

Wire cutting and other concerns affected the early Runnels County settlements in 1883 and 1884. The usual much needed rain did not come.

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Winters, Texas 75c

Photo ID required for Texas voters

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- The Texas Secretary of State is working to educate the public before the November election, to make the transition to the ID requirement as smooth as possible. In Texas voters now are required to present an approved form of photo identification to vote in all state elections.

In Runnels County, the County Clerk's Office re-

minded voters that photo identification will now be required for voting in person.

According to information released by the Clerk's Office one of the following forms of photo ID will be required at the polling location before the voter will be permitted to cast a vote: Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety; Texas Election Identification Certificate

issued by DPS; Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS; Texas Concealed Handgun License issued by DPS; United States military identification card containing the person's photograph. United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph, United States passport.

With the exemption of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have

expired no more than 60 days before being presented at the polling place.

This photo ID requirement is for voters casting a ballot in person, not by mail. Voters age 65 and older may vote by mail.

Election officials are encouraging voters to update their voter registrations to reflect the names on their IDs. Voters may use IDs that do not exactly match the name on their IDs if the names are substantial-

ly similar but will have to sign and affidavit stating they are the same person. Voters may look up their registration at www.vote-texas.gov and if their name is not an exact match they can update their voter registration online at www.votetexas.gov.

"By preparing now, voters can help make sure voting goes smoothly when it comes time for the election," said the County Clerk's Office in

the release.

To check and update their registrations, voters can visit or call the Runnels County Clerk's Office.

For more information about photo ID requirements, including exemptions, visit www.vote-texas.gov.

Information on how to obtain an election identification certificate if you do not have another form can be found at www.dps.texas.gov



Running back Dusty Hines making one of many good runs during the game.

PHOTOS: JOE GERHART

Blizzards claim first win of the season

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters Blizzards hung on to the ball, put some serious offensive drives and stopped a Homecoming-motivated Bronte Longhorn team, to claim their first win of the season last Friday, September 13, 2013. The Blizzards won the game by a score of 42-6.

It was a big game for the Blizzards after struggling the week before with their ball handling. The team's stats improved tremendously. The Blizzards went into the game averaging 10.5 points scored per game by 44.5 opponent points per game. They now average 21 points per game vs. 31.6 received with a record of 1-2.

"We didn't turn the ball over and that made a huge difference," said Winters High School Head Football Coach Stan Caffey. "We had some explosive long scoring plays, the biggest difference was that we had no turnovers and we had the big plays."

Leading rusher for the

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Score by quarters	1	2	3	4	T
Winters	7	14	14	7	42
Bronte	0	6	0	0	6

Week 2, Sept. 13		
Visitor	Score	Home
Jim Ned	33-61	Anson
Forsan	6-35	Stanton
Baird	25-26	Haskell
Stamford	34-20	Merkel
Winters	42-6	Bronte

Standing	
	W L
Anson	3-0
Stamford	3-0
Forsan	2-1
Haskell	1-2
Winters	1-2

Week 3, Sept. 20		
Visitor	Score	Home
Miles	at	Anson
Jim Ned	at	Forsan
Electra	at	Haskell
Stamford	at	Colorado
Hamlin	at	Winters

game was Dusty Hines, who gained 119 yards with six carries. Leading receiver was Jimmy John Ripley, who had 143 yards in five receptions; Daryl Hagle



Cameron Cooper taking down Joshua Puentez.

had 103 yards with two touchdown passes received. Passing Chris Gerhart completed seven passes of 14 attempts, for 246 yards and had one interception.

In the first quarter Julian Soto opened the scoring, when he intercepted a pitch, ran for 51 yards and scored the first points for the Blizzards with 1:37 left on the clock. Lukas Kraatz added the kick for the score to go 7-0.

In the second quarter, with 6:16 on the clock, Daryl Hagle caught a 44-yard pass from Chris Gerhart to increase the lead 14-0 with the extra point by Kraatz.

With 3:41 left in the half Hagle would catch another pass, this one a 59-yard throw from Gerhart, to put the Blizzards ahead 21-0 with Kraatz's kick.

Before the break Bronte would respond with a 19-

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Wheat Energy named Business of the Quarter

Wheat Energy was named Business of the Quarter for the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce third quarter of 2013. Wheat Energy has been an established business with the city of Winters for many generations and several enjoyable years. Congratulations to a job well done!

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E-Rate grant boosts WISD cyber capacity

Winters ISD has already begun renovating its wireless infrastructure for the 1-to-1 iPad initiative

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Winters ISD prepares to launch a \$750,000 planned project to upgrade the technology infrastructure in all of its buildings and classrooms after receiving an E-Rate Grant, reducing the district's costs to just over \$125,000. With the grant Winters ISD has already begun renovating its existing wireless infrastructure in the high school and junior high in preparation for the one-to-one iPad Instructional Initiative.

"We are working diligently with Technology Funds for Education, a turn-key solution provider from the DFW Metroplex and Virtual Bridges a virtual environment engineering company from Austin. Both companies are working with the district to completely engineer a state of the art network design that will allow us to do things never imagined," said Director of Technology, Billy Mobley.

The new network will boast a 10 gig fiber backbone and 1 gig to the desktop. They have also increased their Internet connection from 8 Mbps to 40 Mbps and provide wireless access to 100 percent of the district including the stadium, baseball/softball complex, and track.

The timeline for the project's completion is slated for summer of 2014. Both the WISD Technology crew and the engineers at TFE and Virtual Bridges will begin the next phase of the project in October. The plan at this time is to keep the existing network in place and build the new one alongside it. Once the project is complete the district will just shut the old network down and switch over to the new one.

Virtual Bridges brings Winters ISD the ability to run native Windows programs on both their older computers that cannot support new software and also the district's iPads and other non-windows portable devices.

Students will benefit immediately from the work that has already begun but will see an explosion in possibilities at the completion of the project with the ability to access high definition digital media from the district's new video on demand system.

Not only will teacher be able to incorporate thousands of instructional and education videos into their curriculum, but they will be able to develop and record their own video lesson in order for students to be able to access them at any time for refreshers and tutorials. The network makes it possible now for the district to begin to move away from some printed materials such as some textbooks. Many of the state's textbooks are already outdated before they reach the hands of the students. With digital textbooks, reprints and updates can be distributed overnight.

Along the same lines of digital textbook the district will soon be subscribing to two online libraries allowing the students access at their fingertips to thousands of online books. We have just partnered with both the Coleman Public Library and the Education Service Center XV of San Angelo. These partnerships allow the students to check out digital eBooks and audiobooks via the Internet. The content is downloaded to their iPad for 21 days and when it expires the content will be removed from the iPad and checked back into the library for someone else to use.

"We are very excited to be part of moving Winters ISD into the digital-era and giving our students the ability to become 24/7 learners and responsible digital citizens," said Technology Director Billy Mobley.

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11am - 2pm

Child Passenger Safety Week highlights road dangers for the children

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STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- Family and consumer science experts with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are urging Texans to participate in the nationwide Child Passenger Safety Week, Sept. 15 - 21.

"According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, car crashes are among the main causes of death for children," said Bev Kellner, AgriLife Extension coordinator for the agency's Passenger Safety Project, College Station. "In many instances, injuries and deaths can be prevented by the proper use of car seats, boosters and seat belts."

Traffic safety administration and U.S. Department of Transportation data from 2011 show that an average of about two children under 13 years old were killed and 338 were injured each day while riding in cars, SUVs, pickups and vans.

Kellner said during Child Passenger Safety Week many communities will make certified child passenger safety technicians available to provide free, hands-on, car seat inspection, instruction and education. The week typically concludes with National Seat Check Saturday, which this year is Sept. 21, when certified technicians offer their services at child passenger safety events across the country.

"Properly installed car seats, including boosters, afford the best protection for children traveling in vehicles," Kellner said. "Throughout the week of Sept. 15-21, AgriLife Extension will be having child safety seat inspections checks and educational activities throughout Texas during the week, culminating with a child safety seat inspection to be held Saturday morning, Sept. 21, at the Brazos Center in Bryan."

Through its Passenger Safety Project, AgriLife Extension, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation, provides valuable traffic safety information and education to people throughout Texas, Kellner said.

"While the project's overall goal is to reduce motor vehicle fatalities and injuries and their associated costs, the project's primary focus is on increasing child restraint and safety belt usage," she said. "That's why all of our team members are certified child safety seat technicians and/or instructors."

Kellner said the project also conducts the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's standardized child passenger safety certification trainings, which provides the opportunity for other individuals to become certified as child passenger safety technicians.

"Mainly what we want to get across to the public through these efforts is that child passenger protection works best when used properly."

Kellner said traffic safety administration data shows that almost 10,000 children age four and under from 1975 to 2011 were saved by child restraints of one kind or another. The data also shows 8,616 of these children were saved by car seats alone.

She said failure to read and adequately follow child safety seat installation instructions and seat belt use instruction in a vehicle owners' manual can inadvertently expose a child passenger to a greater than necessary risk of serious injury or death in a crash.

"Many people just need a little hands-on guidance and advice on the proper child safety seat for their child and how to properly install and use that restraint to its greatest safety benefit," Kellner said.

For more information on child passenger safety and AgriLife Extension's Passenger Safety Project, contact Kellner at 979-845-3850 or go to http://fcs.tamu.edu/safety/passenger_safety/. To find a certified technician in your area go to <http://buckleup.tamu.edu>.

Texas Communications settles lawsuit with Brandywine Communications

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- Texas Communications, Inc., of Abilene, Texas announced last week it has settled its patent infringement lawsuit filed against Texas Communications by Brandywine Communications Technologies, LLC of Villanova, Pennsylvania.

The United States Court for the District of North Texas has dismissed the case, barring Brandywine from bringing future suits against Texas Communications and its customers over Brandywine's DSL patent portfolio. Texas Communications paid no licensing fee to achieve the dismissal.

"We are gratified that the matter has been fully resolved in court and that Texas Communications' customers can be assured that Texas Communications and its customers can utilize Internet services without interference or legal action from Brandywine," said Lewis Bergman of Texas Communications, Inc.

According to information released by Texas Communications, Inc., Brandywine has sued over 50 other companies in various federal court districts throughout the United States over its DSL patent portfolio.

Texas Communications joined with 10 other defendants similarly sued and were jointly represented by Robert Huntsman of Huntsman Law Group, PLLC, of Boise Idaho.

The Brandywine patent infringement actions against all 11 parties represented by Huntsman Law Group have been similarly dismissed. Other patent infringement actions initiated by Brandywine are still pending in numerous federal court districts throughout the United States.

It's cotton tour time in Runnels and Tom Green counties

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Concho Valley cotton producers will have ample opportunity to catch up on the latest cotton patch news during two upcoming field events in Runnels and Tom Green counties.

The first is the Runnels County Turnrow Meeting set for 9 a.m. Sept. 25 on the Paul Minzenmayer farm located just off

U.S. Highway 67 between Ballinger and Rowena. The second event is the Tom Green County Cotton Field Tour slated for 9 a.m. Oct. 8 on the John and Doug Wilde farm just north of the intersection of Loop 306 and Farm-to-Market Road 765, east of San Angelo.

"In Runnels County we'll meet at our FACT/CAP Trial, located off County Road 401 on County Road

408, to discuss cotton and wheat varieties and laws and regulations," said Rick Minzenmayer, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent for Runnels and Tom Green counties. "We'll then head to St. Mary's New Hall in Ballinger for a complimentary lunch and educational program."

"The Tom Green County tour will give producers an up-close look at a

number of irrigated cotton variety trials and our harvest-aid demonstration," Minzenmayer said. "We will also hear a talk on pesticide use laws and regulations before going to the barbecue area at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall."

To RSVP, call the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6523 or Minzenmayer at 325-365-5212.

NEWS NOTES

Winters Athletic Booster Club raffling off a Kawasaki Mule

The Winters Athletic Booster Club is raffling off a 2014 Kawasaki Mule. Drawing will be held at the November 8, 2013 Winters vs. Forsan football game. Tickets are available with the Booster Club members. All proceeds benefit student/athletes at Winters High School.

WHS Blue-and-White and White Out nights

The Winters Athletic Booster Club is inviting everyone to wear all of your blue and white to the Bronte game this Friday night. It is their Homecoming so we want to be loud and proud.

Next week, when Winters plays Hamlin, we will have our white out. All fans are asked to wear white to the football game that night to create Blizzard conditions for a Winters victory!

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.

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 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.

Historical Marker Dedication Day

Saturday, September 28, 2013, at 10 a.m. the Chick Inn Historical Marker Dedication will be held at the old diner site, located on U.S. Highway 83, one-half of a mile south of Winters.

The marker dedication will be preceded by a classic car/motorcycle parade, starting at 9 a.m. at Winters High School.

Winters 2013 Homecoming

Friday and Saturday, September 27-28, 2013 Winters High School will be celebrating Homecoming. The program includes the Blizzards vs. Brock football game, Homecoming dinner, Crowning of Homecoming and Coming Home Queens, distinguished alumni, alumni reception, Saturday breakfast, classic car/motorcycle parade, Historical Marker dedication, Chick Inn souvenirs, hamburger lunch, class reunions, see the new Chick Inn, meet friends from days-gone-by, food, fun, get your Chick Inn T-Shirt and more.

For more information visit Chick Inn Memories on Facebook.

St. Ambrose's 74th Fall Festival to be held in Wall

The 74th St. Ambrose/Holy Family Fall Festival will be held on Sunday October 20 in Wall, Texas.

Sunday, October 20, 2013. German sausage and turkey dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with plates-to-go also available.

German sausage will be available for sale. Starting at 4 p.m. Sausage sandwiches will also be sold.

Games will be from 10:30 to 4:30 which includes Bingo from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Inflatables, and various other games. There will be a market with homemade goodies and a quilt auction. Live music provided by Dovetail. The cotton and merchandise auction will begin at 1:30 p.m. There is a shuttle bus available from Wall School from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Runnels Co. 4-H Shooting Sports Air Rifle program

The Runnels Co. 4-H Shooting Sports Air Rifle program will be having their sign-up meeting for all new members only on Tuesday September 24, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the Miles Young Farmers facility. We will explain the program, fill out necessary paperwork, and have a safety course that is required for all members before they can begin shooting. All returning shooting club members will meet on Thursday, September 26, 2013 to update their paperwork and shoot. Please email us with the time you want to shoot 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. for that evening. If there are any questions please contact Lori at 277-7139.

Antique Tractor Show

An Antique Tractor Show will be held in conjunction with the Chick-Inn Historical Marker Dedication in Winters, Texas on Saturday, September 28, 2013 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on West Dale Street in front of the Gus Pruser Ag Museum.

Anyone with Antique Tractors is encouraged to bring them to show. There is no entry fee. Setup will be Friday afternoon or 8 a.m. Saturday. For more information call Allen Andrae at (325) 754 4014, Weldon Andrae at (817) 991 6737 or Dale Duggan at (325) 977 0527.

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Former Mazeland school students reunion

Saturday, September 21, 2013 the former Mazeland school students will be holding their 13th reunion at the Winters First United Methodist Church, 141 North Church Street. This reunion was started by Clara and Harley Brooks at their home in Sonora, Texas. This was such an overtaking and all appreciate them for doing this. Thanks for all the ones that have carried on this reunion. There have been so many to address their names. But a big thank you.

Make reservations with: Roscoe Morrison at (325) 743 2738 or Paul Tharp at (325) 754 4243.

Winters Rodeo Association playday

The Winters Rodeo Association will host their September playday on Saturday, September 21 at the Winters Rodeo Arena. Sign up for events at 6 p.m. Events will start at 7 p.m. Events are: Clover barrels, straight barrels, poles and flags. Concession stand will be open.

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WHS graduate enrolls at McMurry

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ABILENE- Evelyn Campos of Winters, Texas has enrolled as a first-year member of the Class of 2017 at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas. Campos is majoring in Accounting.

McMurry University total enrollment for the Fall 2013 semester is 1,223 students.

"Our freshman and transfer classes exceeded our planning expectations in both total number of students we expected to register this year and in the academic strength our new students bring to the university," said Jon Crook, Director of Admission at McMurry. "We look forward to their development as student leaders on our campus the next four years."

Offering a diverse academic curriculum to its students, McMurry University is a small Christian liberal arts school in Abilene, Texas. Students choose from 41 majors; education and business are popular as are the school's pre-

professional programs in medicine, dentistry, law, and physical therapy. The three-week May Term gives students an opportunity to explore a subject outside their major. Through the Servant Leadership Program, students learn about ethics and develop leadership qualities. Internships with businesses in Abilene present undergraduates with the opportunity to acquire additional knowledge of the workplace in nonprofit and corporate settings.

McMurry's points of distinction include: A Top 100 National Baccalaureate College, according to Washington Monthly magazine; named a Military Friendly School by G.I. Jobs magazine; recognized by U.S. News and World Report for quality and value; named a "Great College to Work for" by the Chronicle of Higher Education; recognized by "Colleges of Distinction" for educational quality.

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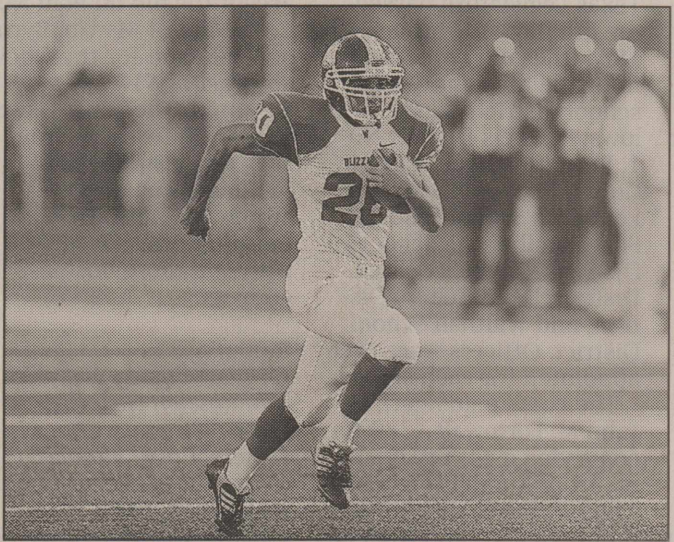
Sept. 23-27 Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

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

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

- Monday**
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Lasagna/Bread Stick (Elem., J.H./Hot Roll (H.S.) or Grilled Chicken Pattie/Bun, Peas & Carrots, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Peaches, Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday**
Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak/Bread Stick (Elem., J.H./Hot Roll (H.S.) or Chicken Tenders/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H./H.S.) Bread Stick, Italian Green Beans, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**
Chef Salad or Nachos or Chicken Fajita, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Coleslaw, Pears, Choice of Milk.
- Thursday**
Chef Salad or Chicken Nugget/Gravy/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H./Bread Stick (H.S.) or Steak Fingers/Gravy/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H./Breadstick(H.S.), Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Milk.
- Friday**
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Bites/Bread Stick, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Lettuce/Pickles, Orange, Choice of Milk.

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Julian Soto intercepts the football and runs it in for a touchdown.

Blizzards: Nothing stops the Big Blue

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ard reception for their lonely touchdown of the night with 1:33 on the half.

Back from the pause Chris Gerhart would complete a drive with a 4-yard run into the endzone, with 9:53 left in the third, Kraatz added the kick 28-6.

Before the third was over running back Dusty Hines would take a long 78-yard rush into the endzone, to put the game in the freezer along with the spirit of the few fans that were still expecting a Longhorn comeback. The clock marked 3:54 in the third and the scoreboard went 35-6 with the kick from Kraatz.

But the game was not over yet, with 7:21 left in the last quarter Jimmy John Ripley caught an 80-yard pass from Gerhart, to put the last nail in the Longhorns coffin and drive the Blizzard spirit sky high with their first win of the season.

Friday night Winters will be facing Hamlin. The Pied Pipers lost to Anson, had an open and defeated Hawley on September 13.

"They are fast and have a good football team, we expect it will be a good test for us, another good ball game for the Blizzards," said Coach Caffey.

JV Blizzards vs Bronte



Jonathan Sandoval breaks a tackle for good yardage. PHOTO: JOE GERHART

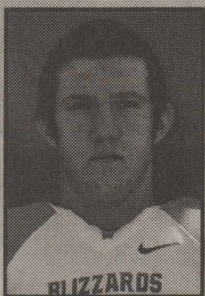
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- Driving force
- Sun-Tzu's classic treatise
- Prepare to fire
- Space Shuttle org.
- Alfalfa's sweetheart
- Slowpokes
- Overly formal
- Beatles song from "The White Album"
- Some Arabs
- European language
- Run casually
- Lady's secret, perhaps
- Lacking life
- Word with mirror or graven

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Down

- Approached the bench?
- Fireplace bit
- Average guy
- Santa __, CA
- Popcorn-to-be
- Like some magazine covers
- ___-Romeo
- Alan Dershowitz's field
- "I ___ Rock"
- Canned fish
- John Ritter TV show
- Good at gymnastics, maybe
- Desert wanderer

- Road gunk
- Will Smith role
- G. Gordon ___
- Not in the dark
- Bar order
- Flippant
- Big-city blight
- Sioux shelter
- Send to cloud nine
- Conscious of, slangily
- Chess and checkers, for two
- Wear away, as a coastline
- Principal
- In the same family tree
- Saw
- "Shaken, not ___"
- Enjoy eggs
- Sportscaster's info
- Stout
- Comfy shoes
- Center
- Annoying type
- Mined material
- Sickly pale
- Lyricist Gershwin
- Like romantic lights
- Beaver Cleaver's exclamation
- Curvy letter

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Weather Whys

Q: Long-range forecast is out from the "Farmer's Almanac" and it predicts a very cold winter. How accurate is long-range forecasting?

A: It depends on exactly what you mean by "long range," says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "On forecasts within the next 24 hours, forecasts are usually very accurate," he says. "Forecasts made between 1-3 days are usually pretty good. But beyond seven days or so, the accuracy rate tends to slip because factors that make up a forecast tend to change. So the shorter the time period, the more accurate the forecast. It's interesting to note that 'The Old Farmer's Almanac,' now in its 222nd year and one of the 'oldest publications' in the country, makes up its weather forecasts about a year in advance, and it claims to have an 80 percent accuracy rate. It uses a 'secret' method of weather forecasting that it's used for over 200 years."

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THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY

Wire cutting, cattlemen and the early school districts

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WINTERS- Various instances of wire cutting continued but there were other concerns at this time. In late 1883 and early 1884, the usual much needed rain did not

come. The Runnels County Record Editor lost some of his enthusiasm in his articles in the county paper. The dampened spirits and present slow-down in immigration was evident. The settlers were beginning to consider moving on west

because of the complications caused by fencing. They soon realized fencing forced people to depend on other sources of water which had previously been available to the public wherever it was.

The community that had grown up around the site of Fort Chadbourne had a population now of 25. Mr. H.H. Lockett was the postmaster, Mr. J.B. McClutchen was the owner of a general store and John McLarlong was the Justice of the Peace.

The parents of Jim Johnson came from Ireland around 1863. He was born while they crossed the Atlantic Ocean. The ship came into port in "Old Camel Town," possibly near Jacksonville, Florida. Both parents died of fever when Jim Johnson was 10. A family named Smith took the three children to raise, Jim, an older brother and a sister. Jim did not stay, but slipped off and went to Panama City. He got in with the captain of a boat, and came back entering at the Port of New Orleans. He then went to Wyoming for three years.

When Jim was 16 years of age, he heard of Texas running wild with cattle so he headed to Gonzales. He worked right into the cattle drivers' job on the range. The range during that time included all of the land between the Rio

Grande and the Red River. It took one week on horseback and two with a wagon to travel that distance.

Jim fared well, and by the early 1880's had settled into the area that had become Runnels County. A picture from Chapman and Ralph, North Side Gallery, North Second Street, Abilene, Texas, showed the friends and Trail Drivers. Among them were L.P. (Luce) Wood, Bush Stell, and John McEwen Formwalt, who would become the first sheriff of Runnels County, Claude Kent, Ame Flache and Jim Johnson. During this time, the cowboys were very independent and knew they were very much in demand by every big cowman in Texas.

It was the continuous traveling up the many trails that helped to force the different tribes of Indians away from the areas and made it safer for the cattlemen on the open range. Eventually, these trail drivers formed their own association known as the Trail Drivers Association.

The 12th day of May A. D. 1884 was the beginning for the regular term of court in Runnels County Courthouse. The first order of business was to re-direct both the Runnels City and Abilene road and also the road from Content to the Taylor County line.

New overseers were appointed to work with the road hands living along each road. The court heard the case of a resident charged with unlawfully carrying a pistol. He was found guilty and assessed a fine of \$25 plus a jury fee of \$3 for a total of \$28, plus turning over the pistol to the sheriff. The next case was a resident charged with unlawful herding of sheep on private property. He wanted a trial by jury and was found not guilty. Other cases included carrying firearms unlawfully and disturbing the peace. The court then paid their bills and adjourned until 8 a.m. May 13, 1884.

In accordance with an act of the called Session of the Texas Legislature passed the 6th day of February 1884, the court proceeded to divide the county into school districts as follows: Runnels District No. 1, Burnett School District, Content School District, Lone Star School District, Fort Chadbourne School District, Maverick School District, Davis School District, and Walthall School District. Officers were then appointed for each school.

The court paid Sheriff John M. Formwalt \$380 for conveying eight prisoners from Runnels City to Abilene, from Abilene to Colorado City, and Abilene back to Runnels City and

from Coleman to Abilene. The court adjourned for the day, to convene at 8 a.m., May 15, 1884.

The meeting was opened with the same present as before. Orders were given as follows: The Annual Ad Valorem Tax of 17.5 cents, School Tax of 12.5 cents on \$100, County Tax of 25 cents on \$100, five cents on \$100 for Road and Bridge purposes, Occupation Tax levied at one-half of the State Tax for the county, a Special Tax for building purposes of 15 cents on \$100 for the purpose of paying interest on the jail and create a fund to redeem the jail bond.

The court adjourned for the day and convened on May 16, 1884. The first order of business was to accept the bid on Plan No. 1. The bid of Martin, Byrne and Johnson for the whole contract of \$17,000 was accepted. The court issued \$3,837.50 from the treasury and issued \$13,000 in bonds. The court adjourned until the next morning, May 17, 1884 with still more business to address.

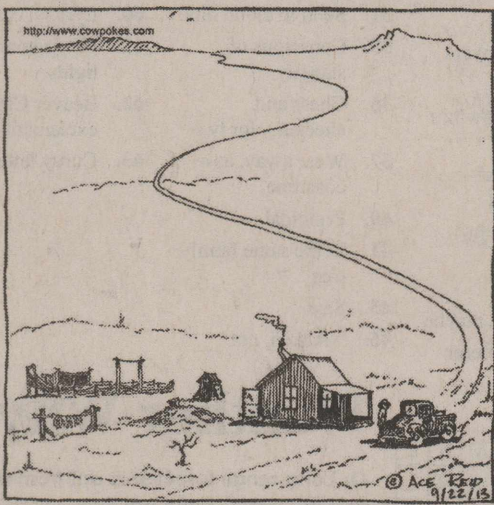
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Proposition Number 1 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by statute for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed in action, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried. An eligible spouse who later qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead could be authorized by statute to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation in the same amount received for the first qualifying homestead during the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States who is killed in action."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision requiring the creation of a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation. No new loans have been made from the fund by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational."

Proposition Number 3 (HJR 133)

HJR 133 would authorize local political subdivisions to extend the length of time that aircraft

parts could remain temporarily in this state before being subject to ad valorem taxation. Under current law, merchandise, wares, and goods (including aircraft parts) may remain in this state temporarily for up to 175 days before being subject to ad valorem taxation; the proposed amendment would permit taxing entities to extend the exemption up to 730 days after the date that a person acquired or imported aircraft parts in the state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 24)

HJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran at no cost to the veteran by a charitable organization.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 18)

SJR 18 would amend the definition of "reverse mortgage" to authorize the making of reverse mortgage loans for the purchase of homestead property in addition to the current

legal uses of those loans, and would give lenders recourse against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortgage. The language of the required notice is prescribed in the resolution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 would create the State Water Implementation Fund as a special fund inside the state treasury and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and would be used to implement the state water plan, as adopted by general law, by TWDB.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any resulting vacancies in office must be filled by special election. The proposed amendment would provide an option

for home-rule municipalities to fill short-term vacancies through appointment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less."

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54)

HJR 147 would repeal the Texas Constitution's maximum tax rate for a Hidalgo County hospital district; the maximum rate is currently set at 10 cents per \$100 valuation. This rate is lower than the maximum tax rate allowable for hospital districts in all other counties in the State (75 cents per \$100 valuation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district tax rates in Hidalgo County equal to the hospital district tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas counties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would expand the potential sanctions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

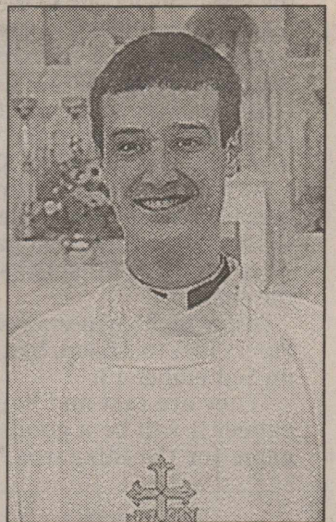
OLFEN- Sam Matthiesen was ordained to the holy priesthood on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in San Angelo by Bishop Michael Pfeiffer.

Fr. Sam celebrated his first Holy Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday June 9, at his home parish, St. Boniface, Olfen.

Sam attended Olfen Elementary and Olfen Junior High. He graduated from Paint Rock High School in 2004, followed with college at Conception Seminary College in Conception Missouri, graduating from there in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. That fall Sam entered Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, and earned a Masters in Divinity in May of this year.

Sam is the son of James and Starla Matthiesen of Olfen, grandson of Arnold and Charlene Matthiesen of Olfen, and Nelda Riddle and the late Tom Riddle of Miles.

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On children and 'goose-googling'...

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Perhaps it is a trivial thing, this business of "Goose" and "Google" beginning with the same three letters — or maybe not.

The former — with "Mother" in front of her name — is a remnant from centuries past. For hundreds of years, printed words — and those from the lips of loving parents and others putting children to bed — provided stories that activated vivid imaginations. On the winds of what was, what is and what might yet be whirled thoughts of young minds swept up in "play-like" worlds of make believe.

The latter, "Google" — a

word so often attached to the hip to "it" — may play a more critical role than we realize. We may eventually count greatly on "Google" for details of the "Mother Goose" who used to be during glory days of youthful innocence. Here lately, she's "flown the coop," with absences ever lengthening....

Mother Goose was the property of no one — and everyone. A "feathery grandmother of make believe," she was at home on many continents, her verses unquantifiable, a compilation of the thoughts of many minds.

Her fables, verses and rhymes were born in minds of many generations. Their words — some clever, or ridiculous or even absurd — seemed worth writing down, repeating and remembering.



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They're collected in that big memory repository so tenderly guarded by Mother Goose. Somehow, they've survived the centuries....

Her words were handy when we spent more time putting children to bed. The old bird was on good terms with the Good Book, lovingly linked for bedtime application.

Today, bedtime rituals more likely call for technicians. Buttons are pushed to access sounds, and pages — formerly turned — slide silently across iPad screens as children drift off to dreamland.

Those still in footed PJs are more likely today to recognize the AFLAC duck than the goose offering nursery rhymes....

Mother Goose, never "pushy," was more of a "go along to get along" type. She'd be saddened today in a world where fear dominates. Children furrow brows now like their elders, rarely breaking into robust laughter like they used to.

Circumstances — something we've always lived "under" — are authors of fear. They grow ever more ominous, and we're afraid far more often than we're joyful.

Children learn early on take too much too seriously....

The other day, I heard a quiet conversation by a couple of youngsters, perhaps second graders. I was surprised at their leisurely conversational pace, as

well as the topic, "Humpty-Dumpty."

I resisted the impulse to mention that this is one of the hundreds of "Mother Goose" poems. After all, I was waiting in the mall for my wife to finish shopping. Besides, these youngsters already had a grandfather in tow.

Alas, the conversation grew serious. "I've heard that Humpty-Dumpty was pushed," one said....

"Maybe so," said the other. "And I'm sad for the first responders. Don't you know they felt like they were walking on eggshells?"

Wow, thought I. Here was a kid who "imagined," just as the old goose would hope.

My wife and I walked to our car, "clicking" the door lock a few feet away, then drove home, cruise control on and radio news blaring....

pocket resting place.

It was done methodically. Poppa stared at the time piece, usually saying nothing. It didn't even have a second hand, nor was one needed. He had seconds to spare, this man whose activities rarely involved "punching in." Quite simply, he worked from early 'til late, usually six full days a week.

He always seemed happy. Though uneducated, he learned life's hardships early on. Widowed at age 45, he was left with nine children, three of elementary school age. He had reason to be pensive, this man so very much at home in the cotton fields and on land dotted by cedar trees. It was his to pick the bolls of cotton, and, with his ax, turn the trees into cedar posts. As he stared at his watch, he was in deep thought. And we thought he was checking the time....

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