

The 36th annual Miles Cotton Festival will be held Sept. 13-14. Events kick off Friday with the drink mix-off contest, the salsa (sauce) contest and competitions for the best decorated cooler and the best decorated hat.

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Change of heart, the kitchen stays in Ballinger



PHOTOS: JOE GERHART

Daryl Hagle carries a 65-yard pass into the endzone during the second quarter of the season opener vs. Mason.

Blizzards downed by No. 3 ranked Punchers

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters Blizzards faced a tough opponent in their season opener and were defeated by a score of 55-6 last Friday Night, August 30, 2013 by the ranked No. 3 Mason Punchers.

Winters started the game holding Mason to one visit only to the endzone during the first quarter. The Blizzards even scored one touchdown during the second quarter, when quarterback Chris Gerhart completed a 65-yard pass to receiver Daryl Hagle.

But Mason would respond scoring four touchdowns more before the half, adding two in the third quarter and one more during the last period.

"I feel disappointed, we feel we could have played a little better, it was disappointing for the kids, but it will be a good learning experience," said Winters Head Football Coach Stan Caffey. "We are looking to improve our game."

Caffey said despite the result Winters has no injuries to regret and no big changes should be expected in the Blizzards' offense or defense for this week's game against

Conf. 4-1A Div. I

Team	1	2	3	4	T
Mason	7	27	14	7	55
Winters	0	6	0	0	6

Last week's results		
Visitor	Score	Home
Brady	27-7	Ballinger
Breckenridge	42-28	C-City
Hawley	0-21	Albany
Wall	46-8	Coleman
Hamilton	7-32	Comanche
Cisco	54-8	Early

Results Aug. 30		
Archer City	24-14	Haskell
Mason	55-7	Winters
Stamford	40-13	McCamey
Anson	50-20	Hamilin
Forsan	17-14	Coahoma

Schedule Sept. 6		
Ballinger	at	Winters
Munday	at	Stamford
Haskell	at	Seymour
Anson	at	Olney
Plains	at	Forsan



Chris Gerhart hands the ball off to Jimmy John Rippley.

who had 5 carries for 42 yards. Quarterback Chris Gerhart was 6 for 16 with 2 interceptions for a total of 124 yards. Top receiver was Daryl Hagle, with 1 catch for 65 yards.

In all Winters had 125 passing yards and 48 yards on the ground for a total of 172.

After the first week of the season and with just one non-district game played, Stamford, Anson and Forsan climbed to

the top of the Conference 4-1A Division I standing with 1-0, while Haskell and Winters lost their first matches and are now 0-1.

This Friday night Winters will be hosting the Ballinger Bearcats at Blizzard Stadium, for the Runnels County showdown. The game has created high expectations both in Ballinger and Winters. These teams faced each other again in 2012, after 25 years.

Winters Dove Fest, flying high

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Local and area residents will be joining the fun this weekend in Winters, with the 11th Annual Winters Dove Fest. The fest has something for everyone, whether you are a hunter or just want to have a great day of fun shopping or eating.

Saturday, September 7, the fest kicks off with numerous activities for the whole family. Some of the activities include:

Dove hunts; a gun and knife show; a clay pigeon fun shoot; an art show; a motorcycle fun run, food, door prizes, entertainment, karate and tai chi demonstrations, silent and live auctions.

A big favorite is the raffle for seven guns with the drawings being held that afternoon. A barbecue lunch will be offered at the Winters Community Center beginning at 10:30 a.m. along with the auctions and entertainment.

The Winters Volunteer Fire Department will be holding its "Fill the Boot" drive, and numerous local business promotions will be held in the downtown area. The Winters Public Library is partaking the Dove Fest, with the reading of children's stories and an activity hour.

September 7 is the first full weekend of this year's dove hunting season. For anyone wanting to sign-up for a hunt please contact Archie Jobe at (325) 660

8334. Motorcycle riders will need to register at 9 a.m. for the motorcycle fun run. For more information about the run please contact Elmer Bucklew at (325) 365 6124. Both of these events benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Information about other activities can be found by visiting Facebook "Winters Dove Fest," or calling (325) 754 5210. RV hookups will be available downtown and at Winters Lake.

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- In a split decision held last Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at the Runnels County Commissioners Court, and with the opposing vote of Precinct 2 Commissioner Ronald Presley, the court decided not to change the original plan and leave Ballinger as the kitchen for all three of the senior citizens centers in Runnels County serving in Ballinger, Winters and Miles.

The issue dragged numerous citizens to the meeting. Some of them reasoned that having Ballinger in the middle of the route between Winters and Miles, the timing for the delivery of the meals would be better off if the route starts in Ballinger.

Former County Judge Marilyn Egan also said that the grants that have been prepared state that the food preparation would take place in Ballinger.

Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard explained that Barbara Hethcott, recently appointed head cook for the countywide project, had reconsidered and agreed that the facilities in Ballinger are better for cooking.

In the previous meeting, held August 20, 2013, Judge Hilliard had presented a petition from Hethcott to the Commissioners Court, to locate the main kitchen in Winters. This petition was discussed finding support in Commissioner Presley and Judge Hilliard, but faced the opposition of Commissioners Rick Strube and Bobby Moore.

"My approach personally is whatever serves our centers the best, no matter the location. She (Hethcott) now says that Ballinger is a very nice facility and she thought it was appropriate," said Judge Hilliard.

The kitchen consolidation plan was drafted after receiving input from the citizens in three public meetings, and due to the budget cuts the Nutrition Program is facing at the federal level.

According to the plan, the Winters and Miles senior citizens centers would be used for distribution and for congregate meals only, while all the cooking would be made in Ballinger.

Commissioner Rick Strube made the motion to have the kitchen in Ballinger, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Bobby Moore and passed with the opposition of Commissioner Ronald Presley.

Commissioners Court also held the first of two scheduled public hearings regarding the proposed Property Tax rate for Runnels County. The proposed tax rate is set at \$.62 per \$100 of appraised property value. At this rate taxes on a \$100,000 home would be increased by approximately \$18.62. The second public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 5, at 10 a.m. at the Runnels County Courthouse.

Commissioner Ricky Strube said that the county is in need of increasing taxes, something that has not been done in Runnels County since 2008.



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Over 300 meals will be prepared at the Ballinger Senior Citizens Center and distributed countywide.

Honoring Iraq veterans



Friday, August 30 2013, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9196 Rowena honored all Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans in Runnels County in a program held at the Rowena VFW Post. Guest speaker Chad McDuffee, an Army veteran with two tours of duty and deep memories of the conflict was the guest speaker.

McDuffee talked about his experiences during the conflict, and how it changed his life. Pictured here are left to right: Post Commander John Multer, Chad McDuffee, Tom Bright and Pete Gray.

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Jo Adell Mills

Jo Adell Mills, 90, of Winters, died August 31, 2013. She was born July 11, 1923 in Bunker, Young County, Texas and spent most of her life in Taylor and Runnels counties. She married Leland Mills on March 7, 1941 in Abilene. She worked for the Winters I.S.D. cafeteria for a number of years and was a homemaker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two children: Bruce Mills of San Angelo and Marica Bellingier of Abilene. One sister: Mary Boyels of Azle. She was preceded in death by her husband Leland, one son Steve, one daughter Jo Ann, three sisters, four brothers, one granddaughter and one grandson.

Services were Wednesday, September 4, 2013 in the First United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Northview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Robert Eugene 'Bob' Moore

Robert Eugene "Bob" Moore, Jr., 87, of Winters died September 2, 2013. He was born November 19, 1925 in Farwell, Texas and graduated high school there. He married Barbara L. Russua November 20, 1948 and she preceded him in death September 3, 1971. He lived in Denver City then moved to Moro in 1975. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He worked as a bookkeeper in Clovis, New Mexico for Max Meadows Buick and Chevrolet, then for Frontier Chemicals later known as Vulcan Materials. He moved to Winters in 1992. He married Emma Sudduth Fuller in 1992 and she preceded him in death March 2, 2010. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by three daughters: Sherryl Webb and husband Larry of Moro; Rickey Tabor and husband Bob of Lovington, New Mexico; and Robbie Billington and husband Charles of Borger. One brother: Kenneth B. Moore of San Antonio. Six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 4, 2013 in Bradshaw cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Members of Texas Water Development Board sworn in

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- Tuesday morning Gov. Rick Perry administered the oath of office for three new members of the Texas Water Development Board. Pursuant to House Bill 4 of the 83rd Regular Legislative Session, the board will provide leadership, planning, and financial and technical assistance for the development of an adequate water supply for Texas' growing population. Carlos Rubinstein, Bech Bruun and Mary Ann Williamson will serve staggered terms on the newly structured full-time board, with Rubenstein serving as chairman.

"Every available resource we invest in water now is an investment in the future of Texas, and a way to keep our state the best place to live, work, build a business and raise a family," Gov. Perry said. "By design, these board members have a wide variety of backgrounds,

talents and experiences and will work together to determine the best way forward to ensure Texas farmers, employers and homeowners get the water they need to do their jobs."

A central aspect of the board's responsibilities will be the management of a special water fund. Members will oversee the structure and operation of the fund, which will be dedicated to implementing the state water plan and prioritizing crucial water projects. This fund will support local and regional water projects and place a special emphasis on conservation and innovative reuse.

With voter approval of a \$2 billion investment this November, Texas can fund up to \$30 billion in projects over the next 50 years. These measures will help address the increased demand population growth will have on our water needs now and into the future.

From the Chief's Desk
Abandoned structures

By Randall Davis
Winters Chief of Police

I have been asked several times recently regarding the presence of abandoned homes in the Winters area. City Officials as well as the officers of the Winters Police Department have taken the questions seriously and are currently taking steps to rectify certain issues.

Currently the Winters Police Department and Code Enforcement Officer Eric Samaniego has identified numerous structures which have been identified as abandoned, fallen in disrepair, uninhabited or allowed to have vegetation and weeds growing to great heights. These structures have not only become an eyesore but present a habitat for mice, stray dogs, feral cats along with a variety of small wildlife often carrying

disease and presenting a safety hazard for area citizens.

Many of the properties taxes have become severely delinquent, with no hope of recovery of those past due funds. The nonpayment of those taxes results in other, more responsible property owners to make up the differences of lost monies through payment of higher taxes.

In addition to the unsightly and dangerous atmosphere the abandoned properties create, the over growth of weeds, the loss of the area entities operating funds, the abandoned properties lower the overall values of the community. After all who wants to spend their life's earnings building a home for their family just to set it next to what amount to a junk yard and breeding ground for stray dogs, cats and

invasive mice and rats.

Further, according to the National Vacant Properties Campaign, Austin, Texas, city blocks having unsecured or vacant buildings had an average of 3.2 times as many drug calls to police and 1.8 times as many theft calls as blocks without the vacant buildings. Other crime rates are comparably higher within areas where vacant buildings and abandoned homes are present.

For a community to survive and thrive it has to attract new revenue through new business investments. The presence of abandoned buildings and homes being allowed to set vacant until they fall into state of disrepair promotes a negative atmosphere for the promotion of any new businesses or persons wishing to invest in our community.

We are fortunate to live in a small town with a relative low crime rate and positive progressive plans for a sustainable future, but the crime rate could always be improved through community interaction and greater realization of the potential for the City of Winters through

improvements to our community can be made by the removal of the vacant buildings which have been allowed to fall into disrepair.

Of these identified properties, the Winters Police Department has set a goal of immediately sorting through the worst cases, identifying more than 20 properties to be cleared and destroyed within the next few months.

The condemnation and destruction of these properties are in various stages of progress ranging from notification to owners to pending court cases.

With the decline of populations in the smaller more rural communities of Texas due to financial constraints, loss of businesses and younger citizens seeking more prosperous opportunities in larger cities, it is imperative these smaller towns and their citizens take a more active role in developing their communities into more attractive, competitive places to raise families in the most crime free environment as possible. It is becoming a matter of survival for rural communities.

NEWS NOTES

RCRSE September meeting

September meeting of the Runnels County Retired School Employees will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Ballinger, Texas, at 9:30 a.m. Ballinger ISD Superintendent Will Brewer will give a talk and Jeff Dohrse will have a program on Understanding Medical Advance Directives.

WHS Class of 1963 Homecoming

The Winters High School Class of 1963 will celebrate its 50th anniversary during homecoming activities September 27 and 28. In addition to the many activities already planned by the homecoming committee, the class will meet on Saturday night, September 28 at 7 p.m. at Casa Cabana Restaurant's back room in Winters for dinner, ordered from the menu. If anyone would like to help planning a program or needs more details, please contact Mike Bedford (325) 572 5927.

Contact information for several classmates is missing. Contact Carolyn Brown (970) 884 2189 or docbrown@frontier.net with information about Jimmy Easterly, Dean Maas, Gary Gray, Mary Frances Mayes, Doris Rice Wilkerson, Jimmy Simpson, W.K. Whitlow, Herman Russell, Rosalene Scott Gooch, or Donnie Gibbs.

Abilene Aggie Mom's Club to hold annual kick-off meeting

The Abilene Aggie Mom's Club annual kick-off meeting will be held Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian and Mash Building, located on 2500 S. Willis (S. 27th and Willis, 1/2 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! Whoop!

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 contact Venita Teal (President) at 669-0886, vltmini5@gmail.com, or Kathy Hocke (Membership) at 721-3131, hockeig@camalott.com

Immunization clinics in Runnels County

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

Immunization Clinic in Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at 608 Strong Avenue (behind the Courthouse).

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

Runnels County Historical Commission to meet

The Runnels County Historical Commission will meet Saturday, September 14, 2014, at Casa Cabana Restaurant in Winters at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. James Hays of Brownwood will present the program. He will present information about the early settlements in southeastern Runnels County. Dr. Hays' ancestors moved into the southeastern part of Runnels County before the county was organized.

All meetings of the Runnels County Historical Commission are open to the public.

Winters Public Library partakes in the Dove Fest

The Winters Public Library invites all children to enjoy Dove Fest by attending "Wild About Birds," with bird stories and activities. This is a free event with refreshments. Saturday September 7, 2013 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Winters Public Library, 120 N. Main Street.

Class of 1993 reunion

The WHS class of 1993 will be hosting their 20th year class reunion on September 27 and 28. The class will meet at Blizzard Stadium for the homecoming game on Friday. Saturday, events will kick off with a 2 p.m. tour of the school campus followed by family fun at the park.

The class dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at Casa Cabana. At 8:30 p.m. Class of 1993 will host a night of music and dancing with a band at the Winters Country Club. There will be a cost for class members per adult. All WHS classes are invited to attend party at Country Club for a donation. For more information contact Sara Jackson-Vance at (210) 464 1695 or sarajacksonvance@gmail.com.

WISD to continue with meal program

The Winters Independent School District announced that it is making plans to continue the Provision II Meal Program for all of its students in grades Pre-K thru 12th grade. The National School Lunch and Breakfast Program for the 2013-2014 school year will provide for all students in grades Pre-K thru 12th grade to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost.

For additional information please contact: Lisa O'Dell at (325) 754 5574.

Winters Dove Fest

The Winters Dove Fest and hunters appreciation barbecue will be held Saturday, September 7, 2013 at the Winters Community Center 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Dove hunts, raffles, entertainment, gun and knife show, motorcycle fun run, clay pigeon fun shoot and live and silent auctions will be held. For more information visit Winters Dove Fest on Facebook, call at (325) 977 1036 or email at WintersChamber@outlook.com

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 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.

City Council Meetings

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

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Winters school trustees pass budget and tax rate

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS— Thursday afternoon, August 29, 2013, the Winters ISD school board members met and voted unanimously to approve a \$6.290 million budget along with the adoption of a 1.04 dollar tax rate. This school year's ad valorem or property tax rate of 1.04 tax rate still ranks the lowest in Runnel's County with Ballinger, Olfen and Miles districts' all at a higher tax rate of 1.17 for maintenance and operation.

"I commend the effort of our school board to maintain the current tax rate while not compromising our exceptional instructional services and programs to ensure the educational and extra-curricular goals of the district are met," Superintendent Don Kuempel, Jr. said.

The newly adopted budget represents a slight increase (\$130,000) over the 2012-2013 budget as a result of state legisla-

ture increases in funding on the student basic allotment. Included in the budgeted increased expenditures are new fire alarm systems for two campuses; a pay step increase for teachers; a 3 percent pay raise for hourly and non-scheduled employees; a 14-passenger "flex" bus; and improvements to the baseball/softball complex. These three items represent \$436,000 of budgeted expenditures.

In addition, the district has been notified that the remaining portion of the E-Rate Grant to upgrade the District's Internet and computer infrastructure should be forthcoming with the new school year.

The Property Tax rate remains steady at 1.04 per \$100 assessed property value.

"Although both our state and local funding will be less than last school year, Winters ISD is committed to providing an exceptional educational experience for the students of

our district. Because our district is in good financial condition with a healthy fund balance, our board has been able to adopt a budget that we feel will enhance many aspects of our district," according to Board President Doug Wheat.

"Winters ISD maintains an excellent staff-to-student ratio and provides quality academic and extra-curricular programs for our students. In addition, our student enrollment is slightly higher than it was at the end of last year, which is a true blessing. In light of difficult economic conditions for our community and our area the past couple of years, our student opening day enrollment has slightly decreased from 611 in 2012 to 598 at the beginning of this school year. Our board is very supportive of our leadership team and is looking forward to a great school year," stated Wheat.

"Employee salaries comprise 75 percent of the school budget, leaving the remainder in the coffers to fund utilities, transportation, maintenance, professional development, and curriculum and instructional materials. Kuempel stated, "This budget reflects countless hours of planning and meetings with teachers, staff and board members to identify the needs of our district. Through a transparent and collaborative process that we initiated when I first began my superintendency here, we wanted all teachers and staff to have input in this process."

There are a number of hallmark improvements in this school year's budget that include: Three percent pay increase for all hourly and non-pay scale employees, 2.5 percent pay raise for all capped teachers and para-educators, athletic department upgrades, and initiated the One-To-One iPad program in the secondary schools.

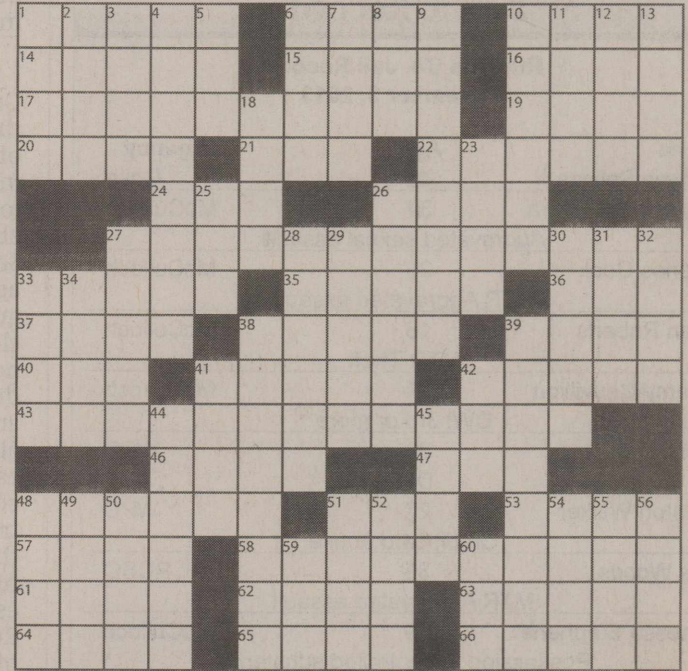
According to Business Manager James Fikes, "the state's ability to finally resolve the funding situation for the next few years actually allows our district to take a pro-active stance in planning for enhancements to the facilities that

we have in place." Superintendent Kuempel stated, "Considering the changes in SE 1 that restored 3.5 billion in education spending this biennium, restructuring the current school finance system is still enigmatic and very complex, and, I believe ultimately, the courts will decide the legal issues related to funding adequacy and equity. Nonetheless, I believe Winters ISD is positioned very well financially for the next few years; its solvency should be attributed to the prudence of present and previous administrations and boards."

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Benchwarmers

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 - Out of room
 - At attention
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 - Sahara rarity
 - Baseball contract feature challenged by Curt Flood
 - Othello's people
 - Place for icicles
 - Vintage auto
 - Assns.
 - Frat members
 - Israeli diplomat Abba
 - Fannie
 - Hoops player
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 - Ugly as
 - Extends, in a way
 - "... of thee"
 - Utah ski site
 - Co. bigwig
 - Post office branch, perhaps
 - Angry to-do
 - Fast-shrinking sea
 - Mail, as payment
 - Little 'uns
 - Sovereign address!
 - Superstars, to fans



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DOWN

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- Shamu, e.g.
- Garr or Polo
- Some oarsmen
- Gambling spot, in brief
- Cowboy boot attachment
- back (return to a previous point)
- Destination for a W-2
- Book introductions
- Hot breakfast fare
- Manual reader, say
- "Getra!"
- Bandit's refuge
- Iditarod's finish
- Is indisposed
- Enterprise letters
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- Synonym compiler
- Gipp portrayer
- Catering hall parker
- Densely packed, in a way
- Salton and Sargasso
- Years and years
- N.Y.C. gallery
- Nonwritten exam
- Bull Run, to the South
- Came forth
- Shell team
- "Kim" horse trader
- Removes, as a CD
- "Hey there!"
- Mark on a score
- Trade fair
- Clean and orderly
- Way up a mountain
- Sunny vacation spot
- Bride and groom's vehicle
- Slave away
- Bugs in a hill
- Geller with a psychic act
- "Exodus" hero

Game Wardens grade dove opener A-minus but a few hunters flunked compliance

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN— Judging by tweets from across the state received during the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Law Enforcement Division's first virtual "ride-along" with a game warden, hunters enjoyed an A-minus mourning dove season opener.

"A lot of hunters were limiting out in the morning, and anyone who really wanted to get their limit Sunday if they hunted morning and evening," reported Lt. Mike Mitchell, the division's technology and special projects officer.

Mitchell spent Sunday, September 1, 2013 riding with a game warden and reported their law enforcement activities real-time via Twitter. The wardens contacted scores of hunters, and Mitchell used a department smart phone to send 36 tweets, many accompanied by photographs and links to further information.

While most of the bird hunters the wardens contacted Sunday were abiding by all applicable

laws, Mitchell said he and his partner primarily saw three main violations.

Most prevalent was finding that a hunter had not taken a hunters education course, which is mandatory for anyone born after 1971.

The second most common offense was not having a hunting license, followed by having more than the legal limit of 15 birds. (The possession limit was increased to 45 birds this year, but that only works on the third day of the season or later.)

Each of these violations is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$25 to \$500 plus court costs. Also, when resources are seized, the department can seek civil restitution for the value of any game confiscated.

"By far most of the hunters we contacted were in compliance and enjoying a great outdoor experience," Mitchell said.

Texas had an estimated 393,975 dove hunters contributing \$177,467,664 to retail sales, according to a 2006 Economic Benefits

study by Southwick Associates.

The average dove hunter is 43.7 years old, and only 6.8 percent of the hunters are female, but Mitchell said he and the other warden were heartened to see several father-son and father-daughter hunters, and some shotgun-toting moms as well.

During the middle of the day, when most dove are keeping cool in trees or on electrical and telephone lines, the wardens spent some time on the water doing boater safety and fishing checks.

Not long after resuming patrol of dove hunting areas, Mitchell got a tweet from a hunter wanting to know when the evening flight began.

The tweet came in at 3:14 p.m. so with tongue in cheek, Mitchell declared that the birds would begin flying at 3:15 p.m.

"No one knows when dove are going to fly," he said, "but I did remind the hunter that legal shooting ended at sundown, and how to locate that official time."

Stripes-4-H fundraiser is underway

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION— The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation and Stripes Convenience Stores will begin the fourth year of their 4-H fundraising in conjunction with Stripes Store locations in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, said a Texas 4-H official.

The Texas 4-H program is administered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, part of the Texas A&M University System.

This year's fundraising effort, known as "Helping Today's Kids Become Tomorrow's Leaders," will run from Sept. 2-15, according to said Jana Barrett, Texas 4-H Foundation development relations coordinator at College Station.

Stripes Stores customers may participate by stopping in at one of 570 store locations throughout the three states and buying a 4-H clover cutout or 'mobile' for one dollar. Those who purchase a clover receive a coupon for a free 12 oz. Slush Monkey and receive special buy-one-get-one-free pricing on a Monkey Loco Candy.

"Funds are used to benefit 4-H locally in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico counties where the stores are located," Barrett said. "These funds have been used to help counties with their leadership training efforts, help youth attend leadership camps and present workshops, purchase needed equipment, pay registration expenses for 4-H contest participation, and support various 4-H programs and activities."

This year, participating stores include all Stripes locations throughout Texas, including the Lower Rio Grande Valley area and newly opened stores within the state, as well as stores in eight additional

counties of Oklahoma and New Mexico.

"We want to make this year our biggest 4-H Foundation and Stripes Stores collaborative fundraising year to date, with a goal of \$400,000 for what is the nation's largest youth development organization," Barrett said.

She noted that while counties throughout Texas were helped by last year's fundraiser, some of those receiving the greatest financial benefit from 2012 efforts included Victoria, Dimmit, Harris, Lubbock, Midland, Reagan, Val Verde and Wichita.

"Funds from last year's fundraiser allowed us to increase our 4-H participation at the district, county and state level by reimbursing 4-H families for their contest entry fees," said Sheryl Nolen, AgriLife Extension agent 4-H and youth development for Harris County. "This 'Get Your Green On' effort increased participation from 10 kids to 60 kids at the county level. The funds also allowed us to bring 80 4-H members to our daylong leadership camp so they could learn about leadership roles within the 4-H program."

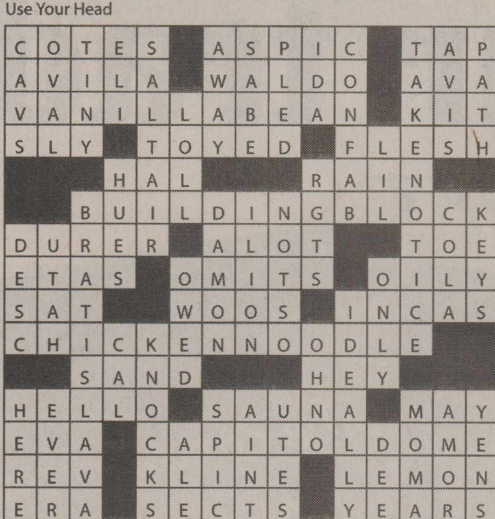
Nolen said other fundraiser funds went to support existing 4-H programs and toward new program resources, including resources for their new clothing and textiles effort.

Barrett said during this year's fundraising campaign representatives from 4-H will continue their popular Facebook contest. Photos will be submitted to the Texas 4-H Foundation and posted on the Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Facebook page where they can vote for their favorite picture. The county with the picture getting the most Facebook likes will receive an addi-

tional donation sponsored by the Alumni Association.

"The 4-H and Youth Development Program is a recognized leader in developing life skills, empowering youth and volunteers, and facilitating effective partnerships to create capable and responsible citizens," Barrett said.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: What is heat lightning?
A: Heat lightning can be a misleading term because heat doesn't have much to do with it, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Heat lightning is just lightning that is so far away that you can't hear the thunder that goes with it," McRoberts explains. "Since the storm is so far away that the thunder can't be heard, the flash in the sky that we see has been given a special name, and it's heat lightning. It is not a different form of lightning."

Q: Why is it called heat lightning?
A: Probably because this kind of lightning is usually observed during hot and humid summer nights after the intense daytime heating has produced thunderstorms, McRoberts adds. "At night, we can see the flashes of lightning from very far distances, up to 100 miles. But the sound doesn't carry nearly that far."

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MILES- The 36th annual Miles Cotton Festival will be held Sept. 13-14.

Events kick off Friday with the drink mix-off contest, the salsa (sauce) contest and competitions for the best decorated cooler and the best decorated hat. All events are free to enter.

Saturday begins with the Miles Masonic Lodge pancake breakfast from 6-9 a.m. in Weatherby Hall.

Arts and crafts and food booths will open in the City Park at 9 a.m., followed by a downtown parade at 10 a.m.

A cook-off begins at 9 a.m. in the Miles Preservation Authority Park and features brisket, ribs, chicken and beans.

Other events include a cotton stalk contest, washer and horseshoe pitching, a Children's Fair with inflatables, entertainment in the City Park, a noon meal at the historic Miles Opera House, and barbecue sandwiches by the Miles Knights of Columbus.

The Miles Museum will be open until 2 p.m. and the Miles Public Library will have an

all-day book give-away on the sidewalk downtown.

The Miles Cotton Queen contest will be held at 6:30 p.m.

A concert and street dance will be held from 6:30 p.m. - 1 a.m. Performers include Six Market Boulevard, Dolly Shine, Granger Smith and Roger Crea-

ger. Advance tickets to the dance are available at Sturm's Tav-

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For information on the cook-off, call (325) 468 3501. For arts and crafts, call (325) 895 0296 after 4 p.m.

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Runnels Co. Jail Record September 3, 2013

Name	Age	Agency
Andrew Salinas	42	Coke
Raymond A. Parra	34	McCulloch
Aggravated sexual assault		
Charles Cook	26	McCulloch
MTR Aggravated assault		
Brian Roberts	18	McCulloch
MTR Theft		
Jeremy Ceuvillion	29	McCulloch
DWI 3rd or more		
Lori Garcia	30	WPD
DWLI		
Preston Walker	27	WPD
Credit card abuse		
Otis Woods	35	RCSO
MTR Aggravated assault		
Vanessa Stephens	29	McCulloch
Possession of controlled substance		
Jose Mendez-Delgado	31	Concho Co.
Burglary, Arizona warrant		
Carlos J. Ruiz	17	Concho Co.
Aggravated sexual assault of child		
Preston Walk	27	WPD
Credit card abuse		
Worth Hooper	43	RCSO
DWI		
John Matthew	48	Turned himself in
DWI		
Gregory Benjil	24	Miles PD
DWLI		
Jose Escamia	33	DPS
DWI		
Adrian Rodrigues	30	Turned himself in
Tampering w/government documents		

Bishop hails facility closing, promotes adoption

With all of you, I thank God for the welcome news that Planned Parenthood of San Angelo is closing its doors and will no longer provide chemical abortions in the city of San Angelo. Just a week ago we received similar good news about the closing of Planned Parenthood in Midland which did surgical abortions. I am indeed very grateful to all of our Pro-Life people, especially our Pro-Life committee under the patronage of Nellie Gray, of the San Angelo Deanery, for your many prayers, especially the many Rosaries offered in front of Planned Parenthood, and your dedicated work which no doubt played a big part in the closing of this facility. We thank God, too, for the recent state legislation that cuts off funding to so-called health centers that kill the unborn.

As we thank God for the news that God's precious little ones will no longer be destroyed at Planned Parenthood in San Angelo, our Pro-Life mission is far from over as we are pro-life at every stage of human life. A major part of our Pro-Life mission

is to assist pregnant women with their health care needs and especially to help those who are struggling with an abortion decision. Hence, now is the time to give new emphasis to our entire Pro-Life ministry, and so I ask all of our priests and all the Catholic people to step forward and help these women and their families with their health needs. We need to promote more strongly the idea of adoption.

As I express my gratitude to my brother priests and all pastoral leaders for their good efforts in closing Planned Parenthood, I ask all — priests and people of the city of San Angelo and the surrounding area — to map out specific pastoral ways of how we will assist the health care of women, and especially help those who are dealing with a pregnancy decision. I am happy to point out that we already have some institutions in our area that are providing this care. We have the Pregnancy Help Center in San Angelo. We also have Catholic Outreach that provides some assistance and I ask them to give specific attention to women and families who are in need. All of our Catholic

Churches, in a spirit of compassion and care, are to assist pregnant women and their families with their needs. I appreciate the good service these Centers are giving to these health needs. We all need to give more emphasis to adoption, and to reach out with compassion to women who have experienced an abortion letting them know God can forgive them, and we can help them receive Christ's forgiveness and enter programs to make a new beginning.

As part of our service for helping women and families with their health needs, be they emotional, psychological, pastoral or spiritual, I ask all of our Catholic Churches to put in their bulletins that our doors are open to provide these services. We also ask doctors, nurses, health and social workers of our Catholic parishes to offer their professional skills to the Pregnancy Help Center and organizations that assist women. I am asking the priests of the city and throughout the deanery to map out in a few days writing clear pastoral ways our parishes will be helping women with their health needs.

This is a time for us to renew our total commit-

ment to our total pro-life mission, to respect the sanctity and dignity of human life, at all stages, and to continue to work to bring an end to abortion throughout our state and our nation. We need to continue to proclaim loudly and in a public manner, especially through the media, that we are pro-life at every stage of life, and we must continue to pray that with God's help, we will bring an end to the evil of abortion and a new respect for the sanctity of all human life from conception until natural death. This Labor Day weekend as we pray for all workers, especially the unemployed and poor, we stress the dignity and honor of each and every worker.

As we thank God that the precious unborn will no longer be killed at Planned Parenthood in San Angelo, let us redouble our prayers and pastoral efforts to show our commitment to the sacredness and dignity of all human life made in the image and likeness of God.

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NFL toughens 'bag lady' rules...

Commentary by
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A generation ago, my wife proclaimed a small victory. "We can mark that one off," she said. "I've just taken our youngest to the pediatrician's office for the last time."
"Congratulations," I purred. "No more waiting in pediatricians' offices for us." (Warning: Saying "no more" with such finality is essentially the same as "never again.")
Years later at a Dallas speaking engagement, my turn at the lectern was delayed by a talented male quartet's 45 minutes of song. They were ALL pediatricians. This time, I waited not for one doctor, but four....

We both whooped it up when the same daughter progressed from night-time diapers to "big girl undies."

"We've been buying diapers of some kind for 99 consecutive months," I an-

nounced, somewhat proud of my double-digit addition. We had cloth diapers in the early going — as did the diaper delivery and pick-up service — for the first of three daughters, anyway.

We "reminisced on," naming the various brands of disposable diapers. "I couldn't trust you to buy diapers," Brenda said. "You rarely got the right brands, right type or right size." I winced, nodding like a bobblehead doll....

"One thing for sure," I laughed, shifting to subject-changing gear. "Never again will diapers dominate our conversations."

Then — in the serious and understandable name of security — the National Football League comes up with new rules about what fans may bring into

football stadiums. At first, I nodded approvingly. Then I noticed diaper bags no longer are permitted.

This edict can't hold water. Young parents are going to throw fits — progressing from hissy, to wall-eyed — and well they should. (Really now, if you were a walleye, wouldn't you have a fit if you were hooked on the business end of a fishing line?)...

We who harbor suspicions immediately wonder if this is another money-grubbing scheme.

Fans will quickly notice if they set up diaper stands, perhaps just inside entrance gates. Hawkers may yell, "Get your diapers here, \$10 each."

And if parents want to trade one in, the answer is likely to be, "With trade-in,

they're \$15 each."...

I know. Fans can take in small transparent bags and "mini purses," the latter no bigger than hand size. It's a stretch to think they'll accommodate diapers, burp cloths, pacifiers, bibs, bottles and more.

All fans have vested interest. What if games go into overtime, or hours are bloated by those wretched "further reviews"?

The announced policy, carried out, makes us cross fingers that the roof will remain open....

Oh, the folks inspecting carry-ins are just doing their jobs.

In the case of the Dallas Cowboys, some 40 additional personnel are serving in the parking lots, advising what can be taken inside.

I'd sooner work on a sardine-packing assembly line, even if my job was closing their little eyes before the cans

were sealed....

If the diaper bag rule is amended, there'll be thunderous cheers. And creative moms — some who've already contrived massive hats made of diapers and held meetings on smuggling techniques — can channel their energies elsewhere.

I imagine the other edicts will stand up. Fans will grouse for a while before resuming our culture's sheep-like tendencies, but they'll eventually accept the tightened rules as standard operating procedure.

At home, TV viewers will add still another item to their lengthening "why-bother-going-to-the-stadium" lists. "Hey," couch vegetables (potatoes and others) will say, "My big screen won't match the one at Jerry World, but it's about as big as our den wall can accommodate."...

This ain't your father's Oldsmobile or old NFL. Back when, game tickets

were cheaper than a hot dog is today. Fans often were seated three seats apart so there could be "spreading room" only. I imagine anything one could carry or drag into stadiums — short of artillery or dynamite — was A-OK.

Oh, many fans will continue to flock to games in this Barnum and Bailey world, hang the cost.

Others will be more discerning, though, opting to watch games on TV at home.

I feel sorry for AT&T, already laying out big bucks to name the stadium. I doubt that AT&T was consulted about the diaper bag rule. Besides, they're busy trying to convince fans that it's AT&T Stadium, not Jerry World....

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WHS Class of 1958 holds 55th reunion

The Winters High School Class of 1958 met recently for their 55th year reunion. Pictured are front row left to right: Annette Phillips Dean, Adelia Stone Wright, Kay England Busher, Adalene Tischler Tomlinson, Elaine Hoppe Miller, Dorothy Fairy Pruett, Dianne Sims Davis, Lavanda Russell Dobbins, Karen Smith Austin and Dalah Hord Tucker. Back row: J.C. (Pete) Gray, Gray Gardner, Jerry Sullivan, Robert Dunivan, Jerrell Walker, Joe Young, Ronnie Burns, Roy Matthies, Charles Simpson, Roger Long, Jerrye Deike Carey, Jim Lewallen, Carolyn Templeton Harris, Coach W.T. Stapler, Pat Wade Smith and George Estes. Not pictured are Joe Tucker and Billy Thomas.

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Class of 1958

CAFETERIA MENU
Subject to Change

Sept. 9-13
Winters ISD
Breakfast Menu

Monday
Breakfast Pocket or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

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

Wednesday
Breakfast Burrito/Salsa or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Sausage Roll or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

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

Winters ISD
Lunch Menu

Monday
Chef Salad or Sloppy Joe or Chicken Nuggets/Graham Cracker (H.S.), Mac & Cheese, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Applesauce, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
Chef Salad or Ham & Cheese Sandwich/Fish (Elem., J.H.) or Chicken Spaghetti/Bread Stick, Green Beans, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Chef Salad or Nachos or Soft Taco, Spanish Rice/Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Orange, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak w/Bread Stick (Elem., J.H.), Hot Roll (H.S.) or Chicken Tenders/Bread Stick, Mashed Potatoes w/Brown Gravy, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

Friday
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Bites/Bread Stick, Black Eyed Peas, Oven Fries, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Apple, Choice of Milk.

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TSSWCB requesting for proposals for clean water grant program

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

TEMPLE- The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is requesting proposals for watershed assessment, planning, implementation, demonstration and education projects seeking funding under the FY2014 Clean Water Act §319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant Program. Proposed projects should focus on agricultural and/or silvicultural nonpoint source pollution prevention and abatement activities within the boundaries of impaired or threatened watersheds.

Up to \$1 million of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board's FY2014 Clean Water Act §319(h) grant will be eligible for this request for proposals. A competitive proposal review process will be used so that the most appropriate and effective projects are selected for funding.

Specific activities that can be funded with §319(h) grants include the following: development of nine-element watershed protection plans including the formation and facilitation of stakeholder groups, surface water quality monitoring, data analysis and modeling, implementation of nine-element watershed protection plans and the nonpoint source portion of total maximum daily load implementation plans, demonstration of innovative best management practices, technical assistance to landowners for conservation planning, public outreach/education, and monitoring activities to determine the effectiveness of specific pollution prevention methods.

To obtain a complete copy of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board's request for proposals and proposal submission packet, please visit <http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/managementprogram#rfp> or contact Pamela Casebolt at (254) 773-2250 ext. 247. Proposals must be received electronically by 5:00 p.m. CDT, Friday, October 11, 2013 to be considered for funding.

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and delivers coordinated natural resource conservation programs through the State's 216 soil and water conservation districts. The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution. The agency also administers a water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush, works to ensure the State's network of 2,000 flood control dams are protecting lives and property, and facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

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Tri-county crop tour slated for Sept. 10

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

MIDKIFF- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices in Glasscock, Reagan and Upton counties will conduct their annual Tri-County Crop Tour from 1:45-7 p.m. Sept. 10.

The day's activities start with a brief registration period at 1:45 p.m. at the Midkiff Community Center. For more information contact McPhaul at 325-884-2335, pcmcphaul@ag.tamu.edu

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