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Sheriff's Office warns area citizens of credit card scam

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BALLINGER- The Runnels County Sheriff's Office is warning area residents of a new credit card/debit card scam moving across the country, and encouraged everyone to verify the origin of any calls pertaining credit card information before disclosing any data.

In this new scam a caller contacts the credit card/debit cardholder, and provides all the information pertaining his/her card, except for a little piece they want: The three-digit security code on the back of the card.

"These callers don't ask for your credit card number," said Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird, "They already have the number and read it to you

along with all the legitimate information."

According to the caller the card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and they are supposedly calling to verify. They ask about some specific purchase and when the cardholder denies having done the transaction the caller offers to issue a credit to the account.

The caller continues and encourages the cardholder to call

the 800 number listed on the back of the card (1-800-VISA) and ask for Security.

The scam takes place when the caller asks the card holder to "verify that the cardholder is in possession of the card, by reading the last three digits (a security code) on the back of the card."

These numbers allow cardholders to make Internet purchases by proving they are in

possession of the card.

Scammers are using this data to make purchases, usually keeping the transaction under \$500, to prevent the operation from being flagged by credit card companies or by the cardholder.

The Runnels County Sheriff's Office recommends not to disclose any information, and call the 800 number in the card for verification.

Accidental overdose ruled in BPD officer's death

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Lubbock County Medical Examiner ruled accidental overdose in the death of Ballinger Police Department Corporal Larry Joe Nitsch. Results of the toxicology report were released last week to the Runnels County Sheriff's Office.

Death, according to authorities, was caused by prescription painkillers. The investigation revealed that Corporal L.J. Nitsch took the drugs the night of July 23, 2013 while he was house sitting at his sister's, at the 1400 block of Hutchings Avenue, in Ballinger, Texas. His lungs collapsed by aspiration of body fluids, precipitated by the use of a drug. Nitsch passed away on July 24, he was 25 years old.

His body was found the early in the morning by his fiancée.

L.J. was born on September 2, 1987 to Larry Joe Nitsch and Lisa (Carson) Yates in Ballinger. He graduated from Winters High School and continued his education, earning an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement from South Plains College in Levelland. L.J. was a police officer with the Ballinger Police Department for three and one-half years.

Funeral services for L.J. Nitsch were held on July 29 at First United Methodist Church in Ballinger. He was laid to rest at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters.

Nitsch started his law enforcement career as patrolman in Ballinger. In May of 2013 he was promoted to Corporal.

The tragedy of Nitsch's passing shook the Ballinger and Winters communities. He had a promising career and was bound to get married. Court records show that he had been issued a wedding license just two days before his death.

FBC of Winters to host women's conference

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STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- First Baptist Church, Winters will host a Binding Together Women's Conference on Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20. Jami Smith, one of the country's premier Christian worship leaders from Oklahoma, will be the featured guest for the event. Meals and childcare are provided free of charge.

For more information call FBC at (325) 754 5521. You may register for the conference at the door or online at fbcwinters.eventbrite.com.

The conference will begin on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. with registration in FBC Jones Fellowship Hall. A full day of worship will follow from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The evening will end with a community-wide worship for all men, women and children, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the FBC sanctuary. Smith will lead the Sunday morning worship beginning at 10:45 a.m.

Women, young and old and every age in-between, from all area churches are encouraged to attend. There are advantages to cooperating with others as God designed life for companionship and intimacy. Isolation and loneliness are God's enemies. We are made to worship God Almighty and He made us to serve Him and others. Love binds all virtues together in perfect harmony. Women, whether young or old have so much to offer one another. The heart of

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Dusty Hines making extra yards during one of his runs in the Blizzards vs. Stamford game held last Friday night.

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Blizzards downed in district opener

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- State ranked Stamford Bulldogs defeated last week Winters in the Conference 4-1A Division I district opener by a score of 54-12, and dropped the Blizzards' overall record to 1-6 with three more games to play in the regular season.

"I thought there are certain aspects we did good, but overall we had trouble containing the Bulldogs' offensive," said Winters High School Head Football Coach Stan Caffey. "I am proud of our offensive line, Dusty Hines did an excellent job rushing 206 yards."

Caffey said that the team continues improving, and the score not necessarily reflects what happened on the field.

Stamford has one of the best defenses, are state ranked No. 2 and have one of the best receivers in state. "Our game plan was trying to keep the ball away from them but we couldn't stop the big play," Caffey added.

Friday night Stamford opened the scoring with a 26-yard field goal (8:19) and 65-yard punt return

Conf. 4-1A Div. I					
Score by quarters					
Team	1	2	3	4	T
Winters	0	6	0	6	12
Stamford	16	26	6	6	54
Week 6, Oct. 11					
Haskell	6-35		Forsan		
Winters	12-54		Stamford		
Standing					
	District	Overall			
Stamford	1-0 (5-1)	6-1			
Forsan	1-0 (2-4)	3-4			
Haskell	0-1 (2-4)	2-5			
Winters	0-1 (1-5)	1-6			
Anson	— (6-0)	6-0			
Week 7, Oct. 18					
Stamford	at	Haskell			
Anson	at	Winters			

(5:20), both of them by James Washington. Bo Wimberly added a 5-yard run (1:47) to set the score 16-0 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter Stamford added three more touchdowns before Winters could get on the score. Bo Wimberly completed a 5-yard pass to Washington (10:00), Ty McLemore rushed a 7-yard touchdown (8:20) and

Washington carried a 65-yard punt return (3:30).

With 1:00 remaining before the half Winters scored their first points of the game via a 6-yard run by Dusty Hines.

Before the half was over Stamford would score one more time, when Wes Hutchinson completed a 70-yard pass to James Washington, to send the game 42-6 into halftime.

In the second half of the game Winters held Stamford to two touchdowns. In the third quarter, with 6:47 left on the clock Eric Sanchez rushed the ball 6 yards into the endzone, and in the last quarter (5:40) Michael Gonzalez rushed a 17-yard touchdown.

Dusty Hines added six points more for the Blizzards, with 7:34 left to play, with a 1-yard run.

With the win, Stamford improves to 6-1 on the season. Winters moves to 1-6 and this Friday night will be hosting state ranked No. 3 Anson Tigers, in a District 4-1A Division I test. The Tigers come with a record of 6-0. Anson got last week open and won their most recent game against Tahoka.



Armando Rodriguez blocking an extra point.

Early voting starts Oct. 21

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STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Early voting for the November 5 Constitutional Amendment Election and General Election for the City of Miles will be conducted October 21 through November 1 at the Runnels County Courthouse in Ballinger, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

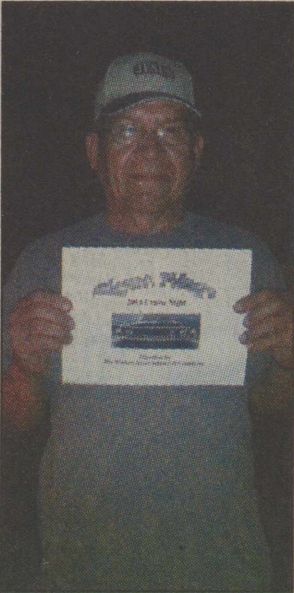
There will be nine propositions on the ballot. Eligible voters residing in the City of Miles will also be voting for Mayor. The election for the City of Miles will be at the bottom of the Constitutional Amendment ballot.

Any qualified voter is eligible to vote early by personal appearance.

The last day to receive an application to vote by mail is October 25, 2013.

Sample ballots are available at the County Clerk's Office in Ballinger, the Tax Branch in Winters and Miles City Hall.

For further information or to request an application to vote early by mail, please contact the County Clerk's Office at (325) 365 2720.



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NEWS NOTES

Athletic Booster Club to host tailgate party

Winters Athletic Booster Club will host their annual Tailgate Party Friday evening, October 18 before the Anson vs. Blizzards football game. Free fresh grilled hamburgers and French fries with all the trimmings will be served to all Athletic Booster Club members and their immediate families from 6-7 p.m. at Sticker Stadium, just outside of Blizzard Stadium. Families are asked to provide their own drinks and a dessert to share with all Blizzard fans. They should also bring their own lawn chairs.

Senior Citizen Nursing Home taking candy donations

It's October again. Senior Citizen Nursing Home is asking for donations of Halloween candy to be given out on Halloween night to all children who come by trick-or-treating. Trick or treat is Thursday, October 31, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Winters Rodeo Association October playday

The Winters Rodeo Association will host their October playday on Saturday, October 19 at the Winters Rodeo Arena. We'll sign up for events at 12 p.m. and ride at 1 p.m. For more information contact Melissa at (325) 754 5648.

Veteran's Day ceremony and parade

The VFW Post 9196 will host the Ceremony on Monday, November 11 at 10 a.m. at the Memorial on the Courthouse Square. The parade will start at the conclusion of the ceremony. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will provide cookies, water and coffee at the ceremony. Plan to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the parade. If you would like to enter the parade, just call Sandra at the Veteran's Service Office at 365 3612.

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.

Winters Athletic Booster Club raffling 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.

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.

Winters Country Club Men's Club Championship

The Winters Country Club had their Men's Club Championship Oct. 5-6.

The winners were:
Championship Flight
1st place Robin Byrd
2nd place Connie Mac Gibbs

1st Flight
1st place Armando Tamez
2nd place Rick Dry

2nd Flight
1st place Gary Schwartz
2nd place Mike Funderburg

New books at the Public Library

Winters Public Library new adult books

- "Darling Dahlias and the Texas Star" by Susan Wittig Albert.
- "Deadline" by Sandra Brown.
- "The Longest Ride" by Nicholas Sparks.
- "Never Go Back" by Lee Child.
- "Rose Harbor in Bloom" by Debbie Macomber.
- "The Secret Keeper" by Beverly Lewis.
- "W is for Wasted" by Sue Grafton.
- "The 2nd Watch" by J.A. Jance.

NEWS BRIEFS

Governor appoints District Attorney of the 132nd Judicial District

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Benjamin Smith of Snyder as District Attorney of the 132nd Judicial District in Borden and Scurry counties for a term to expire at the next general election. Smith is the Borden County Attorney and an Assistant District Attorney for the 132nd Judicial District. He is a former partner at Hargrove and Smith Attorneys at Law and former Municipal Court Judge for the City of Snyder.

Cisco attorney appointed to Court of Appeals

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry has appointed John M. Bailey of Cisco as Justice of the 11th Court of Appeals, effective Oct. 31, 2013, for a term to expire at the next general election. Bailey is a senior staff attorney of the 11th Court of Appeals. He is a former associate attorney at Glandon and Scarborough PC, and a former law clerk for Chief Justice Austin McCloud of the 11th Court of Appeals.

Conference: To love and to share

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this meeting is to focus that love and to share it across the generations. Jami Smith has spent the better part of her life bringing Christians closer to the Creator. For more than 15 years, Smith has traveled the world using music as a tool to help believers connect with the Lord. Smith's latest project, VERSE, is an all-scripture album featuring 12 songs written word-for-word from the Bible. Smith was raised in the small town of Chickasha, Oklahoma. Her childhood memories include expansive wheat fields, ATV riding with her brothers and singing in her hometown church, Sharon Baptist Church. Part of Smith's charm is that she never left those small-town values behind when she left home to pursue her dream. Humility and grace are undeniably part of Smith's fabric. The only thing more important to Jami Smith than her relationship with her family is her relationship with Christ. She still lives within 60 minutes of her hometown. Smith regularly partners with her younger brother, Ryan Smith, to write songs. Their most recent collaboration is featured on Smith's new release, VERSE. Jami and her husband, Justin, have two children, Emory Grace and Griffin Thomas. Smith has known since she was a college student at Oklahoma Baptist University that she was called to be a worship leader. Childhood dreams of becoming the next Amy Grant lost their luster. Smith felt the divine tug of a powerful God. Her obedience to that calling has helped revolutionize worship in churches across America. Smith performs at church services, schools, women's retreats, conferences and special events. Smith has enjoyed success not only as a worship leader, but as a recording artist as well. Radio stations around the world play Smith's songs. "Salt and Light" from her 2002 release, Wash Over Me, hovered at the top of the charts. Smith's 2008 release, Faith In You, was named one of the top worship albums of 2008 by Christianity Today. That same publication also recognized Smith's Christmas album, Hope Of All The Earth, as "something of a revelation" and "an excellent Christmas project." Jami Smith's other passions include honoring teachers for the sacrificial work they do in the classroom. For several years, Smith has organized a benefit concert for educators in the Oklahoma City metro area. Smith rallied business, religious and political leaders to give back to teachers. She wrote the song "You Dreamed For Me" as a thank you to teachers.

From the Chief's Desk
Responsible parenting

By Randall Davis
Winters Chief of Police

There have been times in my life when I was required to make a decision and sometimes the choice I made came with difficulty. Other times the decision was clear and easy. Some of the easiest decisions I made came when deciding on what path I wanted follow in my own life and raising my children in the safest and cleanest environment possible. I never completed any of the tasks perfectly, but over all I believe I was successful and made the right decision. I am the parent of four children and the grandparent of almost eight grandchildren. Yes, almost eight. If all goes as planned the next young man to carry on the family name will be here in time for Thanksgiving. I never was a perfect kid and if you were to listen to my parents, I apparently didn't make it easy on them. My kids, at times, created difficulties for me as a parent, evidenced by the increasing number of

grey hairs on my head. I came to learn early on from the constant reminders from my mother when she would warn me I was going to pay for my raising when I grew up and had children. As much as I hate to admit it, she was right. Sometimes, maybe mother does know best. I made the choice early in life not to indulge or even experiment with drugs. To this date I have never used marijuana. In my early adult life I made the choice of not wanting my children growing up in a home with frequent use of alcohol. I'm not telling you this trying to convince anyone of my innocence or trying to be better than the next guy, but rather I firmly believe if a person brings a child into this world then there is certain responsibilities owed to the child. Parental responsibilities are not met easily and I guess I was lucky those responsibilities were instilled in me by my parents in the way I was raised. My parents didn't wait until I was 17 to try

to raise me, they started at birth. I never had the experience of living in a household where either parent struck the other. I never saw either parent come home intoxicated or under the influence of drugs. "Social gatherings" were usually attended by friends and families attending our Baptist Church, this was our social group. The police did not frequent our home on Saturday night during the course of their duties. To my knowledge, my parents never even saw the inside of a police department. My parents never partied with me and rarely condoned my actions as a teen. I was held accountable for my actions and made to take responsibility for my mistakes. When faced with parental issues I looked back on my own raising to recall how my parents handled those problems and tried to use their solutions in resolving the issues. I cannot say my parents handled every problem perfectly and I am reassured I didn't either. I have learned through my own parental experiences children are very observant at a young age and develop their own behavior tendencies through what they experience watching and learning from their parents and guardians closest to them.

I imagine it would be hard to develop a "say no to drugs" philosophy if my parent or older sibling had a marijuana leaf tattooed on their neck. What would my life be if I grew up witnessing dad hitting mom in a drunken tirade and spending the

remainder of the night in jail. How would I have interpreted mom and dad each throwing back a six pack for dessert and having to fall asleep hearing a disturbing argument from the next room. I have encountered parents who have in the past and some who continue to smoke marijuana with their children, children who have told me their friends parents' take their children Christmas shopping and explained their own parents took them Christmas shopping. On one occasion I was asked to meet with a 16 year old boy who sat crying and told me he was really trying to do better and avoid trouble but explained he just didn't know how, he was never shown. As a police officer I have had the unfortunate opportunities to have to intervene into family crisis on a frequent basis. Many of these instances scream of a lack of family structure, little or no exposure to a faith based influence, abuse of alcohol and or drugs, and a general lack of parenting skills. Again, I'm not professing to be some great expert in parenting. I have made my own mistakes, a lot of them. I just have to wonder when asked from some parents why their child acts out in disrespect, rebels in an abnormal way, or is beginning to rack up his own frequent flyer miles with law enforcement, I have to ask first, what kind of home life was this child raised in? Maybe, as responsible parents, we should be asking ourselves that question.

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Water-well owner training set for Oct. 23 in San Angelo

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STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO— Anyone interested in private water-well management in the Middle and South Concho River watershed area is invited to the free Texas Well Owner Network training October 23 in San Angelo.

The training will be from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Tom Green 4-H Center Building, 3168 N. U.S. Highway 67, said Drew Gholson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist and network coordinator, College Station.

"The Texas Well Owner Network program is for Texas residents who depend on household wells for their water needs," Gholson said. "Well owners who want to become familiar with Texas' groundwater resources, septic system maintenance, well maintenance and construction, water quality and water treatment will benefit from this training."

Participants may bring water-well samples and have them screened for \$10, with payment due when they are turned in at the training.

"We invite private well owners to bring in a water sample to be screened for nitrates, total dissolved solids and bacteria," he said.

Well owners who would like to have their well water sampled can pick up the sample bags and bottles from the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green, Irion, Schleicher, Runnels, Sterling and Concho counties. They can also be obtained at the Lipan-Kickapoo Groundwater Conservation District office, 9538 York Road, Suite C, in Vancourt.

The analysis cost is \$10 per sample for E. coli bacteria, which will be done by SKG Engineering, San Angelo. Sample bags for nitrate and total dissolved solids screening also should be turned in with the bottle on the day of the training.

Bringing water samples to the training is not required, Gholson said, but if people want their water samples analyzed, they must attend.

Attendance is limited, so attendees are requested to register at <http://twon.tamu.edu/training> or by calling 979-845-1461 as soon as possible. Every participant will receive a Texas Well Owner Network Handbook, the Well Owner's Guide to Water Supply.

Gholson said the training is one of 14 being conducted statewide through the Preventing Water Quality Contamination through the Texas Well Owner Network project.

"The core content of this program is the same as other trainings, but the information is tailored to local water quality issues and aquifers," he said.

Gholson said more than 1 million private water wells in Texas provide water to citizens in rural areas and increasingly to those living on small acreages at the growing rural-urban interface.

"Private well owners are independently responsible for monitoring the quality of their wells," he said. "They are responsible for ensuring their drinking water is safe. They are responsible for all aspects of the water system — testing, inspecting, maintaining — and this training will help owners to understand and care for their wells."

Going down!



Chris Diaz puts a hit on the Bulldogs running back at the Winters vs. Stamford Eighth Grade game held last week. PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Anything you need You'll find it here **Classifieds**

CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change*

Oct. 15-25

Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday

Breakfast Taco 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

Breakfast Pizza 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 Lasagna/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.O Bread Stick (H.S.) or Grilled Chicken Pattie/Bun, Peas & Carrots, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli w/Cherry Tomato, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak/Bread Hot Roll (1 oz.) or Chicken Tenders/Graham Crackers (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, Peas, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Chef Salad (H.S. only) Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Bread Stick or Meat Loaf/Hot Roll (2 oz.), 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 Buns, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Lettuce/Pickles, Orange, Choice of Milk.

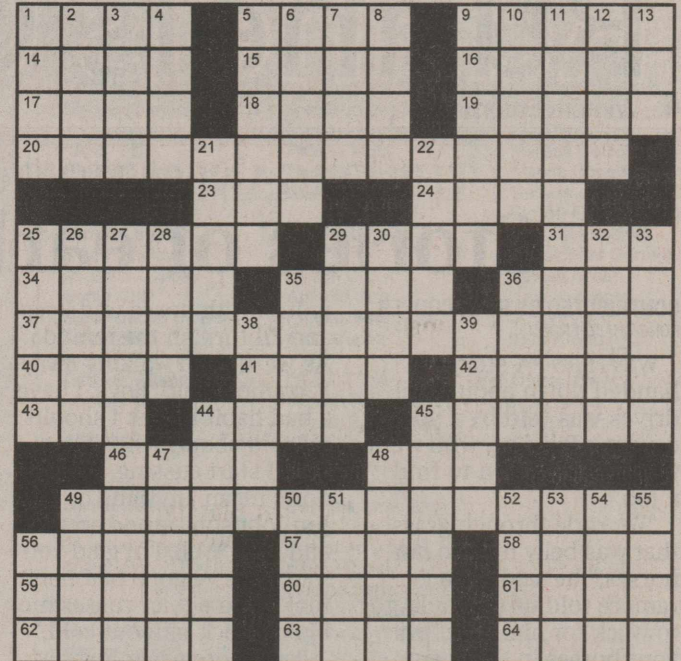
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1. Wild attempt
5. Send packing
9. Lessen
14. Carry around
15. Type of exam
16. Rose holders
17. Smell
18. From ___ to riches
19. Fools
20. Propose marriage
23. "___ was saying..."
24. Soft mineral
25. Cruel sort
29. Best Actress of 1987
31. Ending for capital or social
34. Musician Reznor
35. Soothing plant
36. "I could ___ horse!"
37. Prudential logo
40. "Famous" cookie man
41. Nevada city
42. Loyal person
43. Dawber of "Mork and Mindy"
44. "No way, ___!"
45. Skips a turn voluntarily
46. Bonus
48. Botch the job
49. Simple sort
56. Lacks
57. Sign of things to come
58. Astronaut Sally
59. Last Greek letter
60. Farm measurement



61. Trebek of "Jeopardy!"

62. Relinquishes

63. Gymnastics equipment

64. Water around a castle

Down

1. Octagonal sign
2. List type
3. Using as a perch
4. Ernie's pal
5. Black or Sherwood
6. Basra resident
7. Spaghetti sauce brand
8. Besides
9. James Cameron movie
10. Spice rack choice

11. Word in some law firm names

12. High schooler, usually

13. Tee preceder

21. Lacks a choice

22. Take the helm

25. Sandal part

26. Pleasant inhalation

27. Broke down

28. Signs, as a contract

29. Singer Patsy

30. Railyard denizen

32. Theater part

33. Female horses

35. Historical periods

36. Yale folk

38. "The Road Not Taken" poet

39. Dream stealer

44. Revolutionary groups

45. Dried fruit

47. Fencing ploy

48. Man who worked with his thumb?

49. Showed up

50. Indulge one's wanderlust

51. Disco hit by the Village People

52. Baby carriage, in England

53. About 2.2 pounds

54. Thought

55. Barbershop call

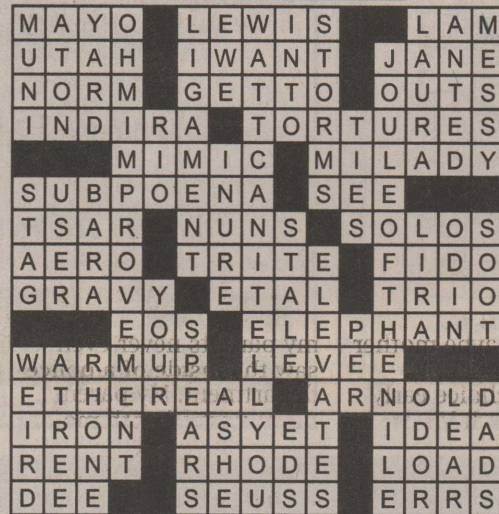
56. Ad ___ committee

Weather Whys

Q: When was the first rain gauge used?

A: People have been trying to measure rainfall for thousands of years, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Ancient Chinese government records show that the Chou dynasty was interested in keeping rainfall measurements more than 3,000 years ago," McRoberts says. "We also know that there are records in India of recording rainfall about 400 B.C. Some of the best records were kept in Korea. King Sejong wanted to improve agricultural technology and his son, who was to become King Munjong, invented a rain gauge in the 1400s. A rain gauge was sent to every village to measure a farmer's potential harvest and to determine taxes to be levied on certain areas of the country according to the rainfall it received."

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Stories of early trail drives

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WINTERS— A story handed down about trail drives was told by a young cowboy, Bill Gee, who went with Jim Johnson to find a job.

"We rode through grass that was belly high to our horses," he said. "Jim Parramore told us we could go to work for him, 'Just put your horses in the corral and you can stay in the bunk house. Pay is \$30 per

month with board and keep and I'll furnish the remuda.' As we started walking away Parramore said 'Boys, I have a bad habit I think I should tell you about. When I get mad I start cussing, but I don't mean anything by it.' Jim Johnson turned around and said 'Well, I'm glad you told me. I've got a bad habit too! When a man cusses me I just knock him out cold.' Parramore never lost his temper with Jim Johnson. Parramore ran 6,000-7,000

head all of the time and was a good man to work for, according to Jim Johnson.

On a certain day while watching the herds, Van S. Lewis, Luce Wood, Dudley Tom, Jim Parramore and Jim Johnson were setting down talking about cattle and all that involved. The discussion turned to the conclusion — 1,000 or 2,000 head could tie up a person as much as 10 times that many. One of the men suggested, "why not all of us throw our herds together, hire one man each, form a company and work hard to get somewhere." They discussed the proposal at length and Parramore said it would be all right, a good plan but he would have twice as many as everyone else. He would furnish more men and they could call it what they wanted. There would be a foreman, manager, sec-

retary or just plain ranch boss. Before the discussion was over, the 7H4 Cattle Company had been formed. They took the name from the Parramore Brand because Jim owned the controlling interest.

Dudley Tom had brought 1,010 head of cattle with him when he came from Guadalupe County to Runnels County; Luce Wood, whose herd wore the W.F. Bar Brand had around 2,000 head; Van S. Lewis had about 1,000 head and Jim Johnson had as many again with Parramore having about 7,000 head.

When all of the herds were together, it was a very large herd of cattle. Dudley Tom was an expert with the branding iron and marking knife. Luce Wood and Van S. Lewis were delegated to rope and see that the calves were there when Tom was ready. The Company worked and

branded cattle for anyone that had a herd.

A few fences were being built and that was becoming a problem when the company was moving the large herds.

One of the special targets was Colonel T. L. Odom. His headquarters were at Fort Chadbourne. About the time Runnels County was organized, Thomas Lawson, T. L. Odom, a rancher in Bexar County, and his son Garland G. Odom drove 4,000 head of cattle to Runnels County and established the O.D. Ranch. Odom purchased his land from Samuel Maverick who had it leased to the government. The Odom-Luckett Land and Livestock Company was organized. They proceeded to acquire title and eventually the 100,000 acres drew a great deal of opposition from the wire cutters. The "knights of the nippers" as they were known caused a lot of trouble. Their fence cutting was done during the night where ever they went. Odom was a member of the Texas Legislature. He secured the help of a group of Texas Rangers that worked in the area around Odoms' property. With the Rangers, their Captain George Taylor and Runnels County Sheriff John McEwen Formwalt, eight of the men were arrested. Under the new laws of fence cutting of the Texas Legislature, the Ranger Captain was hopeful of a conviction. One special reason was that a man named Benjamin Warren was hired as a detective and was working with the fence cutters pretending to be one of them. Ben Warren gathered his evidence but someone charged him with killing a cow in Nolan County before he could turn it over. He was required to go to trial in Sweetwater. He was acquitted.

After the trial, while he was talking to Colonel Odom in the Central Hotel, someone stepped to the window and shot Ben Warren in the head. Some theories thought the charge had been set up to get him out of Sweetwater so the fence cutters could kill him. It was a logical conclusion, whether true or not. With his murder, the case was weakened against the cutters.

The State postponed the fence cutting cases until the fall term. In March of the following year, Dan Hilton received an acquittal on a fence cutting charge and all but three of the others had charges dropped against them. Later, the State dropped all charges against the remaining three. Although the fence cutters had won the battle against Odom and the Rangers, they were still on the losing side.

The next regular term of the Honorable Commissioners Court was held June 20, 1884. The court met as a Board of Equalization to examine the County Tax Rolls. The inventories of the Assessor were by the court duly examined, approved and returned to the Assessor as required by law. With J. D. Yarbrow vacating the Precinct 3 position, Colonel T. L. Odom was duly appointed to fill that vacancy. With no further business, the court adjourned until the next regular term of court.

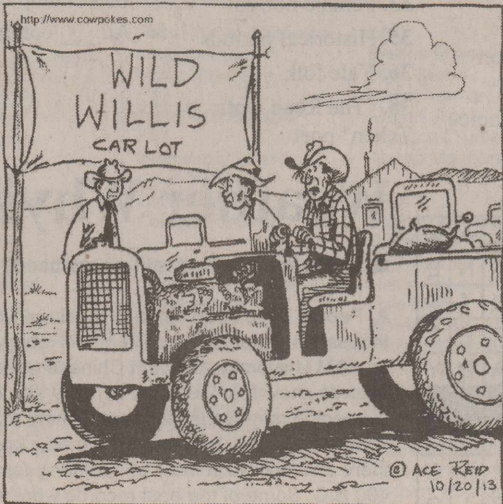
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WHS classes of 1956-58 hold class reunion

The classes of 1956, 1957 and 1958 met on September 28, 2013 in the Jones Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. There were a total of 33 attending including the spouses. There was a lot of getting caught up on things that have happened in the last 56 years. Several went to the dedication of the "Chick Inn Memorial" before joining others at the church.



TOP: Class of 1956
Jerry Morgan, Janice Colburn Craig, Eyvonne (Tekell) Lassiter, Marlene (Smith) Smith, Jo Ann (Smith) Helm, Martha (Cooke) Gehrels, Sylvia (Young) Sumner, Dennis Rodgers.



MIDDLE: Class of 1957
Back row left to right: Rodney Lloyd, Carolyn (Gerhart) Roach, O.J. Murray, Billy Jacob, Bud Busher, Darrell Compton.



Middle row left to right: Norma (Best) Morgan, Janice (Frick) Prusser, Raymond Lindsey. First row left to right: Darlene (McWright) Smith, Patsy (Wilkerson) Watkins, Sylvia (Schroeder) Richie, Eva Leta (Wright) Smith, Ginger (White) Helm, Donald Roach.

BOTTOM: Class of 1958
Charles Simpson, Jimmy Lewallen, Judy (Johnson) Robinson, Kay (England) Busher, Roger Long, Jerry Sullivan.

WHS Honor Roll

First Six Weeks 2013-2014

FRESHMEN	Joshua Coffman	SENIORS
"A"	Cameron Cooper	"A"
Grace Bryan	Sierra Ellis	Ashlee Hollis
Dylan Bryant	Chelsea Gray	Cory Pritchard
Micah Drake	Marissa Gray	Courtney Wyatt
Mason Johnson	Ayla Horton	
	Michael Martinez	"A-B"
"A-B"	Athena Mata	Melissa Calcote
Brooklyn Galloway	Samuel Reyes	Alanna Cooper
Justine Garcia	George Reyna	Guillermo Corral
Christy Kruse		Stormy Diaz
James Lange	JUNIORS	Sabrina Esquivel
K'Lee Lindley	"A"	Christopher Gerhart
Micaela Ochoa	Allison Crook	Austen Green
Sonia Ortiz	Antonio Diaz	Kara Heathcott
Aaron Jacob Smith	Kendall Ferguson	Dusty Hines
Kamri Soto	Vikki Munoz	Kara Kraatz
Angel Stratton		Caitlan Lara
Desiree Wilson	"A-B"	Andrew New
Samuel Woodall	William Bredemeyer	Julia Tamez
	Kimble Bridgeman	Tamron Tamez
SOPHOMORES	Kari Fink	Justin Ventress
"A"	Ashley Guy	Hannah Weaver
Bailee Busher	Jordan Hamrick	Kalli Wilson
Daniel Gerhart	Gabriela Jimenez	
Brendon Mikeska	Lukas Kraatz	
Jonathan Sandoval	Adreanna Lopez	
Triston Soto	Jimmy Ripley	
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"A"	Alexus Hubach	Nicholas Trevino
Felicity Agüero	Kacie Lindley	
Addison Anderson	Ciro Martinez	FOURTH GRADE
Weston Beuschel	Aislynn Nalley	"A"
Baylie Bryant	Olivia Nava	Drake Bryant
Sahaylee Curry	Jacob Perez	Jon Busher
Elijah Drake	Carlos Reyna	Charles Childress
Skila Hagle	Cera Reyna	Cannon Collins
Kaelynn Hoelscher	Fabio Reyna	Connor Garcia
Marisa Jimenez	Adam Rocha	James Killough
Guillermo Levario	Adrian Roach	
Atila Lujano	Xavier Rodriguez	"A-B"
Xavier Lujano	Charisma Rodriguez	Cristina Aragon
Traegan Majalca	Ishmael Sanchez	Chaney Bahlman
Bailey Martinez	Jesse Sanchez	McCaelyn Beuschel
Aven Ochoa	Xavier Trevino	Simon Camacho
Jeremy Prater	Sommit Viduarri	Destiny Chausse
Jasmin Reyna		Rider Duggan
Diego Rodriguez	"A-B"	Houston Esquivel
Kaelin Roman	Marisol Aguayo	Hayden Forder
Jayleigh Underwood	Mercedes Aleman	Monica Garcia
Raimy Walker	Aidan Bryant	Saleen Jalomo
	Malachi Bureson	Marcos Moreno
"A-B"	Nicholas Cruz	Ashton New
Avery Aleman	Alejandro Garcia	Dayvin Oats
Brandon Bentrup	Calvin Gardner	Myra Ochoa
Zachary Ceballos-Oliver	Jozlynn Gonzales	Alyssaa Rodriguez
Presley Cotter	Alexus Grenweige	Emmett Rodriguez
Erin Esquivel	Makayla Luz	Caleb Stratton
Abel Gonzales	Christopher Martinez	McKenzie Ventress
Marissa Inglet	Shelby Martinez	
Janie Lara	Stephanie Montoya	FIFTH GRADE
Daniella Martinez	Nicolas Ovalles	"A"
Christopher Moreno	Martin Rodriguez	Kristina Correa
Dakota Morris	Amaya Sanchez	Seth Gerhart
Alexander Pena	Xavier Speir	Querstin Lara
Isaac Sanchez	Janel Vega	Madison Poe
Jayla Sanders	Jose Vega	Megan Tarr
Gannon Wade		Avery Wheat
	THIRD GRADE	Zachary Wheat
SECOND GRADE	"A"	
"A"	Kaden Ballard	"A-B"
Mikaela Agüero	Abanea Cortez	Skyla Camacho
Malichi Alvarado		Joseph Escalona
Kyle Bullard	"A-B"	Kaitlyn Fuentes
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Winters Jr. High Honor Roll

First Six Weeks 2013-2014

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"A"	Makayla Spier	Brenna Edwards
Alexis Briley	Mollie Weaver	Jose Garcia
Cole Bryant		Macey Gerhart
Karlee Busher	SEVENTH GRADE	Megan Jacob
Hunter Duggan	"A"	Brandon L'Abbe
Jayli Hood	Mackenzie Ballard	Alonso Mendoza
Cody Johnson	Gage Mc Fadin	
Domylic Lujano	Patrick Reyes	"A-B"
Rico Sanchez	Celeste Sanchez	Brooklynn Anderson
		Christopher Diaz
"A-B"	"A-B"	Jaylissa Diaz
Brandon Bullard	Christopher Correa	Hallee Fikes
Graciela Corral	Michael Diaz	Hyla Forder
Felipe Erazo	Emily Espino	Aimee Green
Keagan Esquivel	Priscilla Espino	Ashton Hadlock
Esmeralda Gallejos	Kasandra Esquivel	Joseph Hood
Audrey Glascock	Abigail Killough	Baily Knight
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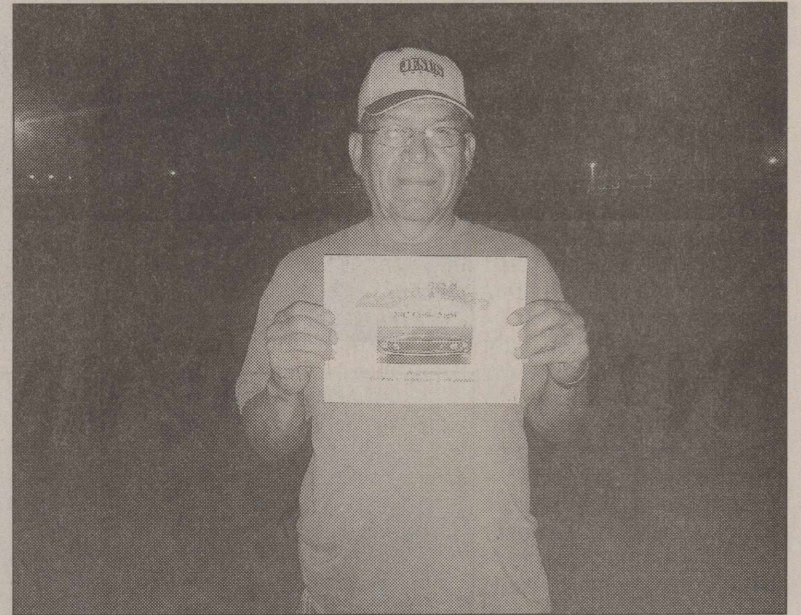
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STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored the first annual "Cruise Night" on Saturday, October 12, 2013. Attendants met at Lone Star Video at 7 p.m. and made the "Drag" bringing back memories and everyone enjoyed a good time with family and friends.

A drawing for gift certificates was held with Danny Martinez receiving first place for his car. Danny received a \$35 gas card to Wheat Energy Services. Ronald and Cindy Curry won a \$20 gift card to Lone Star Video and Diner. Lloyd Farris won a \$20 gift card to China Wok, and David Lara Jr. won the \$25 gift card to Bahlman Motors.

The Chamber is hoping to hold Cruise Night next year, and be able to purchase a larger amount of gift certificates when the event comes back in 2014.

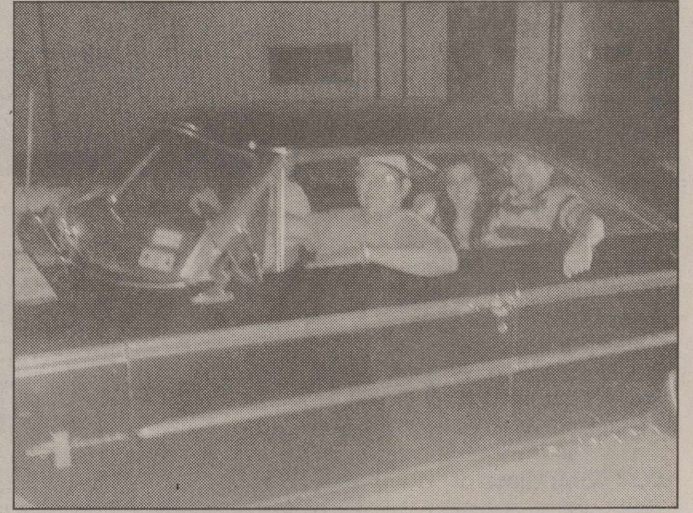
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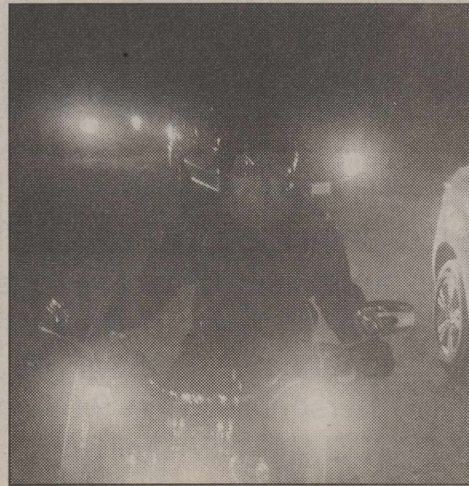
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Financial Focus

What does government shutdown mean to investors?

As you're well aware, a partial government shutdown began on Oct. 1. No matter what one's views are on the political issues that led to this event, it's probably fair to say that a shutdown is not particularly good news, on many fronts. Although essential services will continue, including Social Security and Medicare payments, other governmental functions will be disrupted, and hundreds of thousands of workers will be furloughed. So, as a citizen, you may well have concerns about the shutdown. But how will the shutdown affect you as an investor?

First of all, you may want to take to heart the slogan popularized by the British in World War II: "Keep calm and carry on." You don't need to panic, nor do you need to make massive changes to your investment portfolio or even take a "time out" from investing. It's highly likely that, like all political/economic traumas in the past, this one, too, shall pass.

To gain some perspective, you might be interested in knowing that the current situation is not unique. We've had 17 government shutdowns in the past, most recently in 1996. And the overall effect of these shutdowns on the financial markets has not been particularly negative. Stocks dropped during nine of these shutdowns and rose during the other eight. Once the shutdowns ended, the average stock market gain was 2.5 percent over the following three months and 13.3 percent over the following 12 months, according to an analysis of the S&P 500 stock market index.

Of course, as you've no doubt heard, "past performance cannot guarantee future results," so you shouldn't necessarily expect the market to turn in similar results once this current shutdown is over. Nonetheless, the history of the market's performance following government shutdowns does tell us something about the tremendous ability of the financial markets to absorb short-term crises — and then move on.

This isn't to say that you won't see some volatility in the days and weeks ahead if the shutdown continues for a while. The financial markets do not like uncertainty, and while some of this uncertainty may already have been "factored in" during the past few weeks, as the possibility of a shutdown increased, we may still see some significant price gyrations.

Try not to overreact to these price swings, if they do occur. If you feel you must do something with regard to your investments, why not take this opportunity to look over your long-term strategy to make sure it's still properly aligned with your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon? Over time, your personal situation can change in many ways, so it's always a good idea to review your investment portfolio, and to make those changes that can help you continue making progress toward your objectives, such as a comfortable retirement.

Furthermore, if we do see some price declines, you may well be presented with the opportunity to buy quality investments at good prices, so stay alert for these possibilities.

Above all else, don't let the headlines of today scare you away from investing for tomorrow. With patience, discipline and the ability to maintain a long-term perspective in spite of short-term events, you can develop good investment habits that will serve you well for a lifetime.

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