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Winters, Texas 75¢

Monday last day to file for primary elections

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ WINTERS ENTERPR

BALLINGER- Monday, December 9, 2013 is the last day to file for the Republican Party and Democratic Party primary elec-tions, to be held in March of 2014. Up for election in Runnels County will be the positions of County Judge, District Clerk, County Treasurer, County Clerk, two county commissioners, and two justices of the

Those filing for re-election as of press time are County Judge Barry Hilliard, District Clerk Tammy Burleson, County Treasurer Ann Strube, County Commissioner Pct. No. 2 Ronald Presley, County Commissioner Pct. No. 4 Richard Strube, Justice of

the Peace Pct. No. 1 Glenda Wood, and Justice of the Peace Pct. No. 2 Richard

Two candidates are filing for the position of retiring County Clerk Elesa Ocker, those filing for the position are Amanda Collom and Julia Miller.

Filing fees for the Primary Election are \$750 for the position of County Judge, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer, and County Commissioner. Filing fee for the position of Justice

of the Peace is \$375. The filing window opened on November 9 and will remain open until December 9, at 6 p.m.

Candidates can alternatively submit a petition with signatures in lieu of To file for election.

Candidates filing for the March 2014 primaries need to pick a packet with the County Clerk, and contact the Republican Party County Chairman or Democratic Party County Chairman.

To file with the REPUBLICAN PARTY, a candidate needs to contact Charles Hensley, Runnels County Republican Chairman at

To file with the **DEMOCRATIC** PARTY a candidate will need to contact Jane Jeschke, Runnels chairman at (325) 234 7727.

the filing fee. Fifty-three signatures are required for the position of County Judge, District Clerk. County Clerk and County

signatures required for position for County Commissioner and Justice of the Peace is 50.

A candidate needs to obtain and file and "Appointment of Campaign Treasurer" form from the County Clerk's office before making a campaign expenditure or accepting a campaign contribution.

To file with the Republican Party, a candidate needs to contact Charles Hensley, Runnels County Republican Chairman at (325) 365 1082 to schedule an appointment.

To file with the Democratic Party a candidate will need to contact Jane Jeschke, Runnels County Democratic temporary chairman at (325) 234 7727.



Rollover on US Hwy 83

Thanksgiving weekend traffic left a series of wrecks in Runnels County, however none of the accidents reported left any serious injuries. Saturday afternoon, November 30 a Ford Focus overturned on U.S. Highway 83 some one-quarter of a mile south of the Taylor County

The driver was northbound and lost control of the vehicle, causing it to leave the road and rollover. The driver didn't need medical attention. A Texas Highway Patrol Trooper worked the wreck, assisted by the Runnels County Sheriff's Department, North Runnels Hospital EMS and Taylor County Sheriff's deputies.

The driver, who was headed to a wedding in Abilene, was picked up by family members and left the scene by

Sno-Queen contestants



ANGEL WRIGHT, 15 YEARS Parents: Lucindy and John Wright Activities: FCCLA, Student Council, flags,

Why do you want to be elected Sno-Royalty?: To represent our community. Future goals: Graduate and get a diploma and have two kids. Sponsor: West Dale Grocery



STACIE VENTRESS, 15 YEARS Parents: Missy and Jason Ventress Activities: Played basketball in Seventh and Ninth Grade; involved in the Youth at church' help with the food drive; VBS at Church; in AVID and in band from Fifth Grade through Ninth Grade.

Why do you want to be elected Sno-Royalty?: Want to be involved more with the community and I've always wanted to be a royalty since I was a little girl.

Future goals: Attend college at University of Texas to be a nurse. I think it would be great to help people when they are sick. Sponsor: Bloomin' Flowers and More

The Winters Christmas parade and pageant will be held on Saturday December 14, 2013 featuring all the Sno-Queen, Sno-Princess and Sno-Flake contestants. The parade lineup is at 2 p.m. and will be starting at 3 p.m.

a \$250 scholarship donated by Lloyd Farris, and second runner up will get a \$100 scholarship donated by the

This year Sno-Queen will receive a \$500 scholarship donated by Lone Star Video and Diner, first runner up will get

Christmas parade and pageant



MARISSA GRAY, 16 YEARS Parents: Belinda and Jerry Gray Activities: Winters Blizzards Flag Corp, FCCL softball, track; participated in cross country and basketball freshman year Why do you want to be elected Sno-Royalty?: It's a good way to get more involved with the community and meet new people while representing Winters. Future goals: Want to attend University of Arlington to get a master or Ph.D to Sponsor: Blooming' Flowers and More

UIL releases 2014-2016 realignment numbers

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

WINTERS- The University Interscholastic League announced its 2014-2016 conference cutoff numbers last Monday, December 2, 2013. Highlights of the new classification include the creation of a new 6A confer-

Cutoffs

2100 students and above

Conference 5A

Conference 4A

Conference 3A

220-464 students

Conference 2A 105–219 students

sion II numbers

Conference 1A

Conference 2A

Conference 3A

Conference 4A

Division I

Division II

Division I

Division II

Division II

104.9 students and below

Football 1A-4A Division I and Divi-

Students 55-104.9

158-219 105-157

Students

220-314

Students

465-685

54 and below

465-1059 students

1060-2099 students

ence for schools with an enrollment of 2,100 and above, and the reclassification of all smaller divisions.

On October 25, 2013 Winters High School turned in an enrollment of 149 students. This will take the Blizzards into Class 2A Division II, which comprises schools with enrollments of 105 to 157 students.

Despite creating a new 6A conference, the realignment will be basically a name change for divisions, since the cutoff numbers are very similar to the previous classification, and in Class 1A all schools will be eligible to play either six-man or 11-man football.

UIL released the classification cutoffs to allow schools to start preparing their non-district schedules.

The district alignments will not be released until February of 2013.

According to the cutoffs Conference 5A will include high schools with up to 2,099 students, 4A

division is for schools with up to 1,059 students, 3A school enrollment will be up to 464 students, the 2A cutoff is at 219 students, and schools with an enrollment up to 104.9 students will fall into the 1A cat-

In football, conferences 1A-4A will be reclassified with cutoffs for Division I and Division II.



Winters will be playing Class 2A Div. II football in 2014.

Registrations underway for 2013 toy drive

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

BALLINGER- Monday, December 23, 2013 has been set for the annual Runnels County Sheriff's Office Toy Drive, an annual campaign that has been sharing the joy of Christmas with the most needed families in the area for over two decades.

On December 2 the Sheriff's Office started taking

names and donations for the drive that each year has been giving away nearly 400 toys.

Lion's Club. Sno-Princess and Sno-Flake will receive gift certificates.

The drive benefits children in need in Ballinger, Winters, Wingate, Miles, Norton, and many other places in Runnels County

Registration is open for any family in Runnels County. Parents just have to come by to the Sheriff's Office, at Strong Avenue behind the Courthouse, or call at 365 2121 to drop their name and address as well as their children's age and gender.

The Sheriff's Department is also open for donations. Donations can be dropped during office hours, Monday through Friday and can also be picked up by calling at 365 2121

Donations can be made in the form of new, unwrapped toys, or in cash.

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The drive's goal is to benefit needy families in Runnels County, as a way to help all community to enjoy the happiness of the Christmas season.

Sheriff Bill Baird urged those who are going to donate to make it with time and not to wait until the last minute.

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Aggie Mom's Club monthly meeting
Abilene Area Aggie Mom's Club will be having its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian and Mash Building 2500 S. Willis (S. 27th and Willis, one-half block N on Willis) Abilene, Texas.

Please join us for a light meal. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about

Texas A&M and all of its traditions!

We meet the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:45 p.m. for refreshments and fun. If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, please call or email President Venita Teal at 669 0886, vltmini5@gmail.com or Kathy Hocke (membership) at 721 3131 hockeig@ camalott.com

Winters 4-H Club meeting

Winters 4-H Club will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 8 at the Rock Hotel. 4-Hers and family will get into the spirit of the holiday by touring the Christmas tree displays. A short business meeting will be held. Refreshments will be provided by Jaymee Prichard.

Winters Public Library Christmas stories

Saturday December 7, 2013, 2 to 3:30 p.m. children are invited to hear Christmas stories, make decorations and decorate a children's Holiday tree at the Winters Public Library. Refreshments will be served. Come join the fun at your public library.

Immunization clinics

Texas Department of State Health Services will have two immunization clinics in Runnels County. Thursday, December 5 the clinic will be held 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108 Winters, Texas. For your convenience please use rear entrance (Grant Street).

The clinic in Ballinger, Texas will be 10 a.m. to 12 and 1:30 to 3 p.m., at 600 Strong (new address/same street), at the corner of Sixth Street and Strong Avenue.

Please bring child's immunization record. If child has Medicaid, please bring card. For more information, call (325) 754 4945. You may scheduled an appointment, if no answer leave a message.

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce News The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is excited

to announce that the Christmas Parade and Pageant will be coming December 14, 2013. Lineup is at 2 p.m. The parade will start at 3 p.m. This year Sno-Queen will receive a \$500 scholarship donated by Lone Star Video and Diner, first runner up will get a \$250 scholarship donated by Lloyd Farris, and second runner up will get a \$100 scholarship donated by the Lion's Club. Sno-Princess and Sno-Flake will receive gift certificates. Deadline for entry is November 29, 2013. Forms can be picked up at Lone Star Video and Diner, City Hall and Winters ISD Offices, or go to http://www.winterschamber.us and download the form from our web site. Please contact Pam Barnes at 754-4978 for more information.

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m., first Thursday of the month at the Lone Star Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Sylvia Wilson 754 4992 for additional information.

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.

City Council Meetings

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

AgriLife offers new apps for pond owners, managers

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COLLEGE STATION- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service now has six new iPhone apps available for pond aficionados, said

agency experts.
Dr. Todd Sink, AgriLife Extension fisheries specialist at College Station, provided the leadership to develop the new tools geared toward pond owners and managers.

"Sink has already communicated with AgriLife Extension agents about the apps and we now want to let the public know of their availability," said Dr. Jim Cathey, AgriLife Extension associate department head and program leader in the wildlife

and fisheries sciences unit at Texas A&M University.

The six apps are available in the iTunes store for iPhone, iPad, iPad Mini, iPad Touch, Apple Macintosh and Windows platforms. AquaCide

AquaCide is an aquatic herbicide selection, effectiveness and restriction guide for recreational pond managers and aquaculture professionals. It's meant to help users select the most effective herbicides for all aquatic vegetation classes, including the most common North American algae and floating, submerged, and emergent vegetation. **AmmoniaCalc**

The un-ionized ammonia calculator app is a resource for everyone from aquaculture producers and managers to home aquarium hobbyists. Ammonia is the major end product in the breakdown of proteins in fish. AquaPlant

The AquaPlant app is designed to help pond owners and their advisors in the identification and management of aquatic vegetation. Aquatic vegetation management can be a perplexing problem. AquaRef

This aquaculture and pond manager quick reference guide features tables and conversion factors for aquaculture professionals. **PondCalc**

PondCalc is another

app for both recreational pond users and aquaculture producers. A common problem of overestimating pond size is addressed within this app, which allows the user to quickly and easily calculate the surface area of any shaped pond and then calculate the number of acre feet

Texas Farm Pond Management Calendar

The Texas Farm Pond Management Calendar is a virtual pocket guide/calendar to keep private pond managers up to date with the activities needed during each month of the year in order to manage their pond for the best fishing possible.

Thank You

The family of Freddie Bredemeyer would like to thank each of you for all your prayers, cards, food and especially your concern. He will be missed but he is now without pain and at peace.

- Juanita and family

'Tis the season for gathering at Texas state parks

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AUSTIN- Spend a weekend at one of the 70 state parks that offer group facilities and create a new holiday tradition in the great outdoors. Serve turkey and all the trimmings in a park recreation hall equipped with a full kitchen or gather near a roaring fireplace in an open-air pavilion to sing carols and rejoice in the season.

Just in time for the holidays, Texas Parks and Wildlife is hosting an outdoor cooking contest that will run until Dec. 8. Visit the calendar page for a listing of events happening around the state through the month of December. Also, be sure to view the printable PDF of the "Christmas in the Parks" brochure, which lists all holiday events in state parks. To book a cabin, lodge or other group facility, call (512) 389-8900.

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Thursday, December 5, 2013 From the Chief's Living in Winters

BY RANDALL DAVIS

In a recent conversation I was told by a young man how bad living in Winters was in no uncertain times. I found it ironic I had never seen this same person giving his time to the betterment of the community. His sour attitude however may be the result of a recent all-expense-paid vacation to the Runnels County Jail, resort and spa. And, while speaking of the jail, and the Runnels County Staff, I gladly extend my hand of appreciation to Sheriff Bill Baird and his staff for their service and assistance. They too are working tirelessly making the community of Winters a safer place to raise a

Back to business, what I have seen in this town is local business people building their own businesses, hiring local people, providing the citizens of this community with jobs, promoting new businesses, and working in their spare time to improving the lives those wishing to call Winters home. I am declining to mention too many names, simply because I haven't asked their permission to print their names, but many fine people in this community really deserve applause for their service and efforts.

When visiting local businesses the average person does not have a real good sense of what it takes to stock a hardware store, clothing store, convenient store or restaurant, or what is required to employ the personnel to serve the customers. The personal risks and monetary expenditures are to say the least are just the beginning of a business owners

There are many people working in this community behind the scenes. When visiting the Rock Hotel one must wonder, did this building just appear and does it maintain itself, or are there a great many people working selfishly who have restored this historic building and work long hours raising the funds to

keep it running. Many of those same people have donated their time, efforts and labor in providing the City of Winters with the Rock Hotel, the Museum Complex and now the restoration of the Blue Gap Post Office being erected on Main Street. It is my understanding the appearance of this restored historical gem is the result of many years of negotiation, hard work and service by numerous people who truly care for this

Recently the fine ladies of the Rock Hotel came together, organizing a Bingo Night fundraiser to ensure the erection and care of the Blue Gap Post Office, further assuring this community has this ability to preserve this piece of our heritage. If you missed Bingo Night, you missed a great event with some fantastic snacks, and fun. The evening was enhanced by the presence of five of our young athletes who turned out to be a great help on a very short notice. Many thanks goes out to WISD Coach Joseph Hood who helped me in finding these five young men, and to their parents who allowed them to help out on a school night. WISD athletes Mason Johnson, Mikey Martinez, Aaron A.J. Smith, Brandon Reyna and Nathaniel Reyes arrived to help after a long day school and an exhausting basketball practice to donate their time and making the event a success.

I have mentioned this because there are a great many people working in and for the benefit of our community, never asking for recognition or compensation and rarely receive a good word for their deeds. In the course of our busy lives and tasks we often forget to extend the gratitude to these people. We often forget to ask what can I do to help.

people to make a it takes a great many community successful and we are thankful the City of Winters has those people ready to "throw themselves into it" and make it happen. This is why I choose to live in Winters, it's the outstanding people "making it happen."

But, just like all communities we still have our work cut out for us. The City of Winters and Police Department are working towards a goal of making our community a safer and more pleasant place to live but occasionally need the help of the community. As many people are working hard to build this community there are a few, intent on tearing down, what others have built.

Last week the Rangel's Restaurant located on Highway 153, was severely vandalized. The person(s) responsible appeared not to be interested in thievery but, to only destruct and destroy this place of business. Numerous windows were smashed and equipment and wares in the building were purposely destroyed.

The City of Winters doesn't have a great many places where you can go out and enjoy a meal from home. We can't afford to lose any place of business because of one person's destructive actions. The incident is being investigated by officers of the Winters Police Department and investigators of the Runnels County Sheriff's Department. I feel confident the responsible person will be located but I am asking the community for assistance in identifying any persons involved. Any person with information can contact the Winters Police Department or the Runnels County Sheriffs Department. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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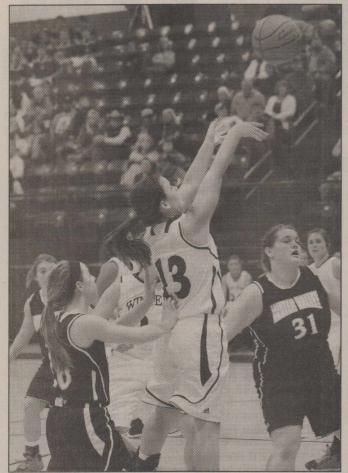
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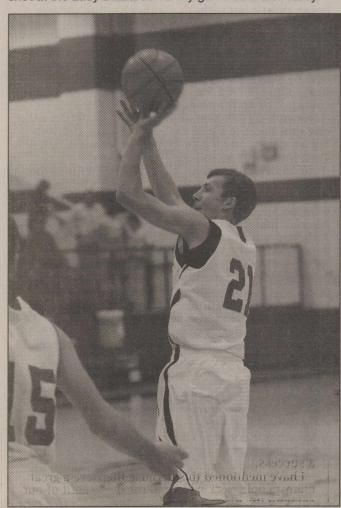
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PHOTOS: JOE GERHART Ashley Guy shoots while being pushed during her jump shot at the Lady Blizzards Varsity game vs Water Valley.



The Varsity Blizzards played last vs Highland, pictured here shooting is Jake Brock.

ATHLETIC REPORT

SEVENTH GRADE

Boys December 2, 2013 Breezes at Miles

Winters 22 Miles 21

Leading scorers: Lindley 9, Young 9, Fields 2, Manley 2

Coleman Tournament opening up against Coleman.

Boys December 2, 2013 Breezes at Miles

Winters 49 Miles 13 Leading scorers: Hood 20, Diaz 8, Mendoza 6, Rodriguez

December 5 Coleman Tournament

December 9 Christoval at Winters

This Athletic Report is made possible thanks to the coaches who submit their stats.

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'Now how am I gonna explain to everybody the only thing I shot wuz my foot!'

Trees available through Windbreak Tree program

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BALLINGER- In cooperation with the Texas Forest Service Nursery in Idalou, the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District will be offering quality hardwood and evergreen tree seedlings to area residents through the Windbreak Tree program.

These seedlings are healthy, viable seedlings that are well adapted to the soil and weather conditions in Runnels County

Bullet-plastic containers have a 10 cubic-inch root. Varieties available are Afghanistan pine, Arborvitae, baldcypress, Deodar cedar, fourwing saltbush, Italian Stone pine, lacebark elm, and pinyon pine.

Bareroot hardwoods are approximately 24 inches

in height. Varieties available are aromatic sumac, black cherry, bur oak, chinkapin oak, green ash, Osage orange, pecan, sand plum, sawtooth oak, and shumard oak.

This program will conclude on February 4, 2014 and seedlings will arrive at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 2000 Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger on February 13, 2014.

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Please consider that ordering early will have trees reserved before

stocks are depleted. Runnels SWCD assumes no responsibility or liability for trees not picked up at the designated time.

Technical assistance in planning your windbreak is available. For more information call (325) 365 3415 ext. 3 or come by the NRCS office and place your order.

Historic courthouse program

emergency grants will address serious deficiencies.

Public Record Weddings Leon Martin Jean and Rebekah Joyce Cain Nov. 26 Runnels Co. Jail Record December 2, 2013 Katie J. Penn WPD Hood Co. Warrant Rodney S. Boring DPS Tiffany M. Foster Concho Possession of controlled substance Carlos Martinez-Alvarado Concho Warrant (Ohio) Jason S. Rodriquez RCSO Johnny E. Gaston BPD MTR Obstruction of highway

AUSTIN- The Texas Historical Commission is now accepting applications for Round VIII of its award-winning Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. With a \$4.2 million appropriation from the 83rd Texas Legislature, the Round VIII grants will be limited to funding smaller courthouse projects with urgent needs, rather than the full restorations of the past. THC requested \$20 million for the Round VIII grant cycle, but was appropriated only what remained in Proposition 4 bond funding. Round VIII

CAFETERIA MENU

Dec. 9 - 13

Winters ISD **Breakfast Menu**

Monday Biscuit/Egg/Gravy or Cereal/Toast w/ Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday French Toast/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/ Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday Sausage on Stick/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruft Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday Cinnamon Roll or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD **Lunch Menu**

Monday Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Pizza/Graham Cracker (H.S.) or Spaghetti/Bread Stick, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Tossed llad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry

Tomato, Pear, Choice of Milk. Tuesday Chef Salad or Chicken Fried Steak/ Gravy/Bread Stick or Chicken Spaghetti/Bread Stick, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/

Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday Chef Salad or Frito Pie or Grilled Cheese Sandwich/Fish Bread (Elem., J.H.), Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Coleslaw,

Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Apple, Choice of Milk Thursday

Chef Salad or Chicken Nuggets/ Gravy/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.)/ (H.S.)/Bread Stick or Meatball Sub/ Graham Cracker, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/ Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

Friday Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Fish/Graham Cracker, Curly Fries, Italian Green Beans, Tossed Salad/ Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Orange, Choice of Milk.

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5. "The Human Comedy" author

11. Sporty British car, for short

14. Lazing about

15. "My Favorite Year" star Peter

16. Cousin of org, com, and net

17. "Rebel Without a Cause" actress

19. Fish eggs 20. Eliot's "__ Marner"

21. 1984 World Series champs

23. "Ms." founder Gloria 26. John, Paul, George,

and Ringo 27. Route to the roof

28. In need of calories

31. Sigourney Weaver flick

32. Not too shabby 63, Goad 33. Latvia's capital

36. Get benched

37. Oklahomans

40. Sought office

41. Sarcastic laugh 43. Barney's buddy

44. Rainbow or lake, e.g.

46. Made shine 48. Medal metal

49. Underworld figure

51. Doesn't just brush

52. What some graduate

54. Bias

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55. Billy Joel's "Don't

56. "Clue" suspect

10. Giving up

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9. Bunches

8. Lion's home, maybe

STAPLER

BOWE

RETIE

61. Forego folding

64. Blow it

62. Relaxed, on base

65. Decades, to centuries

66. Kitty comment

1. Recycling container

2. Ore. neighbor

5. Big water heater

7. Meteorologist's

6. 2010 action movie,

3. Diner order

4. Coast

with "The"

predictions

34. Bandage material 35. Primes the pot

11. Best Actor of 1990

12. Love to pieces

13. Shot in the dark

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24. Shire of "The

Godfather" movies

25. Archie's mate

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32. Achy

28. Gave an edge to

29. "Previously owned,"

23. Cut drastically, as

Frankenstein"

prices

38. Not working

45. Speaker's platform 47. Prepare a disk for data

39. Pungent

42. Wheels

48. Turns the music way up

49. Step

50. Unfortunate fellow

and blood (kin)

54. "ER" command

57. D.C. figure

58. Before

59. This may be inflated

60. Improved partner

Weather Whys

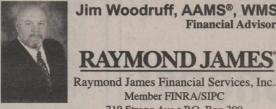
A: Roll clouds are one of the most unusual cloud formations seen anywhere, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Roll clouds can often be seen before a thunderstorm approaches," he explains. "They resemble a giant dough roller in the sky - they can stretch for many miles and they almost look like a horizontal funnel cloud. They are a fairly rare occurrence and you may go years without seeing one."

Q: What causes a roll cloud?

A: Often, they are caused "by a sinking cold air mass that is above warmer, moist air," he adds. "The warmer air condenses into the shape of a cloud, but the winds will 'roll' the cloud parallel to the ground, creating the giant roll cloud effect. Roll clouds are usually harmless and don't produce gusty winds."

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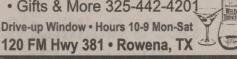
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BALLINGER- Is there a way to shop eco-friendly and budget-friendly too? Alicia Betanacort from Monroe County Extension Service has ideas to help you save money, feel good about helping the environment, and avoid needless financial stress this holiday season, here are some practical tools she has put together to help make this holiday season a joyous time.

First, take a hard look at what you typically spend on gifts, decorations, clothes, wrapping paper, cards, special meals, etc. At the same time, look at the rest of your budget and estimate how much you can afford to spend without racking up debt. Some financial planners recommend spending no more than 1.5 percent of your annual income on holiday expenses. If you haven't saved that much, look for ways to cut back, but make sure you do it before the holiday rush starts.

Budget and earth conscious gifts

■ Give a Priceless gift: When you make a gift, you give of your time — the most valued gift of all Make a "gift of time" certificate for a chore an older relative cannot easily do, or a trip to the park or a slumber party for the kids. • Give non-material gifts such as tickets to an event, concert, dance

lessons, spa visit, or membership to a museum or gym. ■ Make a gift donation to a charity in a loved one's name. ■ Make edible gifts such as breads, cookies, dried fruits, or nuts. Package them in reusable

tins, baskets, jars, or decorative

bags or boxes.

After figuring out how much you can afford, make a gift list and check it twice. Record everyone on your list and set an amount you expect to spend on each person. Keep track of what

compare it against your budgeted amount. If you overspend in one area, you must reduce cost in another. Decide what you want to spend on each item

and stick to it. You

you actually spend and

■ Send e-mail holiday greeting cards. This saves money and the environment. Draw, design, and print your own cards, gift tags, and mailing labels from old cards or recycled paper.

■ Holiday plants such as poinsettias, chrysanthemums, and Christmas cactus make wonderful "green" gifts for any budget. Plants can be enjoyed long after the holiday season is over.

■ Give local products like locally grown citrus, honey, or work from a

Most of all enjoy the holidays and time spent with family and friends.

what you want to buy all the attractive mer-Monitor your spending along the way. Plan a list of everything you need to do and plot it you pay for months af-

Veteran's Corner

should know in advance

The Department of Veterans Affairs has issued a fraud alert about a marketing scam that is targeting veterans who mis-dial the VA National Call Center (800 827 1000) or the GI Bill Call Center (888 442 4551) phone numbers. A marketing company created two phone numbers that differ from the real VA numbers by one digit. If a veteran misdials and calls the bogus number, the answering party will offer a gift card and try to obtain sensitive personal data, to include credit card information. Please note that the VA will "never" ask for credit card or banking information over

are 800 872 1000 and 888 442 4511. The bottom line is make sure you know who you are talking to before providing personal information over the phone. The VA has notified law enforcement authorities. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 365 3612.

terwards!

Sandra G. Van Zant **Veterans County Service Officer** P.O. Box 108 Ballinger, TX 76821 PHONE (325) 365-3612 E-MAIL rcvso@wtxs.net

so you're not enticed by chandise on the shelves. ahead. You've only got a few weeks to pull everything together, so make

out on a calendar. This is supposed to be a joyous time; don't let the temptation to overspend ruin your holidays and make

Winter weather tips

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

AUSTIN- As temperatures drop, the Texas Department of Insurance reminds Texas residents that colder weather can bring new hazards that are unique to this time of year. TDI provides the following tips to help keep your winter safe and insurance-claim free.

A fast-moving cold front can cause temperatures to drop below freezing within hours. Outdoor pipes, pipes in unheated areas, and pipes that run along uninsulated exterior walls can burst if the water in them freezes, sending water pouring through your home. You can avoid thousands of dollars of damage to your walls, ceilings, carpets, and furniture by taking a few simple steps.

Before the freeze protect faucets, outdoor pipes, and exposed pipes in unheated areas by wrapping them with rags, newspaper, trash bags, or plastic foam. Insulate your outdoor water meter box and be sure its lid is on tight.

Cover any vents around your home's foundation. Drain and store water hoses indoors. Protect outdoor electrical pumps. Drain swimming pool circulation systems or keep the pump motor running. (Run the pump motor only in a short freeze. Running the motor for long periods could damage it.)

Drain water sprinkler supply lines. Open the cabinets under sinks in your kitchen and bathrooms to allow heated indoor air to circulate around the water pipes. Set your thermostat at a minimum of 55 degrees, especially when you're gone for an extended

Let indoor faucets drip; it isn't necessary to run a stream of water. Make sure you know where your home's shut-off valve is and how to turn

it on and off. If you leave town, consider turning off your water at the shut-off valve while faucets are running to drain your pipes. Make sure you turn the faucets off before you turn the shutoff valve back on.

If you drain your pipes, contact your electric or gas utility company for instructions on protecting your water heater.

If your pipes freeze burst and flood your home, turn the water off at the shut-off valve. Call a plumber for help if you can't find the broken pipe or if it's inaccessible. Don't turn the water back on until the pipe has been repaired.

If the pipe hasn't burst, thaw it out with an electric heating pad, hair dryer, portable space heater, or towel soaked with hot water. Apply heat by slowly moving the heat source toward the coldest spot on the pipe. Never concentrate heat in one spot because cracking ice can shatter a pipe. Turn the faucet on and let it run until water pressure returns to normal.

Don't use a blowtorch or other open-flame device. They are fire and carbon monoxide exposure risks.

Contact your insurance agent or company promptly. Follow up as soon as possible with a written claim to protect your rights under Texas' prompt-payment law.

Review your coverage. Many homeowners and renters policies pay for property repair, and may also pay for debris removal and additional living expenses if you have to move temporarily because of damage to your home. If you can't find your policy, ask your agent or company for a

Homeowners policies may require you to make temporary repairs to protect your property from further damage. Your policy covers the cost of

these repairs. Keep all receipts and damaged property for the adjuster to inspect. If possible, take photos or videos of the damage before making repairs. Don't make permanent repairs. An insurance company may deny a claim if you make permanent repairs before an adjuster inspects the damage.

Most homeowners policies do not cover loss caused by freezing pipes while your house is unoccupied unless you used reasonable care to maintain heat in the building.

Home fires are more prevalent in winter. The use of space heaters results in more fires and fire fatalities than any other heating sources. Safe space heater practices include:

Keep heaters at least three feet away from drapes, furniture, or other flammable materi-

Put the heater on a level surface away from where people or pets might knock it over.

Plug heaters only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into extension cords. Never leave a space

heater unattended or running while you sleep. Keep electric heaters

away from water. Never use them near a sink or in the bathroom.

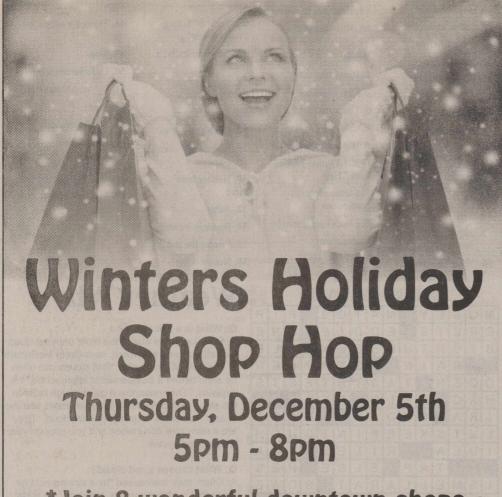
Never use or store flammable or combustible liquids near or in rooms with heaters.

Test your smoke alarms monthly. If you don't already have a home escape plan, make one and practice it. Your plan should include knowing two ways out of every room and having a designated meeting place outside and away from your house.

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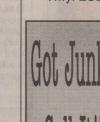
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up pretty and be in all the parades. Future goals: I want to be a veterinarian when I



grow up. I love animals and want to make them better when they are sick. Sponsor: Hair Way 83

CINDY WRIGHT

Lucindy and John Wright Activities: Attends New Beginning Church Why do you want to be elected Sno-Royalty?: To be able to represent my age group is an honor Future: Finish school. Sponsor: Wheat

Energy



ALYSSARA RODRIGUEZ

BAILEY MARIE MARTINEZ

Activities-School: Mrs

Parramore's First

Grade class, love to

play softball, attend

First Baptist Church

Why do you want to be

elected Sno-Royalty?:

Want to be Sno-Flake

royalty because I love

to dress pretty and

I get to be in all the

parades. And I love

being a Winters Blizzard.

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Future goals: I want to be a doctor when I grow

up so I can help take care of all the sick people.

every Wednesday.

Age: 6 Parents: Johnny and Deana Martinez

Parents: Gracie **Activities: Attends** Winters Elementary School. Our Lady of Mr. Carmel Catholic Church, plays softball, watching TV. Why do you want to be elected Sno-Royalty?: To attend in the com-

Future goals: Go to college and maybe play softball. Sponsor: Bloomin' Flowers and More

SNO-FLAKE CONTESTANTS

CARSON GIBSON

Parents: Marca Gibson Activities: Kindergartner at Winters Elementary School plays T-Ball and does dance and tap. Why do you want to be elected Sno-Royalty?: I would like to have my own crown and be helpful



Future goals: I would like to go to Texas Tech and become a nurse Sponsor: Fussy Chicks

ALEXUS GRENWELGE

Parents: Crystal and Alex Garner Activities: Reading, church (First Baptist) Wednesdays and Sundays. Why do you want to be elected Sno-Royalty?: To be involved and help others Future goals: To be a baby doctor, go the Third Grade and go



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Why do you want to be elected Sno-Royalty?: Love being a Blizzard and I think it would be fun to represent Winters by being Sno-Flake.

Future goals: When I grow up I want to become a Sponsor: Bahlman Motors LLC

MORGAN MOSTAD Age: 6

Parents: Michael and Mandy Mostad Activities: First Baptist Church of Winters, do science at school and help.

Why do you want to be elected Sno-Royalty?: I want to be pretty and I want to make stuff. Future goals: I want to be a teacher like my mommy and Mimi and go to Texas Tech in Lubbock



MORGAN YANEZ

Parents: Marisela and Charlie Yanez Activities: Attends Winters Elementary School, play

Sponsor: Bedford Norman Insurance

softball and shopping with my mom. Attends Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. Why do you want to be elected Sno-Royalty?: Just to be part of the community and to be able to participate in different things in town.

Future goals: Go to Third Grade and in the future graduate high school and college to become a vet. Sponsor: Basic Energy



SNO-PRINCESS CONTESTANTS

MARA MOSTAD Age: 11

Parents: Michael and Mandy Mostad Activities: First Baptist Church of Winters, 4-H Club, band, UIL. Dove Fest. Why do you want to be elected Sno-Royalty?: Want

to serve and represent my community and help Future goals: I want to go to Texas Tech and become a nurse that takes care of newborn babies.



MOLLIE WEAVER

Sponsor: Bedford-Norman Insurance

Activities: Musical Theater Arts in Abilene, One-Act play, part of the First Baptist Church youth program. Why do you want to be elected Sno-Royalty?: Because the experience would prepare me for my goal

Future goals: I want to go to Hollywood to become a singer and actress. I also want to become a veterinarian because I love animals. Sponsor: Imagine the Possibilities



EVELYN KING

Age: 11 Parent: Theresa Prater

Activities: Gifted and Talented, UIL Robotics, UIL Music Memory Band, UIL Dictionary skills, Winters Elementary Choir, Church of Christ youth group, God's Girls. Why do you want to be elected Sno-Royalty?: Would like to be Sno-Princess because I like to help out in town, and to show that hard work can be fun. Future: Want to get good grades in junior high and high school. Go to college to become a Fifth Grade teacher Sponsor: Walking Cane Ranch



MIRANDA RODRIGUEZ

Parent: Gracie Viduarri Activities: Play basketball, softball, and going to UIL events. Attends Winters Junior High and Our Lady of Mt. Caramel Catholic Church.

Why do you want to be elected Sno-Royalty?: To be able to attend in the community, to be part of the community and do different things in town. Sponsor: Casa Cabana



Auto thieves lurking during the holidays

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

DENTON- The holiday season is upon us! And it's the most wonderful time of the year . . . especially for vehicle thieves who are looking for opportunities to play

The Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority, a division of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, reminds drivers that a vehicle is burglarized every two minutes and stolen every eight minutes in the state. These crimes can escalate during the holiday season when drivers are frequently out shopping for gifts and traveling to visit friends and family. During these times, drivers are more likely to leave belongings within view inside vehicles as well as become negligent in locking doors and taking keys. To make matters worse, a thief won't necessarily stop with taking your vehicle and the things inside. They may also look for personal documents and items that can help them steal your identity or gain access to your home, where they can burglarize additional property.