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## Winters High School rules the diamond

**RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ**  
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - District champions Winters Blizzards finished the baseball regular season last Tuesday, April 19, and they made it big with the first no-hitter pitched by Freshman Chris Gerhart and Junior Strait Daniel hitting

for the cycle. The Blizzards defeated TLCA 18-1.

In softball, the Lady Blizzards also celebrated the end of the season clinching a slot for the playoffs by defeating TLCA by a score of 16-15.

The boys will be playing two warm-up games, the first one will be this Friday,

April 29, against a team to be confirmed, and the next one will be against Johnson City, at Brady, on May 5.

The Blizzards playoff will begin the second week of May, in the Area round, when they play the winner of the Bi-district competition.

The Lady Blizzards playoff will begin

against the Marfa Lady Shorthorns.

See complete results page 4. The Lady Blizzards will be playing on Saturday, April 30, in Midland at JUGS field, at 2 p.m.

The winner of the match against the Marfa Shorthorns will be Class 1A Bi-District Champion.



PHOTOS JOE GERHART

The Winters Blizzards received the trophy as 2011 District Champion after a great season. After a week bye the Blizzards will begin the playoff in the Area round.

The Lady Blizzards secured their playoff spot by defeating TLCA last week in a tight game, they will begin the playoff round against the Marfa Shorthorns.

## Underwood Park underway

**RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ**  
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - The City of Winters is conditioning two blocks on the west side of town, donated by former Winters resident Randall Underwood, in order to get everything ready for the new Marva Jean Underwood Park.

Alan Hollander, Winters City Manager, said that Underwood donation included a swing set and playground, which will be installed on site.

"We are very excited about the possibilities, the lots are being conditioned, they already have a water shed, and electricians are looking at electric lines on the ground, the potential here is enormous," said Hollander.

Among other projects the city is considering installing benches, building a gazebo, and probably fencing the park; public input will be sought for these improvements.

The park is two blocks in length, and goes on from Frisco St., from West Dale to Majestic.

In November of 2010 the City of Winters received the donation from Underwood under the condition of the



The Marva Jean Underwood park is two blocks in length, and goes on from Frisco St., from Dale to Majestic.

park to be named after his mother, Marva Jean Underwood, and the property to be used exclusively as a public park.

The City of Winters is looking forward to bring a \$4,000 playground, also donated by Underwood, from the Dallas area to the

park. The Underwood donation also includes three bronze plaques that will be displayed different spots on the site.

## Man charged with child abuse

**RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ**  
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - A 28-year-old man was arrested last Tuesday morning, and charged for the assault of a child in a case that is being investigated by the Winters Police Department, Child Advocacy Center in Abilene, and Child Protective Services.

Harold Melius, a man that moved from Ohio and has been living in Winters with friends was taken to Runnels County Jail, and charged in relation to an incident occurring last weekend with a 14-year-old girl.

Melius was also a suspect in some of the burglaries occurring last year, and was out on parole after being found guilty of the charges.

The warrant was issued last Tuesday morning. The suspect was arrested without any incident in a residence on Jones Street, in the east side of town.

The Winters Police Department considered that the suspect could be involved in at least one more case of child abuse. Melius was arrested in connection with this case and on a warrant for violation of parole.

A forensic interview was performed to the alleged victim, but the results have not yet been released.

## Longest serving sheriff in Runnels County

**RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ**  
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - The longest serving Sheriff in Runnels County and one of the state's longest serving Sheriffs celebrated last week 28 years of continuous service. A ceremony was held at the Runnels County Courthouse to celebrate Bill Baird's 28th anniversary as County Sheriff.

Baird has been Sheriff in Runnels County since April 19, 1983. Last week he celebrated in the same hall where he was sworn-in almost three decades ago by former Runnels County Judge Michael Murchison.

"I will never forget the day that I was appointed right there, I was appointed because former Sheriff had personal problems in his family and he wasn't able to continue," Baird explained.

Since his first term he has been

elected seven times, and he plans to continue serving Runnels County and its people for at least one more term.

And even when things have not been easy, the service has brought plenty of satisfaction to his career.

Baird first took the position because he needed a job, and stayed there because of his service vocation enjoying the work.

In this 28 years things have really changed in the county, back in the 1980s the County Jail had a daily average of three prisoners. The new jail, built in 1999, has a daily average over 50 inmates. The Sheriff's Office staff also has grown, passing from five to 25 employees.

Many employees have supported Baird's work as head of the Sheriff's Department. He acknowledges the help and is thankful for the support "we have people like Dana Gore (Jail

Administrator) who has been there from day one," said Baird.

Through the good times and the bad the Sheriff has kept the office running and served the people, "we did everything that we could, nobody can solve everything but we take care of the cases that we can, we solved a lot of crimes."

A career in law enforcement is always filled with tough moments, but there are also some very enjoyable.

Baird recalls tough cases, such as a wreck where eight people died in the same incident, or an attack in Wingate, where a girl survived an attack that left several people dead.

"It is hard when you see people and families devastated by crime, but something that keeps us going is when we are able to solve the crimes, in the Wingate case we were able to put the man away for life."



PHOTO RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Bill Baird was honored last Thursday, April 21, for his 28 years of service as Runnels County Sheriff. Baird is pictured here with Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard.

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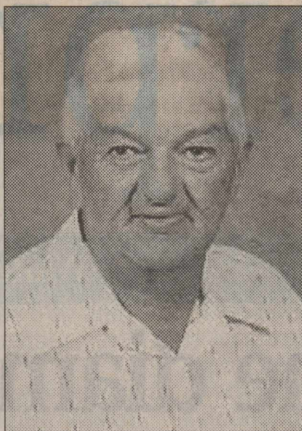
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**FUNERALS AND DEATH NOTICES**

**Elby Frey Miller**

Elby Frey Miller, Jr., 84, of Winters passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2011. He was born October 23, 1926 in Pumphrey and grew up there. He attended school in Winters. He served in the U.S. Navy from October 19, 1943 until April 30, 1946 during WWII. He married Jerrie Alger January 25, 1946 in Yuma, Arizona. They returned to Winters in 1950. He was a mechanic for several businesses in Winters. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the VFW for 59 years. He was preceded in death by his wife Jerrie, his son Johnny and his brother Dan.



He is survived by one daughter; Dorie Hord of Rankin, one son; Tommy Miller of Seminole, one sister; Betty Inman of Elko, Nevada, seven grandchildren; Joshua Hord, Heather MacGregor, Shelby Benavides, Amy Cura, Cassie Miller, Dusty Miller and Russell Miller and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 am Friday, April 22, 2011 at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. James Gehrels officiating. Burial followed at Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45259-0301, Attn. Gift Processing.

Winters Enterprise, April 28, 2011

**Card of Thanks**

*We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the efforts and help in putting out the fire west of Talpa on Thursday, April 14. We truly appreciate each and everyone who assisted.*

Thank you  
Rick and Linda Chantaca

**Card of Thanks**

*The family of Truman Deike express thanks to Danny Prado and the staff at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home, who loved and took care of her. We would also like to thank Dr. Judy and the staff at North Runnels Hospital for the care of our mother during her stay at the hospital. The meal and hospitality so graciously provided by the members of St. John's Lutheran Church for our family was greatly appreciated. You were all a blessing in her life.*

Thank you  
Jerrye Carey, Edwin Deike, and Michael Deike

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**RABIES - PART II**

City of Winters Code of Ordinances requires all domestic animals within the city to be vaccinated and registered

As we continue into the peak of rabies season, I will be reviewing more information about the rabies issue in an effort to educate our public and help prevent an incident of rabies in Winters.

I encourage each pet owner to vaccinate their animals annually, not only because it is the law, but also because rabies thrives around abundant wildlife and unvaccinated domestic animals.

What time of year is rabies most common?

Most cases in Texas occur in the spring. This could be due to the fact there are more opportunities for transmissions during the spring mating season. However, rabies does occur through the entire year in Texas in both wild and domestic animals.

What animals are susceptible to rabies?

All warm-blooded animals, including humans, are susceptible to rabies. In Texas, skunks, bats, possums, armadillos, porcupines, coyotes, feral cats, and foxes are the most infected types of animals. Contact with obviously sick animals should be avoided at all times. Domestic dogs, cats, and livestock usually acquire rabies from contact with infected wild animals. While the numbers of rabid domestic animals is few, they are more dangerous because of their close association with humans.

How is rabies spread?

A common way is for a rabid animal to bite and infect one or more dogs or cats in a community. The disease develops in the domestic



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Nathan Johnson

animals along with the threat of transferring the infection to other pets or humans. Because of their closer association with pets, children are most often the human victims. It is important to note that a rapid spread of the disease is only possible in unvaccinated pets. When a rabid animal bites a domestic animal (Dog, Cat, etc...) If an animal known to be rabid bites an unvaccinated domestic animal, the domestic animal should be destroyed immediately. If an owner is unwilling to destroy the domestic animal, the owner can have the animal vaccinated and placed in strict isolation (at a Veterinarian's office) for 90 days and given booster vaccinations during the third and eighth weeks of isolation. If the domestic animal is currently vaccinated for rabies, it should be revaccinated immediately and confined for 45 days for observation.

Effects of the rabies infection The course of the disease is divided into three categories: First, the incubation period. Second, clinical signs. Third, paralysis terminating in death. Rabies takes 14 days up to 18 months to incubate; however, the average period is 3-8 weeks. Medical authorities break the effects of rabies into two different categories, "furious" and "dumb" rabies. In the

furious variety, "mad-dog" symptoms show up. The animal is irritable and will snap and bite at real or imaginary objects. It may run for miles and attack anything in its path. The animal can be extremely vicious and violent. Paralysis sets in shortly, usually affecting the hind legs first. Death follows four to seven days after the onset of these clinical signs. In "dumb" rabies, the prominent symptoms are drowsiness and paralysis of the lower jaw. The animal may appear to have something lodged in its throat, sometimes an owner may try to force open an animal's mouth to investigate and unwittingly expose themselves to rabies. Animals with "dumb" rabies may snap at movement. They are insensitive to pain, and usually become comatose and die three to ten days after the first symptoms appear.

The Winters Police Department wants to remind the public that the City of Winters Code of Ordinances requires all domestic animals within the city to be vaccinated and registered. Your local veterinarian can vaccinate your family pets and city hall can register the animals.

For more information, you can also access the Zoonosis Control website at www.texaszoonosis.org and select "rabies" - "rabies topics". The Zoonosis Control website can provide statistical information on rabid animals by county that may be of interest.

Semper Fi,  
Nathan T. Johnson  
Chief of Police

**Winters High School Fifth Six Weeks Honor Roll**

**Ninth Grade**  
"A" Honor Roll  
Christopher Gerhart  
Kara Heathcott  
Kara Kraatz  
"A-B" Honor Roll  
Lauren Bredemeyer  
Melissa Calcote  
Alanna Cooper  
Kalyn Drake  
Tyler May

Corey Pritchard  
Teren Shandor  
Tameron Tamez  
**Tenth Grade**  
"A" Honor Roll  
Jordan Busher  
McKenzie Hooper  
Erica Lerma  
"A-B" Honor Roll  
William Gibbs  
Allison Horton

Hannah Johnson  
Adan Mata  
Cody May  
Sean McGowan  
Bryce Mikeska  
John Rose  
Hannah Wade  
**Eleventh Grade**  
"A" Honor Roll  
Justin Bryson  
Andy Garcia  
Caitlin Kurtz  
Camille Kurtz  
Sarah Lara  
Archibald Mills  
Riley Ripley  
"A-B" Honor Roll  
Roman Delacruz  
Nikolas Kraatz  
Breanna Lynn  
Alexander Martinez  
Christopher Perez  
Christian Sandoval

Agapito Tamez  
Brianna Taylor  
Hailey Wilson  
**Twelfth Grade**  
"A" Honor Roll  
Kelton Bredemeyer  
Clent Bryan  
Llanas Jose  
Dustin Oswalt  
Alexandra Slimp  
Devon Towe  
"A-B" Honor Roll  
Angel Barron  
Bianca Carrillo  
Kelsea Garcia  
Shelby Gehrels  
Abby Guy  
Kimberly Jackson  
Kassandra Jimenez  
Devin Martinez  
Estevan Nava  
Dustin Oswalt  
Alexandra Slimp

**Card of Thanks**

*The Family of Olga Meyers would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers and prayers that were given during this time of sorrow. A special thank you to the staff of the Senior Citizens Nursing Home and VistaCare Hospice for the great care shown to Olga. A thank you to the Winters Funeral Home for making this hard time easier.*

Thank you for your help,  
Louise (Meyers) Dunnam

**Card of Thanks**

*The family of Lola Hamrick would like to say thank you to all who showed love and concern during our time of loss. To the staff of Senior Citizen Nursing Home for years of care. North Runnels Hospital and doctors for their tender care. Big Country Hospice for rushing in and being their for the family. Bro. Heath for doing such a great job with the service. Mike, Linda and Jessica for such a great job on the service. To all our friends and family for all the food, flowers, calls and flowers. Bless you all.*

Eddie Hamrick, Wayne and Sandy Hamrick.

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**Softball tournament fundraiser for Jessica Saucedo**

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STAFF REPORT

ROWENA - A Co-ed Benefit Softball Tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 6-7, in Rowena as a fundraiser for Jessica (Buxkemper) Saucedo who just recently underwent her second open heart surgery. She is the daughter of Robert and Kim Buxkemper of Ballinger. Jessica was diagnosed in 2001 with a Cardiovascular disorder known as aortic insufficiency/valve deterioration. She had her first open heart surgery at the age of 21 and just had her second one this last November 2010. Along with all the repairs done on her second aortic valve replacement she also had to have a pacemaker put in.

This benefit tournament will allow to help Jessica and her family with her medical expenses. She will undergo surgery again in the future once this valve has worn out. Jessica and her husband reside in Rowena and she works for Ballinger ISD as a substitute teacher. She has also been very involved with youth sports in the Ballinger area.

The tournament will start Friday, May 6 at 6 p.m. running until 1 a.m. and will resume on Saturday, May 7 at 7 a.m., finishing at midnight. There will be a raffle held with prizes donated by numerous local businesses and individuals. Any and all donations for the concession stand, the raffle, or to go to the family will be gladly accepted.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at Dixie Hardware, from Eloyed Fuentes at Mueller Supply Corporate Office or Kristin Boggess and Laura Gonzales at Mueller Supply in the Sales Office. Raffle tickets will be available during the tournament as well. For more information on the tournament or raffle you can contact Eloyed Fuentes at 325-977-0915.

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# Special letter to the editor from Winter's ISD Superintendent

Dear Citizens of the Winters Community,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I write this letter to express my heartfelt appreciation for having the opportunity to serve as your new Superintendent. This past Monday, April 18, the Winters ISD Board of Trustees approved a 3-year term contract on my behalf to lead the school district. As your new Superintendent, I would like to start by providing the community with some background information about myself, my family, and my aspirations for the district.

My name is Don Kuempel, Jr. (pronounced Kimple) and I have 24 years of experience in public education of which the past 19 years was at Hutto ISD: 12 years as an Agricultural Sciences Teacher, one year as a middle school principal, eight years as a middle school principal, and the last three years as a director of Career and Technical Education. I received both my bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M University in College Station.



My wife Michelle and I have been married for 23 years in which the Lord has blessed us with two wonderful children (now young adults): Phillip, who is 22 years of age, holds a licensure in lawn irrigation design and maintenance and is self-employed in the residential lawn irrigation field in the Austin area. My second child is Kayla, who is 20 years of age, and she is an education major at Blinn College in Bryan and was just recently admitted to attend Texas A&M University this fall. Whoop! My wife is a state employee and will transfer her

current position in the Adult Protective Services office in Austin to the Ballinger office starting in August. As you can tell, I am a very proud husband and father and am quite proud of my family and their accomplishments.

In these times of unprecedented educational, economic and social challenges gripping our nation and state, the Winters ISD Board has selected and entrusted me to provide exceptional leadership for the district — a charge I solemnly accept with great pride and commitment. Many changes, some positive, have occurred over the years in public education and none are more especially prominent than in the areas of student assessment, school accountability and in school finance. Under the guise of educational reform, our state law makers have placed more and more demands on every school district across the state. Most notably in this legislative biennium session, legislation in both the Texas Senate and House has proposed an 8 to 10 billion dollar reduction in education spending.

How will all this affect Winters ISD? Fortunately, our district finances — both operating budget and fund balance — are in pretty good health and quite solvent due to result of past and current prudent oversight and management of the district's financial resources. Over the next few weeks, we will initiate some strategic planning and goal-setting processes by working collaboratively with the school board, staff, and community to consider ways we can enhance our programs and systems. Through purposeful planning and direction, we can create better, safer schools and improve instruction and learning for our students. To help illustrate this point, there is popular phrase that goes something like this "How can we be better today than we were yesterday and how can we be better tomorrow than we are today?"

God bless and Blizzard Pride!

Don Kuempel, Jr.,  
Winters ISD Superintendent

## NEWS NOTES

### Immunization clinics

Texas Department of State Health Services will have immunization clinic and flu and pneumonia vaccines in Winters from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience please use rear entrance (Grant Street).

Clinic in Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at 608 strong (behind the courthouse).

Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid or CHIP, please bring card. For more information call 325-754-4945.

### Gospel meeting in Wingate

The Wingate Church of Christ will have a "gospel meeting" May 1-4. Sunday will be at 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weeknights will be at 7:30 p.m. J.F. Lilly will be the speaker and Neil Hall will be song leader. Area wide singing will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Potluck lunch with bee at noon Sunday.

### Gifted/talented nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the Winters

Elementary Gifted/Talented program, from First thru Fifth grades. If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, we welcome your nomination. Nomination and parent-permission-for-testing forms may be obtained at the Elementary Principal's office during normal working hours. All forms must be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by April 29, 2011.

La escuela primaria en Winters está recibiendo nominaciones para el programa de niños dotados/talentedos de Primero a Quinto año. Los padres que deseen nominar a un niño/niña pueden recoger una forma en la oficina de la escuela. Las formas deben entregarse en la escuela antes del 29 de abril de 2011.

**Cross Emmaus**  
Community gatherings  
The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held second Tuesday of

each month at 6:30 at the United Methodist Church. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

**Dove Festival seeking for arts coordinator**  
The Dove Festival Committee is seeking an individual or organization who can take over the arts and crafts show portion of the Dove Festival. If you or your organization is interested please contact Chris Bahlman, Alan Cooper or Amanda Collom. The arts and crafts show portion of the Dove Festival is an asset to our local down town businesses and the committee would like to go forward with this part of the event if possible.

**VFW meetings**  
Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 meet the second Monday night of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rock Hotel. All eligible veterans of the United States military are invited to attend.

**Band Boosters**  
The Band Boosters meet

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. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

**Ballinger Al-Anon meetings**  
Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

**Chamber of Commerce**  
Chamber of Commerce meets at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month at DLC Realty 116 S. Main St. in the backroom.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## CAFETERIA MENU

May 2-6

Subject to change\*

### WINTERS ISD BREAKFAST

- Monday**  
Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Scrambled Eggs, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday**  
French Toast/Sausage Link or Cereal or Breakfast Taco, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**  
Biscuit/Egg Pattie or Cereal or Breakfast Burrito, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Thursday**  
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal or Pancake/Sausage Link, 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 Entree for \$1.00. Milk for \$.30. Sides for \$.50.

### WINTERS ISD LUNCH MENU

- Monday**  
Sloppy Joe or Salisbury Steak, Broccoli w/Cheese, Black Eyed Peas, Peaches Cups, Tossed Salad/Carrot Stick, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday**  
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce/Bread Stick or Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches, Green Beans, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Stick, Rainbow Bar, Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**  
Frito Pie or Bean Chalupa, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Tossed Salad/Carrot Stick, Orange Wedges, Cornbread/Jep.Che. Bread, Choice of Milk.
- Thursday**  
Grilled chicken/Bun or Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gray, Tomato Pasta, Tossed Salad/Carrot Stick, Peanut Butter Cookie, Peaches Cobbler, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
- Friday**  
Cheese Burger or Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy, Oven Fries, Vegetable soup, Lettuce, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Rosy Pears, Choice of Milk.

Along with the menu, Sub Sandwiches or Chef Salads are available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Fajita Wrap on Wednesday

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## CUSTOMER NOTICE

On April 1, 2011 Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos Energy" or "the Company"), filed a Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") filing to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders. This filing is applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division, with the exception of the City of Dallas. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is August 15, 2011. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,196,253 residential, 98,792 commercial, and 731 industrial and transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues for the affected incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$13,151,685, or 1.25% percent, including gas costs, or 3.15% percent, excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

Based on the proposed rate design, the typical monthly bill for each customer class within the affected incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percentage shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
Residential	\$60.37*	\$60.93*	\$0.56	0.93%	2.36%
Commercial	\$228.12*	\$230.20*	\$2.08	0.91%	4.21%
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In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, the other proposed tariff change is an update to the factors included in Rider WNA.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Rate Review Mechanism, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos Energy's offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our Web site at [www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-rrm](http://www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-rrm). In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

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## WINTERS ATHLETIC REPORT

BY STEPHEN HERMESMEYER

### Softball: (Airhart)

#### Lady Blizzards vs. Eldorado Lady Eagles

April 19, 2011

Inning 1 2 3 4 5 Final  
Winters 3 1 1 0 0 5  
Eldorado 4 2 3 1 9 19  
Pitchers: Lindley 1-4, Guy 5

Catcher: Gehrels  
Singles: Torres 3, Gehrels 2, Taylor, Lindley 2  
2B: Watson, 3B: Guy  
The second matchup between the Lady Blizzards and the Lady Eagles got off to a good start with both teams playing fairly matched innings. Eldorado batted through their lineup in the first inning. With one run scored and two outs, they were able to rally and score three more runs and put two more on base before we finally got the third out. But we answered with a triple, two singles and a double to score three

runs in our first at bat. We had a couple of base running errors that hurt us in the first although we fought hard to stay with them. In the second through fourth innings, they were able to outscore us by 1-2 runs each time. The fifth inning was our undoing. We had too many errors which Eldorado capitalized on to score nine runs. Unable to score in the fifth, the 10 run rule ended the game.

### Lady Blizzards vs. Miles Lady Bulldogs

April 22, 2011

Pitchers: Lindley 1, Guy 2-7  
Catcher: Gehrels  
Singles: Torres 3, Gehrels 2, Watson 2, Oswalt 2, Taylor, Mendoza

2B: Watson; 3B: Mendoza  
Inning 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Final  
Winters 3 0 1 0 3 1 4 12  
Miles 0 7 3 3 0 1 X 14

This was the last regular season district game and there was a lot riding on



Seniors Adam Ramirez and Clint Bryan with coach Spivey holding the winning trophy.

the outcome. The winner of this game would have the second place position locked in. The loser would find themselves in a 3-way fight for third. The first inning went well for us as we held them scoreless. We reacted well to their pitcher

and were able to score three runs. However, things changed quickly in the second inning. It was the inning that made the difference in the game. We made two pitching changes before getting control of the situation. With Lindley struggling, Guy came to the mound and took over. Though used mainly as a closer type pitcher, she was able to handle the pressure and be effective for us. Both teams battled at the plate with Miles getting eight hits to Winters' 13.

### Lady Blizzards vs. TLCA Lady Eagles

April 23, 2011

Miles Softball Field  
Inning 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Final  
Winters 4 0 3 0 3 6 X 16  
TLCA 3 4 0 2 2 3 1 15

Winters' loss to Miles the night before set up a three way tie between Santa Anna, TLCA, and Winters. Immediately following the Miles/Winters game, a coin flip determined that Santa Anna and TLCA would play the first game to begin to break the tie. On the flip, Winters was the "odd man out" and would play the winner of the first game, with the winner of that game taking the third place playoff position. In previ-

ous competition, Winters had lost both games to Santa Anna and split games with TLCA. We were pleased when we arrived in Miles the next day to find TLCA in control of the game. TLCA defeated Santa Anna in five innings.

As one spectator was quoted, "This game lived up to all the hype."

Another coin toss at the end of the Santa Anna/TLCA game determined that Winters would have home team advantage. As in the previous game, it took us a couple of innings to get our pitching to be effective. Abby started us off but hit the first two batters and allowed the third batter to get a hit. So Kat Lindley took over and though she walked the first batter she saw, our defense held and made the plays to get the outs and end TLCA's first bat. TLCA struggled on the mound as well, walking four, hitting one, but allowing only one hit. The rest of the game was spent battling in the box and struggling with defensive errors on both teams. In the bottom of the seventh after walking two batters and with us up by only two runs, Abby Guy came to the mound to finish. With bases loaded, two outs, and Winters up by one, the batter hit down third base line. It was fielded by Julie Tamez who through it to Shelby Gehrels for the force out at home and the win.

These last two games were hard fought by all. I was extremely proud of the Lady Blizzards effort. One of the umpires who worked both of our games complimented us by saying he was "impressed with how hard we played and how we never gave up - that we played with a lot of heart." As a result of their efforts Friday and Saturday, the Lady Blizzards are in the playoffs. We will play the Marfa Lady Shorthorns representing District 1.  
Baseball: (Spivey)  
Tuesday, April 19  
TLCA at Winters

Inning 1 2 3 4 5 H R

TLCA 1 0 0 0 0 1

Winters 7 8 1 2 - 13 18

Chris Gerhart and Kolton Alexander. A Garcia and Klausner. W- Gerhart. L- Garcia. 2B- Strait Daniel, Fabian Esquivel, Clent Bryan. 3B- Daniel. HR- Daniel, Alexander.  
Record: Winters (13-6, 6-1)

Junior, Strait Daniel was perfect at the plate going 4 for 4 and hitting for the cycle. Daniel knocked in eight RBI's. Freshman, Chris Gerhart picks up the win in style, throwing the first no-hitter of his career as a Varsity Blizzards Baseball player.

The Blizzards will be back in action with a play-off warm-up game on Friday, April 29 against a team to be announced. The Blizzards will also travel to Brady on May 5 to take on sixth ranked Johnson City at 7 p.m. in another playoff warm-up game. The Blizzards playoff quest begins the second week of May in the Area round when they play the winner of the Bi-district competition between the runner-up out of District 3 and the third place team out of District 4.

### Tennis: (Villarreal)

The results for the Region II IA Tennis

Tournament:

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Nitsch/Ripley vs. Sitz/Self of Archer City 6-2, 6-1

Quarter Finals:

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Semi-Finals: Nitsch/Ripley vs. Chudej/Colunga of Garden City 7-5, 6-4

Finals: Nitsch/Ripley vs. Wiebe/Medina of Grady 3-6, 6-2, 6-2

Playback: Nitsch/Ripley vs. Rodriguez/Dobbs 6-4, 6-2

Hayden Nitsch and Riley Ripley finished in third place at the Regional

Tournament. These young men played the best they have all season and I cannot express into words how proud I am of them and their accomplishments.



Abby Guy beats the tag at home plate against the Lady Eagles.

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## Yankee Dude and Southern Bell spaghetti duel

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE**  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - Rock Hotel and Z. I. Hale April Fund Raiser will be held on Saturday, April 30, starting at 5 p.m. with a Spaghetti challenge between Don Hall and Joyce Carbery. You will be the judge to see which sauce is the best!

Board members will be serving Italian spaghetti, salad, bread and a delicious dessert.

"Winters' Woman of the Year" Billie Alderman will be there to greet and welcome you to a fun filled evening.

Outstanding entertainment by Star and Richard Smelkner. Richard's brother Jerry Smelkner and

sister-in-law Cindy Smelkner will be joining them for a picking and singing session. Jerry and Cindy travel throughout the

year to parks and entertains. You don't want to miss this!

The hotel and museum appreciate your support and donations.

Don Hall and Joyce Carbery challenged one another in a spaghetti cook-off. Mr. Hall hails from Michigan and told Ms. Carbery that he has yet to meet a woman that can cook as well as he can. Ms. Carbery comes from Memphis, Tennessee, and from an Italian background and declared her spaghetti recipe would be better than his northern plate. So the challenge was on!

Don uses venison in his sauce and his special ingredients. Joyce got busy improving on her recipe.

People attending the duel will receive for a donation a wonderful Italian evening meal with friends.

## Burn ban divides Commissioners Court

**RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ**  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - With two votes in favor and two opposed, Judge Barry Hilliard broke the tie to continue the disaster declaration in Rannels County for two weeks, prohibiting all open flame burning in the county.

Last Monday, April 25, County Commissioners held a regular meeting, among agenda items they discussed continuing the disaster declaration as proclaimed by Judge Hilliard on Tuesday, April 18.

Judge Hilliard broke the tie between Commissioners Ronald Presley and Ricky Strube voting to continue to restrict all outdoor burning, and Commissioners James Thurman Self and Robert Moore

voting against.

The declaration was issued and continued due to the recent wildfires in the area and the extreme hazard conditions. This threat is caused by abundant fuel and extreme dry and windy conditions across the State of Texas and Rannels County.

This declaration of a local state of disaster expired last Tuesday, April 26, but was extended by the Commissioners Court until next regular meeting.

Emergency regulations were established for all unincorporated areas of Rannels County, prohibiting all outdoor burning of any combustible material. A person violating this order may be prosecuted in accordance with the statutes and procedures governing misdemeanors.

## Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten round-up

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE**  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - Enrollment for the school year, 2011-2012, for Pre-kindergarten and those kindergarteners who have not enrolled in school before will be May 3 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary School Library.

Parents of children who will be 4 on or before September 1 must qualify for Pre-kindergarten. All parents wishing to see if their child is eligible for Pre-kindergarten

must bring proof of income, birth certificate, shot record and Social Security card to the meeting on round-up night.

Children who will be 5 on or before September 1 and are entering school for the first time as a kindergartner will also need to pre-register. Please bring birth certificate, shot record, and Social Security card to the meeting on the round-up night.

Only parents are needed at this meeting, no children, please.

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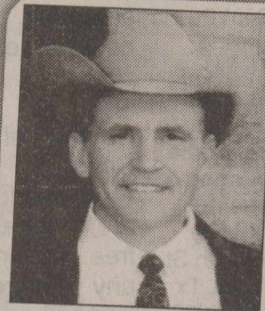
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### An open letter to the voters of Winters Independent School District

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your school board trustee for Place 6 (At Large). This is my third year to serve and it has truly been an honor. It has definitely been an eye opening experience. This experience has brought the realization of the absolutely daunting task of educating children. I believe that the future of all children is built around education.

My appreciation for the job that teachers do has grown immensely. I believe that teachers have one of the most important jobs in the world. Teaching is one of the few professions

that can, truly, make a difference.

As the district embarks with a new leader, I am very excited about the future of our school and community. My vision for our school is to continue working towards high academic standards coupled with college prep courses and, now, to invest in career and technical (vocational) education as well. Our school district is in outstanding financial condition with strong reserves and no debt. I believe the time is now to make a substantial investment in the right type of vocational programs which will benefit a large portion of WISD students. These programs could be in the areas of auto repair, nursing, welding and construction, and personal finance just to name a few. One of the areas of expertise our new superintendent brings to Winters is his experience in establishing such programs.

My promise and guarantee is that I will work diligently and professionally towards what is in the best interest of all students of WISD. You can place your trust in me and rest assured that you have a board member doing their level best to help assure that our school is better tomorrow than yesterday.

With your vote, I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve you and WISD.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Busher

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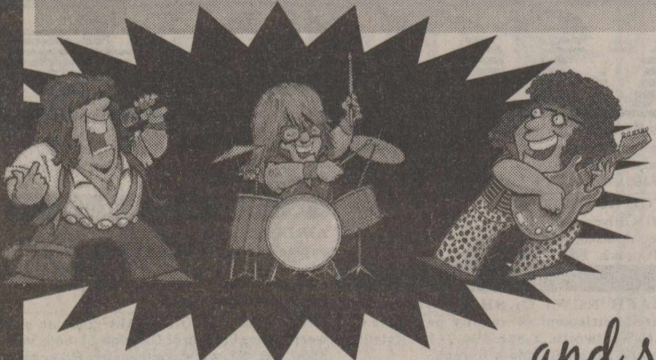
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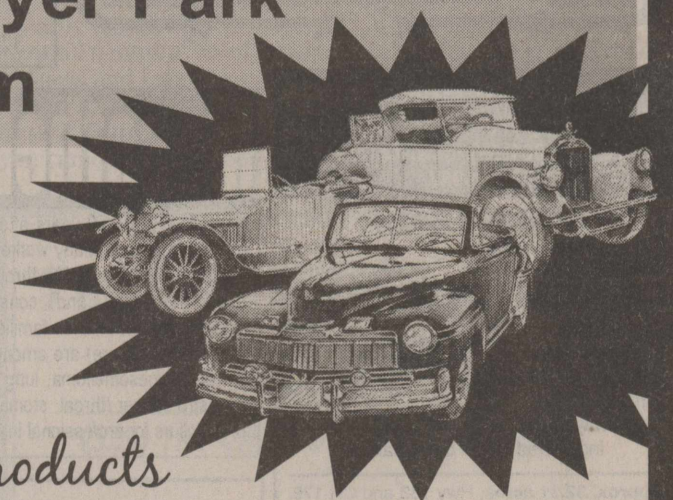
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**Chamber of Commerce office at [wacc@wtxs.net](mailto:wacc@wtxs.net) or calling Tonia Boone at 325-754-5210**

- \*Vehicles will be grouped into the following classes; Antique or Classic Car (over 25 years old-1986 or older), Special Interest Vehicle (1987 or newer or modified older vehicles), and Antique or Classic Tractors (1970 or older).
- \*Bands will have 2 stages - one for the currently playing band and one for the next band to set up on to play. Grand Prize is 2 hours studio time and personalized t-shirts with the bands picture that says they won the 1st Annual Battle of the Bands in Winters. It will be by vote - so bring everyone you know! This is benefitting Paladins kids.
- \*Vendors can sell their wares inside or out and electricity is available.

