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## Sheriff's Department looking for equipment

BY RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - The Runnels County Sheriff's Department is looking for funds to upgrade the deputies' personal defense equipment, and install thermal vision devices on each one of the department's vehicles. Last Tuesday, at the Runnels County Commissioners Court meeting, the commissioners authorized the Sheriff's Department to apply for a grant for over \$45,000.

The application will be submitted to the San Angelo Health Foundation, and would be used to buy tasers, vehicle thermal imaging devices, and cartridges.

The tasers, an electroshock weapon that uses electrical current to disrupt control of muscles, would allow the Sheriff's Deputies to avoid the use of lethal force while controlling a suspect. The thermal imaging devices are intended to provide a picture for the peace officers under fog, low light or smoke situations.

The motion to approve the submission of the grant was made by Commissioner Richard Strube and seconded by Commissioner James

T. Self, the motion was approved unanimously.

At the regular meeting, held at the Commissioners Courtroom, the commissioners also approved treasurer's accounts, Auditor's and Treasurer's reports, payment of all current accounts and ratified the payment of accounts pre-approved between court dates by members duly appointed by the Runnels County Commissioners Court.

The commissioners approved the Tax Collector's monthly report and adopted a resolution authorizing the application for county grants for implementation of "Hog Out" Month feral hog abatement technologies program.

The Runnels County authorized library contracts between the county and the Carnegie Library of Ballinger, for \$4,950, Miles Preservation Authority for \$1,125, and the Winters Public Library for \$3,150. These contracts will help to deduct the cost of elevator and will provide a reading space to the citizens of Runnels County.

Commissioners Court approved the official bond of Richard Strube,

Commissioner Pct. No. 4; Elsa Ocker, County Clerk, and Tammy Burleson, District Clerk.

Among other items approved the Runnels County Commissioners Court ratified a John Deere Master Lease-Purchase agreement between John Deere Credit and Runnels County for a portion of the purchase price of a motor grader for use by Commissioner Pct. 2.

Two fire department contracts were approved. The first one between the Runnels County and the Wingate Volunteer Fire Department, and the other between the county and the Rowena Volunteer Fire Department.

The Commissioners Court changed dates for their next meetings. The one scheduled for January 11 will be held on January 10, 2011. And the one scheduled for January 18 will be held on January 21, 2011, both at 10 a.m.

In closed executive session, the Commissioners Court conducted interviews and deliberated for the appointment of an Administrative Coordinator for Runnels County Aging Services.



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 Barry Hilliard, co-elected Runnels County Judge, attended the meeting presided by Darylin Egan.

## The Littlest Raindeer



PHOTO BY THERESA GERHART

Mrs. Fran Kidwell's Third Grade group played The Littlest Raindeer, last Tuesday, December 7. All parents and friends who attended the play were filled with joy and Christmas spirit.



LEFT: Bingo at the Winters Activity Center Page 4

## Last chance to register for toy drive

There are still a few days left

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS - Over 350 families have already signed up for the 2010 Sheriff's Toy Drive, while there are still a few days left to enroll. Runnels County families are encouraged to sign up to receive a Christmas present but also to donate a toy and help their neighbors to have a better holiday.

As a tradition that has been held for over two decades, the Runnels County Sheriff's Office is hosting their annual toy drive. The toys will be given away on Dec. 21.

To sign up a child on the list anybody in Runnels County can call the Sheriff's office at 365 2121. Age and gender of the child will be required.

Donors are also welcomed for the toy drive, anybody interested in making a donation can take a new, unwrapped toy to the Runnels County Sheriff's office, located on Strong Ave, behind the courthouse or call at the same number to schedule for a pick up.

This is a yearly drive that has been going on for over 20 years in Runnels County, joining the people in Ballinger, Winters and other communities within the county.

Last year the drive delivered over 400 gifts donated by people in the community.

The toy drive benefits the less fortunate families in Runnels County, as a way to help all community to enjoy the happiness of Christmas season.

Sheriff Bill Baird acknowledged the voluntary work by Sheriff's Deputies and office staff, and all the kind donations of clubs, churches, organizations and each individual donor.

## Due to dry conditions burn ban remains in effect

Commissioners Court ordered that all outdoor burning is prohibited

BY RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
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BALLINGER - Dry and windy conditions in and around Runnels County create a public safety hazard, causing to maintain the outdoor burning prohibition ordered by the Runnels County Commissioners Court, on Nov. 15, 2010.

The Commissioners Court ordered that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of the county for a 90 day period from the determination made by the Court. This period is due on Feb. 13, 2011, but in the event of rain the ban could be lifted before. On the other end drought conditions could take the ban to an extension.

The order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code Section 352.081 and other applicable statutes.

The order doesn't prohibit outdoor burning for household trash or rubbish from property that is both designated to be a private residence, and used exclusively as a private residence.

The order doesn't prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for firefighter training; public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; burns that are conducted by a prescribed

burn manager certified under and that meets the standards of the Natural Resources Code.

Any individual gainfully employed in a trade or profession that involves the use of combustible materials or use of possible fire sources in the outdoor environment directly related to the successful operation of the business' goals and or objectives may continue to conduct business as usual, utilizing the materials and or potential fire sources in the outdoor environment as the deem necessary; provided that the individual shall take all necessary safety precautions to prevent the ignition of any fire or fires that are not essential to the conducting of day to day business

activities and further provided that at least two personas are present on a ready source of sufficient water is available to extinguish any fire caused by a spark from such activities.

Outdoor cooking in barbecue pits is allowed so long as the fire source for the pit is completely enclosed. No outside flame is allowed. The barbecue pit shall not be left unattended at any time while there are live coals or wood in the pit.

The order issued by the Runnels County Commissioners Court is issued in accordance with Local Government Code, and the violation of this order is considered a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

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## Meals on Wheels and Winters Activity Center receive donations

**Meals on Wheels and the Winters Activity Center gifts and donations.** Contributions received as memorial include:

- \* In memory of Ozzie Reed by Bill and Joyce Suggs, and Bud and Kay Busher.
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- We know how dearly God loves us and we feel this warm love everywhere. We appreciate all the support from you all.

## Tips on how to protect our children from "known" and "unknown" offenders

### High Risk Offenders - Part II



**POLICE REPORT**  
Nathan Johnson

As we continue our review on high-risk offenders, I want to share some pointers on how to protect our children from "known" and "unknown" offenders.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has a web site that lists sex offenders in our area. You can go to the web site <https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/> and follow the links. You should be able to look at a list for our zip code; however, the state is behind in posting some registered offenders and the list is not always complete. It is important to know that "MOST SEX OFFENDERS ARE NEVER CAUGHT" and therefore are not "register" as sex offenders.

Many offenders are members of their victim's family. Parents can take steps to safeguard children from potential forms of sexual abuse that include convicted offenders, strangers who are possible offenders, and people known by the family, or related to the family, who may be offenders.

The following is an abbreviated list of common sense guidelines to help your children stay safe and is promoted by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Department of Justice, and other law enforcement agencies around the coun-

try. LISTEN CAREFULLY TO YOUR CHILDREN AND TALK OPENLY.

Give your children the knowledge they need to protect themselves, and help them feel able to express their fears and describe any real problems they may encounter. This requires an environment where you and your children feel comfortable talking about sensitive, embarrassing, or frightening things, while simultaneously teaching them to be respectful when discussing these topics.

**TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO BE AWARE AND CAREFUL, BUT NOT FEARFUL.**

Be honest and open about dangers, but keep in mind you know more than your children need to know right now. Avoid scary details. Talk in a calm and reassuring manner, and use language that is age-appropriate.

**RATHER THAN FOCUSING ON CERTAIN KINDS OF PEOPLE, FOCUS CHIL-**

**DREN'S ATTENTION ON SUSPICIOUS SITUATIONS AND BEHAVIOR.**

Warning children to beware of "strangers" ignores their vulnerability to offenders they know quite well or to whom they are related. Emphasize that they should tell you or another trusted adult immediately if they encounter inappropriate behavior.

**TEACH YOUR CHILDREN IT IS SOMETIMES APPROPRIATE TO SAY NO TO ADULTS AND TO TRUST THEIR INTERNAL INSTINCTS**

In the effort to raise our children to be polite, well mannered, and respectful of authority, we may miss conveying the message that their safety is nonetheless always very important. They must learn to trust their own instincts and know to say "no" when something is wrong.

**MAKE YOUR CHILDREN AWARE OF KNOWN, SPECIFIC THREATS.**

If a convicted sex offender does live or work close to your children, make your children familiar with the offender and the risks he or she may pose. Warn them to avoid inappropriate or unsupervised contact, and instruct them to tell you immediately if the offender initiates contact with them

or makes them feel uncomfortable in any way.

**KNOW YOUR CHILDREN. KNOW WHERE THEY ARE, WHO THEIR FRIENDS ARE, AND WHAT THEIR DAILY ACTIVITIES ARE.**

Sex offenders can be the most "unlikely" people. You as the parent are the best gauge your children have regarding whether they are at risk from someone in their familiar circle. Watch for suspicious behavior in adults who come into contact with your children, and watch for changes in your children, which could signal trouble.

As we continue to learn more about the nature and causes of sexual predators, we understand more and more the difficulty of keeping our children safe from harm. The Winters Police Department is committed to doing everything we can to insure the safety of our community. If we can be of further assistance to you as an individual or as a family, please contact our office.

Semper Fi,  
Chief Johnson

### LETTERS TO EDITOR

Thanks to all customers As a local business owner, I would like to take the time to say thanks to all of our customers. It is because of you that we have been able to stay open during these times. Politicians talk about how small businesses are the back-bone of the economy; I believe it is each and every person that gives their hard-earned cash to the local businesses that deserve that title. Without you there wouldn't be a Lone Star Video and Diner.

There are good reasons to support you local businesses. We give to local charities, we sponsor the school kids, and the taxes we pay help support local schools and government. At Lone Star, we even make it a point to buy part of our supplies from other local businesses. We shop at Lawrence Brothers. We buy from both dollar stores. We shop at other local small business. I believe that every store owner should do the same if they don't already.

I'm not ashamed to tell you that I, as a business owner, need you much more than you, as a consumer, need me. A special thanks goes out to all of our regular customers who are there for us each day. Merry Christmas to everyone and may we all have a prosperous new year.

Pam Barnes

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**BY CHIEF JOHNSON**

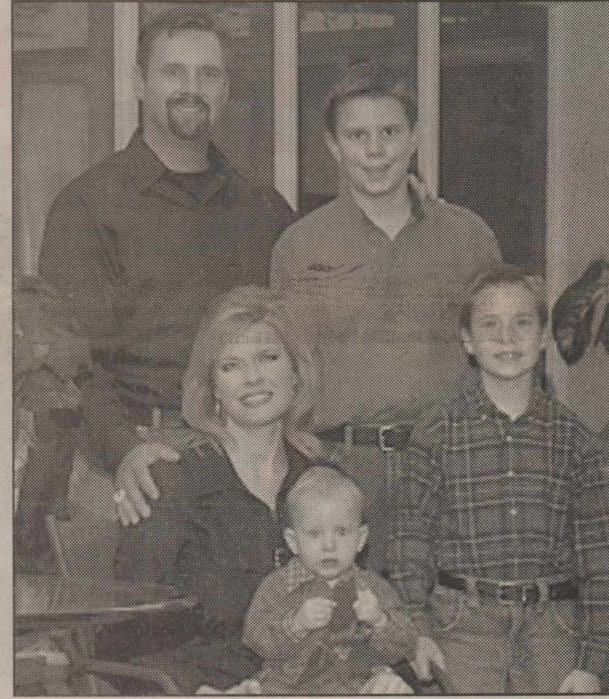
WINTERS POLICE CHIEF

When thinking of this season I am reminded of the words of George F. McDougall when he said, "Best of all, Christmas means a spirit of love, a time when the love of God and the love of our fellow men should prevail over all hatred and bitterness, a time when our thoughts and deeds and the spirit of our lives manifest the presence of God."

I think his words draw us to the right focus for this season.

May God bless and keep you in His grace in the coming year, and may you and yours have a wonderful holiday season.

We continue to ask for your prayer and support at the Winters Police Department. Blessings,  
Chief Johnson and family



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## Winters Blizzards basketball round-up

### STEPHEN HERMESMEYER WINTERS ISD ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

**JH Girls Basketball**  
Monday night, December 6, Winters JH Girls Black Team played TLC Charter School seventh grade with a score of Winters 43 and TLC 4. Amanda Horton was high score with 15 points, Athena Mata and Raquel Nunez contributed with 6 points, Bailee Busher made 5, Gabby Madrid made 3, Christa Bahlman and Olivia Rodriguez both contributed with 2 points each.

Winters JH Girls Blue Team had a tough loss against the TLC Eighth grade with a score of Winters 20 and TLC 28. Nina Mooney and Ashley Guy were high score with 8 points each, Gabby Jimenez and Casey Wright also contributed with 2 points each.

### JH Boys Basketball

**Seventh Grade Boys**  
1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final  
Winters 7th  
5 10 23 33 33  
TLCA 7th  
6 8 10 14 14

### 8th Grade Boys

1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final  
Winters 8th  
8 21 27 34 34  
TLCA 8th  
2 6 11 14 14

The Winters Junior High Boys Basketball Teams traveled to San Angelo to take on the TLCA Eagles on December 6. The Breezes were victorious at both the seventh and eighth grade levels. The seventh grade Breezes took control of the contest in the second half where they outscored the Eagles 23 to 6. With the win, the seventh grade Breezes pick up their second win of the season and extend their record to 2-2. In the eighth grade game, it was all Winters. The eighth grade Breezes outscored TLCA 21 to 6 in the first half and coasted to their first victory of the season. Both the seventh and eighth grade boys teams will travel to Goldthwaite on January 6, 2011.

### JV Girls Basketball Dec. 4

Winters JVG Blue @

### Grape Creek Tourney

The Lady Blizzards played three hard fought games Saturday in the Grape Creek Tourney. Game one they faced Grape Creek and pulled off a great win. Leading scorers for the Lady Blizzards was Kat Lindley with 12, Brianna Taylor had 6, and McKenzie Hooper added 3. The Lady Blizzards then faced Roscoe. This game was a battle but the Lady Blizzards fell short. Kat Lindley and McKenzie Hooper both had 4 points, Alanna Cooper had 3, and Brianna Taylor and Sabrina Esquivel both added 2. The Lady Blizzards last game was against Forsan receiving another loss. Leading scorer for the Lady Blizzards was Alanna Cooper with 4. Kat Lindley contributed 3 and Crystal Sanchez and Brianna Taylor both added 2. These tournament games brought our season record to 5-5.

included two three pointers, Sabrina Esquivel and Kat Lindley both added 6, Crystal Sanchez hit 4, and Kara Kraatz contributed one. This moves the Lady Blizzards record to 5-6 on the year.

### Varsity Girls Basketball

The Varsity Lady Blizzards got their eighth win of the season on December 7 against Breckenridge, 36-32. The girls have been in many close games this season and did a great job of finishing a close game. They combined for a total of 22 rebounds, 10 assists, and 10 steals and made some key free throws throughout the game. Jordan Busher finished with 15 points, Abby Guy had 6, including 4 free throws within the last minute, Michelle Kruse had 4, Bianca Carrillo and Zannie Slimp each had 3, Caitlin Kurtz and Lauren Bredemeyer each had 2,



PHOTO BY JOE AND THERESA GERHART

Ballinger player goes up for a jump shot against Cross Plains

**Kurtz - 2**  
The team combined for a total of 18 rebounds and 12 steals in a great second half effort against a top 10 ranked team.

**Winters vs. Abilene Wylie JV**  
Score: 54-30  
Jordan Busher - 26, Zannie Slimp - 11, Bianca Carrillo - 5, Michelle Kruse - 3, Abby Guy - 3, Caitlin Kurtz - 2, Sara Perez - 2, Lauren Bredemeyer - 2  
The team combined for a total of 26 rebounds, 15 assists, and 14 steals.

**Winters vs. Hawley**  
Score: 38-28  
Caitlin Kurtz - 8, Jordan Busher 7, Michelle Kruse - 7, Zannie Slimp - 6, Abby Guy - 6, Lauren Bredemeyer - 4  
The team combined for a total of 28 rebounds and 13 steals and overcame a slow start to get the second victory of the day.

**Winters vs. Stamford**  
Score: 35 - 40  
Jordan Busher - 17, Zannie Slimp - 7, Camille Kurtz - 5, Abby Guy - 4, Michelle Kruse - 2  
The team combined for

25 rebounds and 12 steals.  
All Tournament Team:  
Zannie Slimp and Jordan Busher

**JV Boys Basketball**  
The JV boys basketball team went on the road to Breckenridge this past Tuesday to take on the Buckaroos. Xavier Comacho led the team in scoring with 5, followed by Bryce Mikeska with 4, Cannon Bryan with 2 and AC Mata with 2. The Blizzards will hit the court again on Thursday morning at 10:30 to take on Brady at the Coleman Tournament.

**Varsity Boys Basketball**  
Winters 42  
Breckenridge 40  
Strait Daniel 14, Cristian Sandoval 12, Riley Ripley 10, Devin Martinez 4, Hayden Nitsch 2  
Winters traveled to Breckenridge Tuesday night and defeated the Buckaroos 42-40. The Blizzards came out hot taking an early 12-9 lead at the end of the first quarter. However they slowed down and went in at half down 7. The Blizzards couldn't cut

into the lead and were down 40-32 with 1:20 to go. With some key 3 pointers and timely steals, the Blizzards went on a 10-0 run to finish the game and won 42-40.

**Albany Tournament**  
Winters 59 (6-2)  
DeLeon 36  
Strait Daniel 23, Devin Martinez 13, Andy Garcia 7, Riley Ripley 6, Cristian Sandoval 5, Hayden Nitsch 3, Dustin Oswalt 2

Winters 39 (6-3)  
Hawley 43  
Cristian Sandoval 15, Strait Daniel 10, Dustin Oswalt 4, Andy Garcia 4, Devin Martinez 3, Riley Ripley 3

Winters 60 (7-3)  
Abilene Hawks 50  
Strait Daniel 18, Hayden Nitsch 13, Riley Ripley 13, Devin Martinez 6, Dustin Oswalt 6, Andy Garcia 4  
Strait Daniel made the All-Tournament Team.



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Lady Blizzards show tough half-court defense

**Dec. 7**  
**Winters JVG Blue vs. Breckenridge**  
Score: 25-51  
The Lady Blizzards faced a tough competitor against the Buckaroos. Although they came up short, the girls never stopped fighting. Scorers for the Lady Blizzards were Brianna Taylor with 8 points, which

and Camille Kurtz had one. The Lady Blizzards are 8-4 for the season.

**Lady Blizzard Varsity Albany Tournament (Dec. 9-11)**

**Winters vs. Newcastle**  
Score: 32-55  
Jordan Busher - 12, Abby Guy - 11, Zannie Slimp - 4, Caitlin Kurtz - 3, Camille

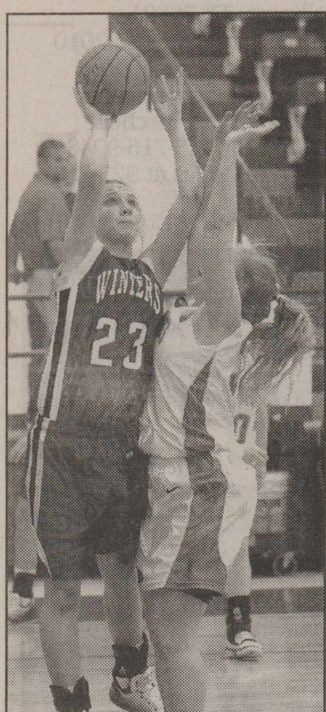


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## Christmas Bingo at the Activity Center

### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS - Businesses of the community bring Christmas joy to senior citizens at the Winters Activity Center. Thank you all for the generous donations made for the Christmas Bingo Party. Donations and gifts were given by Winters Feed Seed and Supply, James Brown Pumping Service, The Stitchin Post, Bryant Foster Insurance, Heidenheimers, Daisy Patch, Beauty Center, Computer Guy, Dairy Queen, Best Fried Chicken, Eric W. Ray E.A., Lawrence Bros. IGA, Dots Diner, Winters Auto Tech and Tire Service, Bob Lindley, Bluebonnet Mercantile, Compass Bank, Citi Bank, Security State Bank, Wes-T-Gp, J&T Hardware, Wheat Energy, West Dale Grocery, Gehrels Associates, Rangel's Family Restaurant, Casa Cabana, Hatler Insurance Agency, Bahlman Motors, Hairpost, Farm Bureau, L&M Hair Salon, Lone Star Video & Diner, Calcote Dirt Contracting, Chris Halloway,



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Senior citizens enjoyed a Bingo night last week at the Winters Activity Center.

Jean LaFair, Glenn Hoppe, Power Flex Service, DLC Realty, Raymond's Clip Joint, Marianne Ray, Lyndi Ashleys Ranch, Bedford Norman Insurance, 3D Oil Co. and Knox Oil Field Supply.  
A special "thank you" goes to Billie Helm for collecting the donations and

organizing the Bingo items with help from Marianne Ray and Betty Pinkerton. Richard Hamilton did a great job of calling all the games. Everyone had a great time getting in the "holiday spirit". All your kindness brought great joy and excitement. Thanks for the great gifts.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### Clinic project reaches \$35,000

The North Runnels Hospital Clinic Project Fund reaches \$34,960. This includes the initial \$25,000 matching challenge contribution. Other supporters of the fund have contributed almost \$10,000 toward this project. Plans for the building's renovation will begin during this next year. Donations are being accepted at the hospital and through the Winters Area Foundation, Box 211, Winters. All contributions are tax-deductible gifts. Susan Conner, President, Winters Area Foundation

#### Open house at the Citibank

Citibank of Winters will be having Christmas Open House on Friday, Dec. 17, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Ministerial Alliance meet until January

Winters Ministerial Alliance will not meet in December. Next meeting will be on Jan. 10, 2011, at the Samaritan's House at 9 a.m.

#### Living Nativity

The First United Methodist Church will be presenting its second annual Living Nativity at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, at the First United Church, 141 N. Church St. This special event is presented by the children of Kids Klub and the youth of UMYF.

#### Sno-Royalty wanted

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce would like to invite all ex Sno-Royalty, Miss Winters and Runnels County titles to participate in their 2010 Christmas Cheer. On Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010 there will be arts and crafts downtown and the parade will begin at 3 p.m. Toys will be collected during the parade for local families in need. Forms for the parade may be picked up at the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce office. Forms must be turned in complete and on time to be eligible. For more information on booths contact Shannon Daniel. For more information on the parade contact Raymond Lindsey or Craig Gehrels.

#### Winters on Wednesday

Sylvia Richie and the

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce would like to remind you how important it is to shop at home.

Winters on Wednesday should serve to all of us as a reminder to do just that. Every Wednesday plan on doing all of your shopping, errands, appointments for hair or nails or tanning, doctor and dentistry appointments, grocery shopping, feed and seed needs, filling up your gas tank and more all right here at home, in Winters. Even if we start with one day a week making conscience decisions to take care of all of our needs at home, that is a start. Every dollar spent at home counts! Start now and mark your calendars with a big W on Wednesdays. The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce appreciates your daily choices for Winters, TX.

#### 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.

#### CDC used book sale

The Winters Child Development Center (Winters CDC) will continue having a used book sale Thursday, December 9 and Thursday December 16 from 5-8 p.m. The sale is in the building next to the Stitchin Post on Main Street. 119 South Main you may still continue to donate books by bringing them by the center at 500 North Heights. There are hundreds of books to choose from so come and get a few at a reasonable price. CDC would appreciate any donations! All proceeds will be used to purchase a changing table and vanity for an additional infant room at the center. For more information call the center at 754-4871 or bring books to 500 North Heights.

#### Co-Dependant Recovery Group

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

#### 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.

#### 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 7:00 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church. FMI contact Theresa at (325)977-1007

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### County Judge Retirement Reception

Please join us in honoring Judge Marilyn for her 15 yrs. of service to Runnels County. Reception will be Monday, Dec. 20, 2010 from 9 - 11 AM on the first floor of the Courthouse.

## Don't Drink & Drive public education campaign

### WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

According to traffic safety experts, the daily death toll from drunk driving crashes during the Christmas and New Year's holiday period is significantly more than during the rest of the year. In December of 2008 alone in Texas, more than 39,000 traffic crashes injured 20,000 people and

killed 313 more. Alcohol was involved in 85 of the December 2008 fatalities. For the calendar year of 2008, 3,468 fatal crashes occurred statewide. Alcohol was related in 975 of the 3,468 fatalities making alcohol a factor in 28% of all fatal crashes. (Data based on an analysis of Texas Crash Reporting Information Systems [CRIS] data since

2003.) This year, The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Santa's reindeer have an important message for Texas drivers—don't drive if you're tipsy, buzzed or "Blitzen"; call a cab or get a sober ride home instead. For the thirteenth consecutive year, TxDOT is sponsoring the popular holiday-themed public education campaign to remind Texans not to get behind the wheel if they've been drinking. The paid media campaign will run from December 21 through January 1, targeting English and Spanish-speaking motorists between ages 25 and 54.

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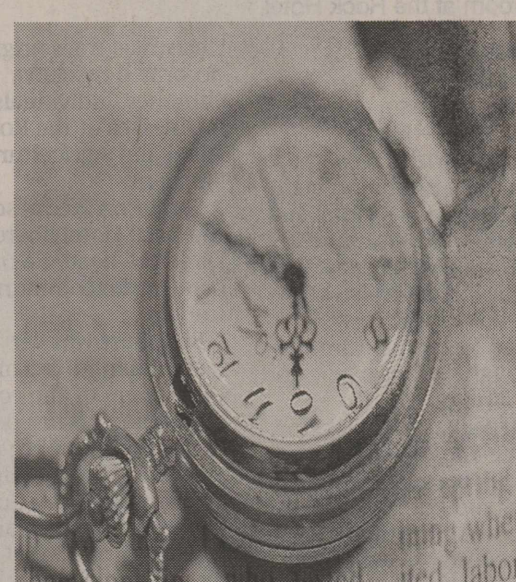
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## Methodist Choir delights at the Rock Hotel



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The Methodist Choir featured Christmas carols last Wednesday Dec. 8, in a packed dining room at the Rock Hotel.

### BY RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
WINTERS - Magic Moments with Trees, the Christmas exhibition being held at the Rock Hotel and Agricultural Museum featured last Wednesday, Dec. 8, Christmas carols with the choir of the First United Methodist Church, in a night full of magic and joy.

Jeff Mills, choir Director, Archie Mills, Bertha Owens, Nancy Thompson, Becky Hays, and Fran Kidwell, delighted the attendees with several selections at the dining room.

Everybody brought food and refreshments were served. All the children from the Wednesday night class from the church came over and toured the trees.

The second annual "Magic Moments with Trees" features over 20

Christmas trees originally decorated by clubs, churches, individuals and businesses at the Rock Hotel and Agricultural Museum.

Earlier on Wednesday, the Rock Hotel Board of Directors hosted a breakfast for the community leaders.

Breakfast was served from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. for the leaders of the community, among other personalities present were Runnels County Judge, Marilyn Egan and County Commissioners; Alan Hollander, Winters City Manager and city councilmen; Sidney Tucker, hospital administrator, and Randall Conner, chairman of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation.

Attendees were served Wanda Brewer's angel biscuit, white sausage gravy and scrambled eggs with cheese, fruit, coffee, homemade jelly and preserves. The breakfast was served

by Joyce Carbery, Wanda Brewer and Jill Davis.

Police officers with the Winters Police Department, businessmen and a lot of people enjoyed the breakfast and toured the two stories of the Rock Hotel to enjoy the trees showcased.

During the breakfast many tickets were sold for the raffle of a Case knife and a floral arrangement. Drawing for the raffle will be on Dec. 23. Proceeds will be for the maintenance and expenses of the Rock Hotel.

The celebration continued last Thursday with a night hosted by Maryann Ray with a group of her canasta friends. On Tuesday, Dec. 14, the Winters Woman's Club hosted the night at the Rock Hotel.

On Friday, Dec. 17, Nadine de la Cruz will be singing Christmas carols in Spanish, along with Josie Lugo and Jarvis Garcia.

## First Baptist Church performs carols



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

The First Baptist Choir of Winters performed at the Rock Hotel on Friday, Dec. 10, at 6:00 p.m. From the left leading, Susan Conner, Doug Wheat at the keyboard. First row seated from left: Kathy Young, Sue Hukill, Ruth Cooper, Jeanie Wheat, Joyce Broadstreet. Back Row seated from left: Marcie Webb, Sylvia Wilson, and Gene Wheat, Bryan Webb, Joe Wilson all standing.

## Accounting is his business

### RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
WINTERS - Eric W. Ray worked at the same place for almost 20 years, the circumstances made him take a new turn, and that decision turned out to be the launching of a new enterprise. Once an employee at an accounting firm, Ray saw an area wide opportunity and started his own business.

In October of 1990 Ray started to work for Benny R. Polston, a very well known CPA that served the Winters area for many years. Ray gained experience and learned all the ups and downs of the business. Earlier this year Polston got sick and in July finally passed away. Later on Eric W. Ray tried to buy the place, to keep



Eric W. Ray

operating at the same building he did for many years. Ray couldn't arrange a deal to keep the business, and the business was closed after a while.

Rather than giving up or going somewhere else to find a job, Ray decided to start his own business, aware that the people in Winters needed somebody to take care of their bookkeeping and taxes.

"People here don't want to go to San Angelo or Abilene to get their taxes done, they want to stay local, I decided to make a living doing their book work and their taxes," he said.

Ray was Born in Abilene but considers Winters his hometown, after living in

places like Lubbock, El Paso and Midland, his family settled down in the area in 1978. Eric Ray is a Winters High School graduate and got his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Business Management in Angelo State University.

In 2007, working for Benny Polston, Eric became an enrolled agent, he was able to represent people in front of the IRS, he passed a test and paid for the license "I could sign tax returns, so that's what I did."

In September of 2010 Eric Ray bought the old Winters Enterprise building, on Main St. which ever since became his headquarters.

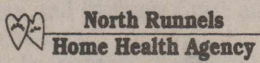
Right away he started calling people and a lot of them still had to fill their tax returns, some of them were due on October 15.

Now the business is growing, and already upgrading from the old tax return system, where all the paper work was made by hand.

"I bought some software to help me doing things a little better, and probably next year I will do the file online, people in town are glad that I am here, that they don't have to go to Abilene or San Angelo, I have gotten a warm response from people," he said.

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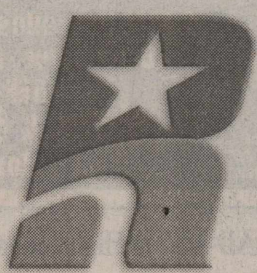
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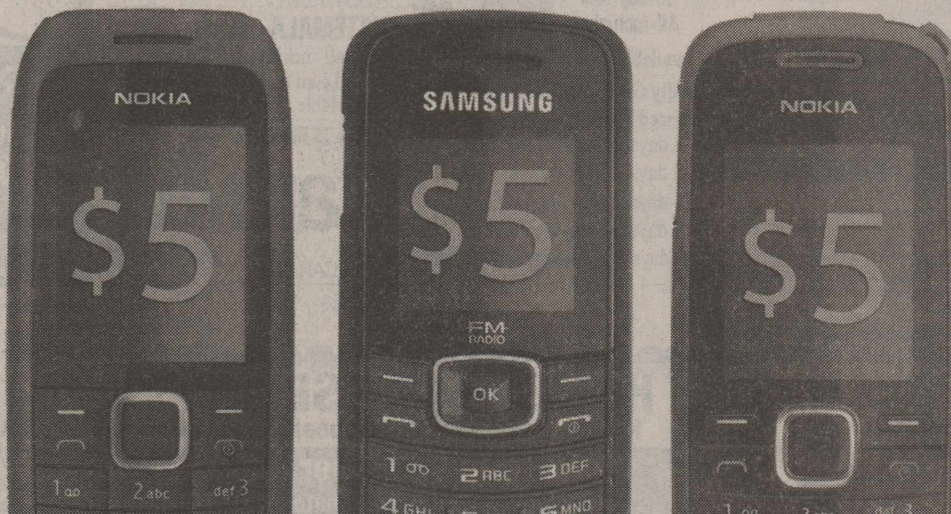
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