, and \$10,000 or more will be recognized as gold donors.

Donations to this project are tax deductible as a charitable donation and may be sent to Winters Area Foundation, PO Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567. Checks should be made to Winters Area Foundation and designated for North Runnels Clinic Project.

For more information contact Susan Conner, President of the Winters Area Foundation

# Immunization clinics

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be having immunization clinics in Runnels County on October 7 and October 14. On October 7 the immunization clinic will be held in Winters, from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Professional Building located at 110 South Main, Suite 108.

On October 14 the immunization clinic will be held in Ballinger, from 10 a.m. - Noon and 1:30 - 3 p.m. at 608 Strong Avenue, behind the Courthouse. Parents should bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid or CHIP take card as well. For more information call (325) 754 4945



# **Band Boosters**

The Band Boosters meet at 6:30 p.m every Monday evening at Dot's Diner.

# Winters Woman's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Marlene Smith at 754-4961 for additional information.

# **AA Meetings**

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

# **Al-Anon meetings**

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Please enter through the church office door that faces Beefmasters. FMI contact Theresa at (325)977-1007

# **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.

# **Public Library**

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

# Winters Women's Club

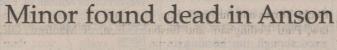
Winters Women's Club meet on the second Tuesday of the month, from September through May. Contact Jane Bourdo, 754-2048 or Becky Hays, 754-1912 for more information.

# 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 Wilmeth, TX Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754-2048.

## **Ballinger 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



# Winters Enterprise 3 Sporting clay shoot to be held at San Angelo

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WINTERS, TEXAS.- The Claybird Angelo San Association will be hosting its 13th Annual San Angelo Sporting Clay Shoot, benefiting the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. The shoot will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010. Entry fee is \$150 for individual shooter and \$1,650 for corporate sponsor team, including six shooters.

Registration opens at 7 a.m. and rotation one begins at 8 a.m. A complimentary lunch will be served for for participants at 11 a.m. Non participants can also enjoy the meal with a \$10 fee.

Rotation two will begin at 11:30 a.m. and at 3 p.m. will be held the last rotation.

The event will be held at the Angelo Claybird San Association Range, 12026 US

Highway 67 South San Angelo, Texas 76906, Highway 67, 12 miles west of San Angelo, north on Duncan Road.

Participants will be entertained at 6 p.m. with live music, and the awards and live auction are scheduled at 7 p.m.

The San Angelo Sporting Clay Shoot raises awareness about the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and reaches out to families in the San Angelo area who may benefit from treatment at the hospital.

For information about the event or Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children visit http://www.tsrhc.org/clayshoo ts, www.tsrhc.org/clayshoots or contact Betsy Yeckel at (800) 421-1121 x. 7684 or at betsy.yeckel@tsrh.org

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is one of the nation's leading pediatric centers for the treatment of orthopedic conditions.

# **Rural Workforce** launches website

SAN ANGELO, Texas.- The Rural Workforce Network Consortium (RWNC) launched the Worldwide Interactive Network, Inc. (WIN) Strategic CompassTM online portal to the public, within the project area, on September 30, 2010. The web-based data platform consolidates education, economic, and workforce data to reveal comprehensive, multifaceted analytics. The system offers a robust, multi-layered insight into the realms of education, the economy and the

the demand and likely supply of labor to meet the skills needs of the Biotechnology / Life Sciences-Medical industry cluster through the use of the WIN Strategic Compass.

To access the Strategic Compass individuals within the project area will need to create a user account. Please go to the RWN website: http://www.ruralworkforcenetwork.org/pages/res ources.html and click "WIN Strategic Compass" to request a username and password. You will receive an email confirmation with-

# **Winters Enterprise** Staff Report



**On The Level** 

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to bring two large side dishes

of your choice - enough to

feed your family and a cou-

If you plan to attend,

please call the Extension

Office at 325-365-2219 or

365-5042. Please call or

return the form no later than

surface. Freddy said he

noticed some of his neigh-

bors were leaving the crop

stubble standing for a long

time and spraying the weeds

when needed. Charlie also

suggested Freddy think about

terracing the field. These ter-

races will run across the con-

tour of the land and hold the

water on the slope. Freddy

expresses his concern over

the cost of construction and

Charlie tells Freddy there is a

program that will assist in

cost sharing the construction

of the terraces. It's called the

Incentives Program (EQIP).

Level" we follow the process

of the EQIP contract and the

design process of the terrace

system. For more information

you can contact the Natural

Service or contact me at

charles.frerich@tx.usda.gov.

USDA is an equal opportunity

Public intoxication

Criminal mischief, resisting arrest

DWII

provider and employer.

Next time on "On the

Quality

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ple of guests.

# **Fishing Report By DAVE CAUDLE**

Near the top

This past weekend a big tourney was held at Lake Ivie. The winning stringer for the two day event was 32.72 pounds, which is considered a low total for Ivie. Only three bass over 10 pounds were weighed in with the largest being a 10.80. One might suspect that the time of year, the weather conditions, and a thousand other factors caused the low totals. But we must also be reminded that all of the 200 plus fishermen had the same conditions and some weighed in fish and others did not. Catching fish doesn't always depend upon one's skills because all of the participants in this tourney had qualified by fishing other events and finishing at or near the top of them.

Speaking of being near the top, it appears that our school age children are not at or near the top of the heap in the world rankings. The news media has been hyping up ratings by trying to determine why we are behind in the education process. In the past thirty years we have used every excuse to explain why we have fallen behind other countries in the area of education. The media has gotten down to blaming teachers and their performance in the classroom. The media people have determined that the teachers are the problem and have offered all types of solutions such as merit raises and monetary considerations to solve our education problems. They seem to think that if we throw money at teachers, scores will go up and we once again will lead the world in science and mathematics. Throwing money out there has certainly worked on improving the economy and the jobless rate, so why wouldn't it work at school? I also have a bridge for sale with ocean front property in Arizona if anyone is interested.

My wife and I both have degrees in education and can state beyond any doubt that we didn't choose that course of study because of the huge salaries garnered by teachers. I would venture to state that nearly all of those who choose to enter the teaching field are not lured there by the thought of retiring early and rich. They do so with conviction and dedication to a noble cause, and teaching is certainly near the top of that list.

There are certainly those teachers who get better scores because of their abilities, just as there are fishermen who seem to outperform others in the field. There are, however, few teachers who can make someone want to learn or do well without the learner first wanting to learn. The fact remains that about 15 percent of our students will do well because they have the desire to learn and have determined goals in mind. A larger percentage will do well and make passing grades because they want to be eligible to participate in activities or want to ensure a stable future. Then there is a much-too-large percentage of those who are just waiting until they can quit having to attend school.

There are many private, chartered, or church sponsored schools that boast of success marked by a high graduation rate and a college bound student body. The one thing that all of these schools have in common and the commanding reason for their success is that discipline is consistent and firm. Most of their students try to get into these schools because they want to learn and do well, and their parents have the same desires for their children. They submit to the education plan and realize they also have a large part in their own education. The old story about the horse and water holds true in learning. When American students and parents decide to get back on top in the world, then and only then will the teachers efforts and skills be commended. Teachers have always been underpaid for their efforts and requirements, and maybe some good will come from this push by the media. I doubt that many of the media would work for an educator's pay. See you on the lake.

# County 4-H achievement banquet

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WINTERS, Texas.- Make your plans for Saturday. October 9, for the Runnels County 4-H Achievement Banquet, at the Ballinger High School cafeteria, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Plans are in

The morning sun peaks

over the horizon as Freddy

Farmer walks out onto the

porch ready to tackle another

day of chores. There are many

to choose from. A feller just

has to prioritize. The north

forty should be plowed again

since it caught a rain last

week. It is the fall of the year

and it's time for the land to be

prepared for planting small

grain. Freddy hooks up the

plow to the tractor and heads

out. Upon arriving at the field

he notices a significant gully

has formed in the middle of

the field. He remembers from

past plowings there had been

a small depression, but when

plowed across the gully dis-

appeared. Now it was worse.

As he plowed the field it

began to really bother Freddy

the extent to which the gully

had grown. Freddy remem-

bered at a recent AG-Day the

local Natural Resources

(NRCS) had a booth set and

the personnel was telling peo-

ple about conservation prac-

tices that help control erosion.

He decides he will call when

Noon finally arrives and

even though the burning in his stomach could be attrib-

uted to hunger, he knows it is

the desire to call the NRCS office. Freddy calls and

he gets back to the house.

Service

Conservation

progress to make this year's banquet an outstanding one.

This is the highlight of the club year when 4-Hers are recognized for their involvement in projects and activities. Recognition medals and year pins will be awarded to all deserving members. Also, 4-Hers highest award, the

Gold Star, will be presented. Special recognition will be given to Outstanding 4-H Leaders and to a Special Friend of 4-H.

The Ballinger 4-H Club will be serving as host. County Council will provide the meat, paper goods, bread and tea. We ask each family

points out to Freddy how the gully is running and the plow pattern. Both are taking the same path. Charlie explains, the water is following the furrows left by the plow and with nothing to stop the flow. It just runs down the slope. The further it goes the more water is collected and the fast the water runs taking along soil particles which makes the gully deeper and deeper. Even though plowing erased the gully in the past, once soil is lost its gone and the depression will only get worse.

Freddy began to realize what has been happening and asked," How can this be stopped and can you help me". Charlie told Freddy to start plowing on the contour instead of up and down the slope. They discussed managing the crop residue to help protect the soil surface. Charlie explained each time Freddy plowed it reduced the amount of residue left on the

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out when it came to plowing.

Charlie arrives and they drive

around the field to assess the

situation. Charlie sees the

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Freddy Farmer has a problem **By CHARLES FRERICH** 

Dawn breaks on the day of

Charlie's visit. Freddy antici-

# pates the meeting with excitement. You see, the land that Freddy is farming has been in the family for several generations and he knows that if his great-grandfather and grandfather were alive they would not be pleased with the way Freddy was taking care of the land. They loved the land and knew the land was a resource that had to be treated with respect and care. The land was God's gift and they were the stewards of the land. Freddy had gotten lax in caring for the land and was guilty of taking the easy way

reaches Charlie Technician. Freddy explains the situation and his concern over the growth of the gully. Charlie tells Freddy he can probably help and sets a date to meet Freddy at the field.

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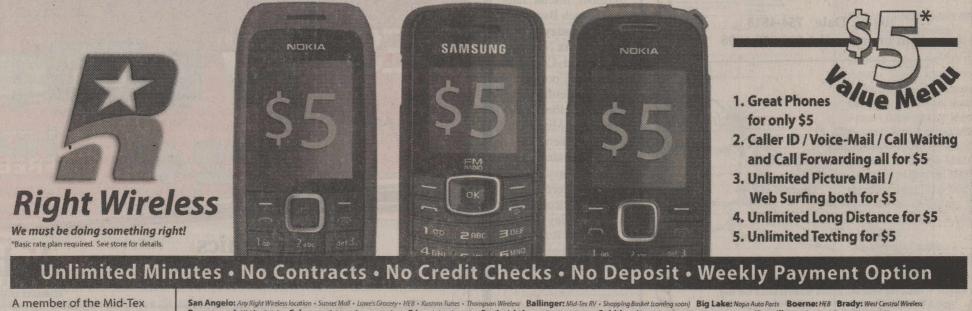
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# New area student gets Tough Player

# Winters Enterprise Staff Report

INTERS, Texas.-Eli Untermeyer, Senior running back-defensive end, at Grape Creek High School was awarded with the "Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week" trophy, a program that honors one student-athlete in six of the state's athletic classifications every week during the high school football regular season.

Eli is at a relatively new high school. In its dozen years of existence, the Eagles have never had a winning season nor ever been to the playoffs. Even its 46-17 win over Alpine the week before last at the district opener may not change that. But if Eli Untermeyer keeps running the ball as he did against the Bucks, anything can happen.

The 6-0, 195-pound halfback (who also plays defensive end) ran for an incredible 517 yards (one of the top five performances ever in Texas) and scored on runs of 25, 31, 16, 54, 12, and 80 yards among his 36 carries in the victory. Though the Eagles are only 2-3, Eli has Changed the face of Grape Creek football.

A basketball player and

track star, Eli proudly sports a 3.0 grade point average. His teammates elected him captain, he serves as a Fellowship of Christian Athletes officer, and he's extremely active

in his church youth group. "He has really stepped up this year ," says Coach Chad Worrell, Grape Creek's new head coach. "He worked hard all summer and his teammates really respect that. All of this is quite new to Eli and he's just getting better every week. When you remember that he had only 13 carries all of last year and that he plays every play on offense, defense, and special teams, his performance last week was even that much more remarkable."

The Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week award was launched five years ago to celebrate the strong ties between Texans and high school football, as well as Ford's recognition.

Texas high school football coaches, athletic directors and fans are invited to nominate players each week. To nominate athletes for this award or for additional information on the nominationprocess, visit www.playeroftheweek.com.

# Blizzards find their first bump in 2010

Albany Lions finish with Winters perfect record in the 2010 season

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Charles Murphy Enterprise Contributor

LBANY, Texas.-Without a doubt the weather was not a factor on Friday night. As Friday nights in October go it was beautiful in Albany. The only problem was that the Blizzards seemed to be engulfed in a black cloud and lost for the first time this season 43-14 in a game that began more like a track meet than a football game. The first quarter saw 35 points put on the board with little resistance put up by either defense.

It was the home team Lions that would score first on a 65 yard 4 play drive that only took a minute and fifty seconds. Setting up at their own 35 the Lions went right to work and on the first play from scrimmage ripped off 50 yards to the 15 yard line of the Blizzards and 3 plays later Aaron Faith would score from 1 yard out. The extra point was good for the 7-0 lead.

The Blizzards were not to be out done after setting up at their own 20 would find the end zone 3 plays later as Cristian Sandoval rambled for 70 yards and the touchdown with 7:37 left in the



**THE WINTERS BLIZZARDS** will be back at the training field to get ready for the District games. Photo: File

opening quarter. Combined with Orlando Rodriguez's extra point the run tied up the score at 7.

The kickoff and return gave the home team the ball at their own 34. The Blizzard defense found the attitude they had last week and forced a 3 and out with Nicco Arispe and CJ Johnson combining on a tackle for loss that left the Lions facing 4th and 12 the punt set the Blizzards up at their own 30. Two plays into this dive Riley Ripley broke free and scampered 67 yards for the score with 5:04 left in the quarter. The Rodriguez extra point was good for a 14-7 Blizzard lead.

With the return the kickoff put the Lions at their own 35. Four plays later the score had been tied when Josh Hudman took it in from five yards out. The extra point was good and the score was tied with 3:17 left in the first quarter. The kickoff and return set the Blizzard offense up at their own 16 and it was here that the black cloud showed up. The second play of the possession was a interception that set the Lions up at the Blizzard 5 yard line. It only took two plays for the Lions to gain the lead for good on a 4 yard run to put the score at 21 -14 with 1:39 left in the first quarter. This is how the quarter would end.

The second quarter saw the Lions score two more times and cruise to a 35-14 halftime lead. The quarter saw the Lions put three more threats together that could have made things worse for the Blizzards. The first was brought to a halt as Strait Daniel fell on a loose ball at the Blizzard 3 with 2:42 left in the half. Another drive would end as Sandoval picked off a Lion ariel in the Blizzard end zone with 26 seconds left in the half. The half would end when Ripley would intercept another Lions pass in the end zone as the last seconds of the half ticked off leaving the Blizzards nursing a 35-14 deficit.

The visitors set up at their own 18 with a new determination and put together a 15 play drive only to be turned away when the Lions picked off a Ripley pass in the end zone. The drive spread the action around as Sandoval would carry five times for 35 yards, Angel Barron carried 4 times for 10 and Ripley was two for two in the air.

The black cloud would continue to hover over the Blizzards as the 3rd quarter ended with the Lions up 35-14. The home team would find the end zone again after a muffed punt and recovery would set them up at the Blizzard 7 yard line putting the score at final margin of 42-14. With 2:11 left in the contest the Blizzards would have one last opportunity to put some points on the board with a drive starting at their own 20. Dillon Lindley would gain 12 on first down and Ripley would gain another 12 on the next play. After two plays and two first downs the drive would stall and an incomplete pass would turn the ball over on downs and the Lions would take a knee to end the contest holding a 42-14 lead.

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# CAFETERIA MENU October 11-15

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# WISD BREAKFAST MENU

Monday Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Scrambled Eggs, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk. Tuesday

Breakfast Pocket or Cereal or Breakfast Taco, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk. Wednesday Biscuit Sausage or Cereal or Breakfast Burrito, Toast w/Jelly. Juice, Choice of Milk. Thursday Yogurt/Ham or Cereal or

Pancake w/Ham, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk. Friday Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Muffin/Sausage. Toast w/Jelly,

Juice, Choice of Milk. Note: Menus are subject to change

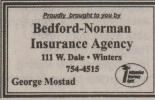
without notice. Students may purchase extra items: Entree - \$1.00, Milk - \$.30, Sides -\$.50. WISD LUNCH MENU Monday Chicken Pattie/Bun or

Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple Wedges, Tossed Salad/Carrot Stick, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk. Tuesday Steak Fingers w/Gravy or Turkey Roast, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Black Eyed Peas, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Rainbow Bar, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk. Wednesday Frito Pie or Soft Taco, Spanish

Rice, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Lettuce/Tomato, Orange Wedges, Cornbread/Jep.Che. Bread, Bread Pudding, Choice of Milk. **Thursday** Egg Roll/Fried Rice or Spaghetti, Stir Fry Vegetables, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk. Friday

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Cheese Burger or Pizza, Curly Fries, Italia Green Beans, Lettuce /Tomatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Rice Crispy Treat, Choice of Milk.





**Pump up the spirit** Winters High School Band members Archie Mills, Jasmine Blackshear, Tristan McGowan (front row), Wes Hagle, Daisy Martinez, Erica Lerma, Rudy Lara, Daryl Hagle, Katy Wade and Ryan Young. Photo: Contributed.

# Player of the Week

Dakota Rawls of Bronte High School holding Built Ford Tough Player of the Week Trophy. Randy Flanagan of Ivey Motor Co. presented the trophy to Rawls during the Bronte High School pep rally on September 17. Dakota won the trophy for his on and off the field achievements during Week 1 of the regular football season.





# 6 Winters Enterprise **Financial Focus**

Be prepared for return of Estate Tax

There's never really a bad time to do estate planning. But in the months ahead, you may have an extra incentive to look at your estate plans. Why? Because changes are coming to estate tax laws --- so you'll want to be ready.

Change is nothing new in the world of estate taxes, which have been in a state of flux for years. As the law now stands, there is no federal estate tax in 2010. Then, in 2011, the estate tax is scheduled to return, with an exemption amount of \$1 million and a top rate of 55 percent. Yet, these figures are highly likely to change; ultimately, we may see a return to what existed in 2009: a \$3.5 million or \$5 million exemption and a top rate of 45 percent.

Of course, your susceptibility to the estate tax will depend on the size of your estate. But no matter what your level of assets, you'll want to have your estate plans in order. First of all, you almost certainly need a will. You'll also need to make sure you've named the proper beneficiaries in all your legal documents.

Now, let's return to the estate tax issue. Specifically, how can

BY LARRY GILBERT, EDWARD JONES FINANCIAL AGENT you help reduce any potential estate tax burden your heirs may face? Here are some ideas to consider:

Take Advantage of Your Exemptions. You and your spouse each receive an exemption from the federal estate tax. As mentioned above, this exemption could be anywhere from \$1 million to \$5 million, starting in 2011. To maximize these exemptions, you may want to create a credit shelter trust. In a nutshell, here's how it works: When you die, you fund a credit shelter trust with assets equal in value to your available exemption; if you have other assets, you can leave them to your spouse, free of estate taxes. Your surviving spouse can draw income from the trust's assets while he or she is alive. Upon his or her death, the trust disperses the assets to your children or other beneficiaries, taking advantage of your original estate tax exemption. Your spouse's estate will also disperse assets to beneficiaries, using his or her exemption to reduce or avoid estate taxes.

Use Life Insurance. If you

owned a \$1 million dollar life insurance policy, and it was subject to an estate tax rate of 55 percent, your beneficiaries would receive a death benefit of just \$450,000. But if you established an irrevocable life insurance trust (ILIT) with a new insurance policy, the trust would own the policy and distribute the proceeds to the beneficiaries you've chosen. By using an ILIT, you'd keep the life insurance out of your taxable estate.

Give generously. You can give up to \$13,000 per year to as many individuals as you like without incurring gift taxes. And the more you give, the lower your taxable estate. You can also reduce your estate by making gifts to charitable organizations.

Keep in mind that estate planning can be complex. You will need to work with your legal and tax advisors before establishing any type of trust or other estateplanning mechanism. And with the looming return of the estate tax, there's no time like the present to get started.

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A grandparent's goof...

My frequent vignettes about grandparents might be mistakenly assumed to be thinly-veiled efforts to drum up greeting card business for National Grandparents Day, an observance proclaimed by President Jimmy Carter in 1978.

The brainchild of a diminutive West Virginia woman, the recognition now occurs annually on the Sunday following Labor Day. Feeling that grandparents were relegated to afterthoughts most days of the year, the 5'3" mountain woman campaigned for years for the observance, investing both time and money. Hers was a "labor of love" as she sought more recognition for grandparents. She refused any material gain, turning down lucrative offers from greeting card companies. (Ideas continue to bloom, including designation of forget-me-nots as 'official flowers.")

Marian McQuade lived to enjoy the holiday 30 times prior to her death at age 91, happy that her project was adopted both nationally and by several other countries. She died on September 26, 2008, 19 days after National Grandparents Day. Survivors include 15 children, 43 grandchildren and 15 greatgrandchildren. The 33rd observance will be on September 11, 2011, the date that also marks the 10th anniversary of 9/11....

I thought about this observance recently when Rev. Jim Gray, a granddad, told me the story of a "bad haircut." It was "my kind of story," but writing about it at the time could have been interpreted as a shameless attempt to stimulate greeting card purchases for National Grandparents Day.

I decided to write about it now for two reasons: 1) The next grandparents day observance is almost 50 weeks away, and 2) Gray's story is a "twist" on the usual.

Instead of grandparents sharing "you won't believe this" stories about their grandchildren at senior adult get-togethers, it could be two-year-olds in nurseries jabbering with delight over their first haircuts....

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Truth to tell, Jim deserves a gold star for admitting what happened. Others of us attempting such would be crowned with many dunce caps in lieu of congratulations. A few weeks ago, the Grays' only daughter, Linda, left her only child, Braylon, with her folks for the weekend.

Eager for his youngest grandson to be fastidiously groomed for church, Jim asked permission to trim the youngster's hair. Braylon had sat in a barber's chair just once, but needed a "trim" to look his best in the nursery the next day.

Linda agreed, but her mom, Kay, remained silently skeptical....

"I guess I had forgotten how fine a two-year-old's hair is and how squirmy they can be," Jim confessed. "The 'trim' got a bit out of hand, but it didn't look bad to me on Saturday night."

Twenty-four hours later, the person whose opinion mattered most--his daughter--disagreed. "She didn't say anything, but the look on her face let me know she was appalled," he admitted. "I felt www.speakerdoc.com.

Mentor program at Winters Elementary

PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 17, 2010, Atmos Pipeline – Texas, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation ("APT" or the "Company"), filed a Statement of Intent to change its natural gas transportation rates for firm and interruptible customers and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all transportation customers receiving service under existing Rate Schedules CGS and Rate Schedule PT. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 22, 2010. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 4 firm transportation customers and 63 interruptible transportation customers. APT's Other Revenue customer class is not affected by this filing.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$38.9 million. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition, the Company seeks to recover all rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount of rate case expenses will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the meter charge will be eliminated, and the capacity charge and usage rate applicable for each of the customer classes affected by this filing will increase by the amount shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Meter Charge	Proposed Meter IONSON Charge	Difference
CGS – Mid-Tex CGS-CoServ	\$4,356.69 \$4,356.69	\$0.00 \$0.00	(\$4,356.69) (\$4,356.69)
CGS – Other	\$2,425.17	\$0.00	(\$2,425.17)
PT	\$6,124.34	\$0.00	(\$6,124.34)
Customer Class	Current Capacity Charge	Proposed Capacity Charge**	Difference
CGS – Mid-Tex CGS-CoServ	\$0.9988 \$0.8507	\$4.8444 \$3.9815	\$3.8456 \$3.1308
CGS – Other	\$0.9988	\$3.9815	\$2.9827
PT	\$0.0000	\$2.6276	\$2.6276

Thursday, October 7, 2010

like a complete failure as a grandfather and as a father."

Sleeping fitfully, Jim sprang from his bed Monday morning to send Linda a text message....

"I'm sorry about the haircut. It did not turn out the way I planned."

He received an immediate reply: "It's OK! I was just caught off guard! I still love you! It's a BAD haircut, but it's full of LOVE!" (That many exclamation points indicate absolute sincerity, don't they?)

"I felt forgiven," Jim said. "And I insisted on paying the barber to repair the mess, relieved that it was she--and not I--who would tell the barber who administered the lousy haircut!"...

A final thought concerns the death of Englishman James Heseldenon, the Segway manufacturer who died recently after plunging off a cliff into a river on one of his two-wheeled conveyances. Headlines around the world are flooded with "plays-on-words," such as: "Segway owner segues."

Under the layers of triviality, though, are notable facts of his being a generous philanthropist and respected citizen. And no matter the irony, left behind to mourn the loss of this respected Englishman are his wife, children and grandchildren.

I opened this column with a twist, and shall close in the same manner, predicting that in the future, there'll be admonitions going in two directions: From grandparents warning grandchildren to "be careful" on their twowheeled vehicles, and youngsters extending the same warning to them....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Metroplex. Send inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. 817-447-3872. Phone: Website:

\*\*The customer charge reflected on the bill for each customer class is calculated as follows: customer charge = MDO (Maximum Daily Quantity) \* capacity charge (customer charge will vary by customer based on the customer's MDQ).

Customer Class	Current Usage Charge	Proposed Usage Charge	Difference
CGS-Mid-Tex	\$0.2103	\$0.0276	(\$0.1827)
CGS-CoServ	\$0.1778	\$0.0276	(\$0.1502)
CGS-Other	\$0.2103	\$0.0276	(\$0.1827)
PT-1st Tier	\$0.1739	\$0.0163	(\$0.1576)
PT-2nd Tier	\$0.1579	\$0.0163	(\$0.1416)

In addition to rate revisions, APT seeks to adopt a Rate Schedule CGS – Mid-Tex to be applicable solely to Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division. This Rate Schedule will, consistent with the Commission's Final Order Nunc Pro Tunc in GUD No. 9869, include recovery of ad valorem taxes related to Mid-Tex's working gas in storage, as well as the return and related taxes on Mid-Tex's working gas in storage, the Accumulated Deferred Income Tax for UNICAP Section 263A and the WACOG to FIFO change related to the Mid-Tex working gas in storage. A second Rate Schedule CGS - Other is proposed for all other city gate customers that is identical to the proposed Rate Schedule CGS - Mid-Tex with the exception of the requested changes related to Mid-Tex's working gas in storage. Other proposed tariff changes include a new Rider REV, a new Rider WGIS, and minor wording changes in the other existing Riders applicable to service provided by APT. Specifically, APT seeks to adopt a new, revenue tracking mechanism (Rider REV) that will adjust Rate CGS and Rate PT annually for changes in the level of revenue received from APT's "Other Revenue" customer class in the prior year. APT also proposes to adopt a new Rider WGIS to establish a twelve (12) month surcharge to be applicable to Atmos Energy Corp, Mid-Tex Division to recover the regulatory asset balance in Account 182.3 - Other Regulatory Assets that has accumulated since the entry of the Commission's Final Order Nunc Pro Tunc in GUD No. 9869. APT proposes to adopt minor wording changes to all of its existing Riders, including a change in the title of Rider FF to Rider MF. Additional minor changes to APT's other Riders are proposed that will, for example, delete unnecessary definitions.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-214-206-2809. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240. In addition, any affected person may file in writing comments, a request for intervention or a protest concerning the proposed change in rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. Please reference GUD Docket No. 10000.

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**Winters Enterprise** Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- At Winters Elementary we have started our mentor program. We need volunteers who are interested in coming to school once a week for about an hour and helping a student with whatever is needed. It is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in a child's life. We have several students

who need a mentor but there are not enough to go around. The commitment could be as little as 30 minutes a week or as much as you wish. We will try to taylor it to your free time as much as possible. It could be helping with academic work or just being a friend. If you are interested please call me at 325 754-5577 ext 1126 or come by the elementary and pick up the paper work. All mentors will need to pass a background check.

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# Briefs

# **Biker killed in Scurry** County

One person was killed in a two vehicle crash occurring Saturday, October 2, 2010, at 8:10 a.m. in Scurry County. The crash was at the intersection of State Highway 350 and Farm Road 1606. Jack Irwin Miller, 50 years of age from Midland, Texas was pronounced dead at the scene by Judge Deborah Boyd. Miller was driving a 2009 Harley Davidson motorcycle northbound on State Highway 350. Brandon Kyle Hopper was driving a 1997 Chevrolet pickup westbound on Farm Road 1606. The pickup failed to stop and yield right of way to the motorcycle. The weather was clear and the roadway was dry. This crash is under investigation by Trooper Ricardo Molina.

# Police investigates death of minor in Anson

ABILENE, Texas.- Micah Castillo, two-year-old male of Anson, Texas was found unresponsive by a resident of the household this morning. Anson Emergency Medical System transported Micah to Anson Memorial Hospital at 12:23 p.m. Judge Marlon Smith pronounced Micah Castillo dead. The body has been taken to Tarrant county medical examiner's office in Fort Worth. The Anson Police Department has requested assistance in this questionable death from Texas Ranger Mike Parker. Investigator's are waiting word on the cause of death.

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# 8 Winters Enterprise War hero long overdue Kirby family reunion

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ALLINGER, Texas.-Served his country in the United States Navy, fought World War II and participated in historical matches such as the battle of Midway, but it was until last Wednesday, 65 years after being honorably discharged and at the age of 89, when Marion Pullin was awarded with the Purple Heart.

The medal was long awaited, due in part to 1973 fire in Washington D.C., when many military records were lost forever. Pullin's family and Veteran's Service Office representative in Ballinger, Major Art Taylor, faced a lot of red tape until they finally found a way.

"Many yeas ago General George Washington searched for some type of award for his senior non-commissioned officers as we call them today, and commissioned officers, he sketched what is Heart, this is to be given to senior staff and CO's who trained and helped to keep alive our women and men", said Major Taylor.

Pullin served as a Gunman on the USS Copahee. During World War II he participated in the military operations area designated as the Pacific Theater, one of two places where the United States initiated offensive ground com-Axis powers in late 1942.

escort carrier involved in dozens of missions during the world conflict. Pullin also served as a Torpedoman's Mate in the USS Orion, a U.S. Navy submarine also deployed

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MARION PULLIN was honorably discharged in 1945 from the US Navy, last week he received his Purple Heart. Major Art Taylor congratulates the war hero in name of the President of the United States of America. Photos Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez

to many different missions.

Ron Pullin, son of the recently awarded hero, said he had looked several ways but was never able to get any recognition for his father.

"I worked over a year trynow known as the Purple ing to get something done but I was stonewalled, had to face a lot of red tape, just never could get it accomplished, then I met Major Art Taylor, with the Marine Corps," said Ron Pullin.

and raised in Benoit, Texas, at the time he enlisted in the U.S. Navy was studying in San Antonio, and spent four years fighting for his country.

When Pullin was serving in bat operations against the the USS Copahee, during one of the battles, a jagged piece of His ship was a bogue class shrapnel hit him on his back. For three days the Gunman had to deal with the injury by himself, before getting medical attention. Once Pullin recovered he got back to his duties with the U.S. Navy.

Marion Pullin was born MARION PULLIN shared his honor with his son Ron Pullin, his wife Becky, and all the fellow residents of the Runnels County Rehab and Nursing Center.

"Marion Pullin participated in the Battle of Midway, one of the fiercest battles America has ever been on, on behalf of us we are very pleased to help and expedite a long overdue for Mr. Pullin", said Robert Lung, general manager of Heritage Family Funeral Home and member of the Veteran's local chapter.

John Di Francesco, **Ballin-ger's** Veterans Commander and owner of the Rehab and Nursing Home said his own father was part of the same fleet as Pullin. "We are so extremely proud of Mr. Pullin receiving this medal, that group of people were probably some of the greatest Americans that ever lived".

Thursday, October 7, 2010

**Winters Enterprise** Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- On September 18, 2010 the descendants of James and Martha Kirby held their annual reunion, in the Jones Hall of the First Baptist Church in Winters, TX. They enjoyed a pot luck lunch, with everyone bringing some of their favorite dishes, that went well with the brisket, sausage and ham.

Everyone also enjoyed visiting and catching up on the past year's activities. Some family members talked about genealogy facts and added to the family's history. This year before being able to receive a door prize, the person whose name was drawn had to tell something about their family that no one would know. Some of the stories were quiet interesting.

To raise money for next year's reunion, everyone was ask to bring at least one item to be auctioned, with everyone participating fully. There were some interesting items, such as; metal work star, red, white and blue lap blanket, assorted knives, handmade jewelry, handmade purses and totes, handmade dolls from El Salvador, handmade wok for the barbecue grill, and the big items was a handmade guilt and lots of other items, too many to name.

The forty-one family and friends in attendance were: Olga Meyers; Joe, Melinda, Kirby and Ryan Meyers; Larry and Mary Meyers; Val Jimenez; Sean and Sheldon Bean; Troy Norman all from Winters; Jack Kirby; Viola Davis; Kim, Gary, Kelsey and Brandon. Halfmann; Jennifer, Kelsey and Madison Brody; Bobby Ray Kirby all from Abilene; Howard, Patricia and Craig Miller from Merkel; Clifford Lewis from Amarillo; Ron and Jeanette Willingham from Georgetown; Paula and Courtney Tamplin from Littlefield; Matthew, Jonnie, Brian and Eric Hammer from Midlothian; Zane and Lori Miller from Rowlett; Bertalena Ballenger from Leander; Helen Williams from Hawley; and Louise Dunnam from Siloam Springs, AR. Some local friends were Johnny and Ann Walker from Ovalo; Jerrell Walker from Wingate; and Melvin Faircloth from Abilene.

All of the remainder first generation cousins from James and Martha Kirby's children were present for the reunion, they are: Olga Meyers, Viola Davis, Jack Kirby, Patricia Miller and Bobby Ray Kirby.





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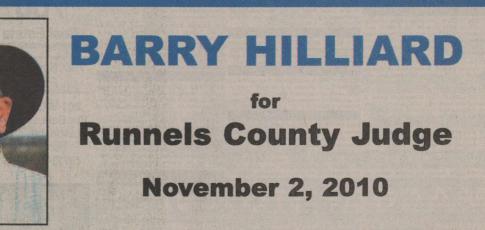
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WINTERS, Texas.- Wiley Guy, a 2008 Winters High School graduate will be awarded on behalf of his outstanding grades at Rawls College of Business, at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

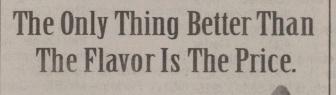
Wiley is the son of Barron and Donna Guy, also of Winters. Wiley is a senior at Texas Tech University and has maintained a 3.7 grade point average since becoming a student of the Texas Tech system. The award ceremony will be held on October 15, 2010.

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