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Keeping the momentum

Winters Blizzards defeat Munday to claim the Area Championship

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
 WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- A solid defense and a steady offense took the Winters Blizzards into the next round of the playoffs, by defeating the Munday Moguls on Friday, November 21, 2014 by a score of 26-13. Winters claimed the Area Championship at the game held at Indian Stadium, in Tuscola, Texas.

The Blizzards will be facing the Albany Lions on Friday, November 28 at Clyde, Texas. Kickoff is scheduled at 2 p.m.

"It wasn't easy, they were a good team and it was a hard fought game, fortunately we were able to get ahead and keep the pressure on them, we are very pleased to get to this point and to play on Thanksgiving, which was one of our goals," said Winters High School Head Football Coach Stan Caffey.

The defense played a big role in the victory, stopping a fast offense and allowing no points for the first three quarters.

"At the start of the year we wanted to play a better defense, and we have accomplished that goal, it came big for us time after time, we are very proud of them," Caffey added.

For quarterback Jimmy John Ripley claiming the Area Championship represents a big turnaround, after a tough couple of seasons.

"Our team is making history, coming off the past two years, we are just clicking together, we are turning heads and having people in our favor now... We were picked to loose, so we just took that into the game, we stepped up a notch and got the job done," Ripley said.

The senior quarterback



Winters High School clinched the area trophy on Friday, Nov. 21, at Indian Field in Tuscola.

PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

said that the head coach has played a big part in turning this team around, with leadership and by bringing the players together.

Senior Ethan Bredemeyer said that preparation for the game and a strong defense helped Winters to claim the area trophy.

"Munday is a fast team, last week we knew we had to get ready for Baird or Munday, but we had a feel for Munday, our defense had to stop them and that's what happened. Their quarterback, runningback and wide receiver were a three-headed monster. We knew we had an advantage in the trenches, offensive line and defensive line did a great job," Bredemeyer said.

Senior kicker and receiver Luke Kraatz said the feeling of defeating a great team such as Munday is big, and represents the turning point for a team that struggled to get

results during the past two seasons.

"It feels good to get an Area Championship after these past two years, it's really nice to be able to win against a good team like Munday," Kraatz said.

"It's a great thing that this happening in my senior year, going 2-8 last year really changed us, and going 10-1 so far is a good feeling. Albany is a pretty good team, should be a good game and hopefully we can win it," he added.

Jimmy John Ripley passed for 5 of 10 for a total of 119 yards and one touchdown. Receiving Lukas Kraatz captured a 30 yard touchdown pass. Stephon Cleghorn had two for 20 yards, Jake Brock caught one for 38 yards, and Daryl Hagle had one pass for 31 yards.

Rushing Ripley tallied 73 yards in 18 carries and one touchdown, Michael Chavis had 22 yards in 11 carries and one visit to the end zone, while

Winters vs. Munday					
Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Munday	0	0	0	13	13
Winters	7	7	6	6	26

FIRST QUARTER
 Winters (3:25)
 Julian Soto carries a 1 yard run (Lukas Kraatz kick) 7-0

SECOND QUARTER
 Winters (17")
 Kraatz catches a 30-yard pass from Jimmy John Ripley (Kraatz kick) 14-0

THIRD QUARTER
 Winters (6:40)
 Michael Chavis 3 yard run (kick failed) 20-0

FOURTH QUARTER
 Munday (7:44)
 Temerick Reagins 56 yard pass from Alfonso Nunez (kick failed) 20-6

Winters (4:48)
 Jimmy John Ripley 34 yard run (run failed) 26-6

Munday (2:49)
 Chandler McCombs 10 yard pass from Nunez (Diego Reyes kick) 26-13

Julian Soto had one 1-yard touchdown. Stephon Cleghorn racked up 58 yards in 8 carries, and Ty Cortez contributed with 21 yards in 9 carries.

Taylor Hooper, Chris Diaz and Ethan Bredemeyer

lead the defense with nine tackles each, while Cameron Cooper and Jake Brock contributed with seven tackles each. Lukas Kraatz had six and Ripley had five.

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DPS urges Texans to drive responsibly

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AUSTIN- The Texas Department of Public Safety is urging Texans to drive responsibly and take extra precautions to help keep roadways safe during the heavily travelled Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

"Unique challenges - including increased traffic, possible winter weather and impaired driving - can make holiday travel particularly challenging and potentially dangerous," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS troopers will be working around-the-clock to protect travelers on our roadways, and drivers must do their part and always drive sober."

DPS troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways throughout the holiday weekend to promote safety and identify dangerous drivers.

During the Thanksgiving weekend in 2013, DPS troopers arrested 387 individuals for driving while intoxicated, issued 6,848 speeding citations, 804 citations for no insurance and 704 seat belt/child safety seat citations. DPS patrols also resulted in 244 fugitive arrests and 187 felony arrests during the same time period.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Thanksgiving holiday:

Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab. Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

Eliminate distractions, including the use of mobile devices.

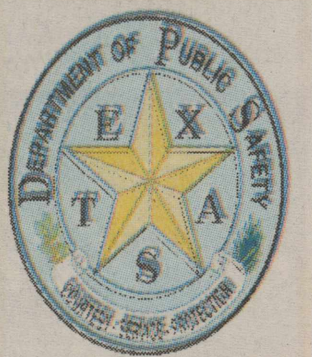
Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it's the law.

Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the law.

Don't drive fatigued - get plenty of rest before trips or take breaks as needed.

Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.



Using the Maker Space

The first students to use the Maker Space at the Winters Secondary School Media Center. The students made personalized book markers. Pictured left to right are Alia Renfro, Isabel Soto and Stephanie Santillan.

PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED



New Media, Halifax Media reach agreement

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
 STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- New Media Investment Group Inc., parent company of The Ballinger Ledger, has reached an agreement to purchase substantially all of the assets of Halifax Media Group for \$280 million. The deal is expected to close in early 2015.

Halifax Media has properties primarily in the Southeast and its portfolio includes six newspapers, including 24 daily newspapers with total circulation of 635,000 daily and 752,000 on Sunday. Halifax's largest newspaper is the 88,000-circulation Herald-Tribune in Sarasota, Florida.

Once closed, New Media will have deployed \$430 million in acquisitions in the last year.

New Media is one of the largest publishers of locally-based print and online media in the United States. They currently operate in over 370 markets across 27 states.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Virginia Lois Carey

On November 18, 2014 Virginia Lois Carey went to be with the Lord. Her kind heart, beautiful smile and amazing personality will be missed by many.

Virginia was born on February 19, 1936 in Burnett, Texas as one of eight children to James C. and Ruby Briscoe Bibles. She married the love of her life, Robert Carey on November 13, 1955 in Burnett and they moved to Merkel for three years moving to Winters in 1958. She worked at the Surplus Dry Good Store and was a Homemaker. She was a member of the North Main Street Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Robert of Winters; son and daughter-in-law, Lt. Col. David Carey and wife Kim of Alexandria, Virginia; daughter and son-in-law, Debbie Goff and husband Garry of Big Lake, Texas.; grandchildren, Matthew Carey of Little Rock, Arizona, Kristin Goff of Richmond, Texas. and DeAnna O'Bryan of Big Lake, Texas, great-granddaughter Brynlee O'Bryan of Big Lake, Texas. She is preceded in death by her grandson Jerrod Ryan Goff.

Virginia was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

The family would like to thank Danny Prado and staff at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home, as well as the employees of Interim Hospice of San Angelo, Texas.

Funeral services were Friday November 21, 2014 at North Main Street Church of Christ. Burial followed at Lakeview cemetery.

The family received friends Thursday November 20, 2014 at Winters Funeral Home.

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Betty Joyce Pierce

A memorial service for Betty Joyce Pierce, 81, of Crews, Texas was held on Monday, November 24, at the Hopewell Baptist Church in Crews, Texas.

Mrs. Pierce died on November 18, 2014, at her son's home in Bangs and was cremated under the direction of Netherton Funeral Home and Cremations.

Betty was born in Flint, Texas on March 4, 1933 to Vincent and Buna William, the youngest of five children. She married the love of her life, Joe Eldon Pierce on December 21, 1968.

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Obituaries in The Winters Enterprise are also online, check out our webpage at MyRunnelsCounty.com

NEWS NOTES

Christmas for Kids program in need of donations, sponsors

Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County's "Christmas for Kids" program is in need of sponsors for 22 children from Runnels County who are presently in foster care or are receiving early intervention services. You can sponsor a child by obtaining their "Wish List" and purchasing the items or by making a monetary donation which will be used to purchase the items. Depending upon the age of the child, the total cost per child is \$50-75. To be provided with a child's wish list, please contact Laura Mallory, 365 1772. To make a monetary donation, please make your gift payable to the Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County and send it directly to: Connie Gauwain, Children's Advocacy Center, P.O. Box 5195, San Angelo, TX 76902. Please be sure to note on your check "Christmas for kids program - Runnels County."

Winters 125th Birthday

The Quasiquicentennial Christmas Tree Ornaments are here. They are on sale at the Rock Hotel Gift Shop and other retailers around town. The funds raised will be used to fund other souvenir purchases and from those sales we will have sufficient monies to support our planned activities.

The committee's next meeting will be at the Rock Hotel Dinning Room at 5:30 Thursday, November 20. There is a tentative schedule of events but, the committee is still open to suggestions. Bring your suggestions to the meeting. The committee is also looking for event committee chairmen and helpers. For more information contact John Long at zihalemuseum@wtxs.net or (325) 754 5389.

Runnin' For Runnels slated for Nov. 29

Runnels County 4-H will be hosting a 5K Run on Saturday, November 29, 2014. Runnin' For Runnels will start and finish at Tractor Supply in Ballinger. Registration fee is \$20 and begins at 8 a.m. Runners will take off at 9 a.m. Profits from this fundraiser will be divided between Runnels 4-H Council and Runnels Senior Citizen Centers. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

For more information or if you want to volunteer to help contact Rusty Fischer, Taryn Kalina, Adam Multer, Reid Matschek or Ethan Bredemeyer.

Immunization clinics in Runnels County

The Texas Department of State Health Services will have two immunization/flu clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance or underinsured, adults with no insurance in Runnels County. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call at 754 4945, if no answer leave a message.

The first clinic will be held in Winters, on Thursday, December 4, 10-12 and 1:30-3 p.m. at the Professional building, 110 South Main Street, Suite 108. For your convenience use rear entrance on Grant St.

A second clinic will be held in Ballinger on Wednesday, December 17, 10-12 and 1:30-3 p.m. at 600 Strong,

Corner of Sixth and Strong Ave.

Please bring child's immunization records if child has Medicaid please bring card.

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m. first Monday of the month at 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.

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.

WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, located at 706 Strong Ave in Ballinger is open Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m. till noon and 1 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone (325) 365 5925. WIC is open to many incomes and all kinds of families.

Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting

Masonic Lodge No. 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger, Texas. Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that Monday. For more information call (325) 365 3202.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, Texas Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754 2048.

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 meets the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

Study trumpets State parks' economic benefit

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AUSTIN- The Texas State Park system's more than 90 sites have a significant economic impact on the state's economy, generating \$774 million in retail sales annually, contributing \$351 million in economic benefits and creating 5,800 jobs statewide. Those were just part of the findings of a recent Texas A&M University study shared with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

The commission was briefed on the results of a survey of park visitors and their spending habits conducted between March and June of this year by a team led by Dr. John Crompton, a distinguished A&M professor in the Recreation, Parks and Tourism Sciences Department. According to Dr. Crompton, Texas state parks not only provide conservation, recreational and health benefits, but

also greatly contribute to the economies of communities throughout Texas, far exceeding the state's expenditures to operate these sites.

"The take-away message from this study," Dr. Crompton says, "should be that the state park system is an important contributor to the Texas economy, particularly in rural areas and that the state's net investment in parks is returned many times over as visitors travel to enjoy the outdoors and leave their dollars behind."

To generate data for the study, almost 14,000 visitors at 30 state parks were polled between March and June of 2014 about their spending on fees, groceries, restaurant meals and equipment during their travel to the park and in close proximity to the park. The results were then extrapolated to apply to 60 additional parks using strict study methodology.

The results show that the purchases made by park visitors result in greater wealth and employment in communities located near state parks. For example, spending by Bastrop State Park visitors added nearly \$1.7 million to the Bastrop County economy and led to the creation of 35.6 jobs. Similarly, in the Panhandle, Palo Duro Canyon visitors added more than \$3.7 million to the coffers of Armstrong and Randall counties that supported 86 jobs in the local area. Even remote Big Bend Ranch State Park in far West Texas contributed significant economic benefits to Presidio County by adding \$1.9 million in sales and roughly 27 jobs.

Texas State Parks Director Brent Leisure says the A&M findings confirm the ongoing value of the Texas State Park system.

"We've long known that state parks are places that preserve the best of our

state's scenic wonders, historic sites and recreational venues," Leisure said. "This report shows that park visitors not only take home wonderful memories and enriched lives, but that the dollars they leave behind lead to jobs and higher incomes in local communities."

The study further revealed that state park spending increased all Texans' income by \$202 million and generated 5,871 jobs paying an average annual salary of \$34,000.

Local economic impacts varied by park, depending on the number of visitors and their spending habits. Some of the findings: Balmorhea -- \$2.3 million in value added; 50.3 jobs Cedar Hill -- \$3.1 million in value added; 41.7 jobs Garner -- \$6.9 million in value added; 16.1 jobs McKinney Falls -- \$883,146 in value added; 16.1 jobs Pedernales Falls -- \$1.7 million in value added; 41.1 jobs

NEWS BRIEFS

Seniors are popular among scammers

The bad guys think the elderly have significant access to money. They may have gotten that wrong but, nevertheless, the scammers view seniors as easy targets, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens.

It's gotten so bad, says AMAC, that the National Council on Aging has posted a warning on its Web site listing the "Top 10 Scams Targeting Seniors." They include Medicare

fraud where they pose as representatives of the agency to steal personal information. Another favorite is foisting counterfeit drugs on them via phony Internet pharmacies.

Robbie the robot, move over

We may have robots to take care of us in the not-so-distant future.

Louise Aronson, an associate professor of geriatrics at the University of California at San Francisco, recently made the case for automatons as care-givers

in a New York Times Op Ed article. She noted that researchers around the world are developing computer-based practitioners.

"The biggest argument for robot caregivers is that we need them. We do not have anywhere near enough human caregivers for the growing number of

older Americans."

It'll be some time, if ever, for android nurses to be accepted, but in the meantime the quest goes on. In Japan, they are building robots that can provide basic nursing chores. In Europe, they are developing a machine that has human features.

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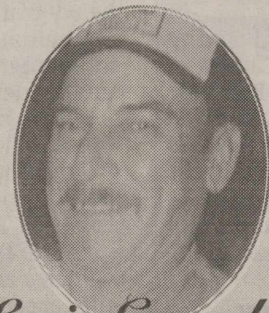
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I'M THANKFUL FOR...

Thanksgiving, that special time of the year when families come together and feed their soul — along with some delicious treats for the body — is here, and with it the Winters Child Development Center students share some of their reflections and thoughts.

I am thankful for my dog, Dixie, because Charles is the one that got her and named her. We feed her and give her water. Me and her like to play with her bone. I am thankful for my mommy and my daddy and my brothers because I love them. We like to go eat at Casa, Sonic, and Pizza Hut, I am thankful for my house because that's where I live and it's red and red is my favorite color. I am thankful for my dolls and Corley, We like to watch TV, movies, and videos together. I am thankful for Charles because he's so tall and he makes me bounce high and that's FUN!!!!

Minnie Carol Belew
4 years old (And after Christmas I am gonna be 5!!)

I am thankful for Thanksgiving because it's when everyone gathers around and eats food like turkey and LOTS of desserts. I like banana pie. I am thankful for everyone that cooks food for Thanksgiving because that is nice. I am thankful for Granny Lou because she cooks for us. I like her chicken nuggets and french fries. I am thankful for my nana Renee because she cooks jelly sandwiches for me and Maddie!

Mason Calcote
4 years old

I am thankful for handing out napkins to my family all the time because at dinner time I do all the time but sometimes mom and dad do. I am thankful for giraffes because I feed them crackers and sometimes I put them on the sidewalk or I throw them on the ground because it's down, down, down.

I am thankful for my mommy and daddy because I help them, well really only help my mom get across the street. She bought me some shoes and then we walked to the Attic. I help my daddy farm and strip cotton.

I like to do that A LOT! I like to help him haul chemicals to his work and to grandpa's. I like to help daddy take out the trash and set it on fire with the lighter. We have to start sawing trees and put them in the fireplace and start a fire with a lighter again!

Carter Jacob
5 years old

I am thankful for Braden because I go to his house and we eat S'mores together and play with his Woody and we color together. I am thankful for Maddie because I have little boots to give her because they are too small/little for me. I am thankful for Minnie because she's my best friend. We play with her Barbies and her Elsa and Anna. We play with her real puppy when I go to her house to spend the night.

Ava Lyn King
4 years old

I am thankful for turkey because you wanna eat it!!! My daddy puts it in a barbecue pit and it taste so good! I am thankful for my dogs Gus, Kinsey, and Riley. I throw balls to them and they all chase it at the same time and bring it back. I am thankful for my pawpaw because he gave me a horse! The mama is Echo and she had a baby. We named her Diamond. I can't ride Diamond because her feet are growing crazy!!!!

Braden Hoppe
4 years old

I am thankful for Jesus because I like him. He stays in my heart. I am thankful for my mom and dad because I like them SO much! My mom gives me some crunch cereal. My mom and dad are actually busy at work. My daddy plays T-Rex and all that stuff with me.

I am thankful for my dogs May, Ellie, and Woosie and my cat Jaguar. I need to name something else. Jaguar scratches on a tree. I love him. Bandit is my little cat and he's so cute and he's growing up. Bandit is as big as a jaguar. He's is growing up like a big dog!!

Amick Goetz
4 years old

I am thankful for turkey because it taste yummy. We get turkeys from the fields and we cook them. Mommy, Daddy, and my family will eat turkey for Thanksgiving. I am thankful for the toys that Santa brought me.

I like the doll house and My Little Pony. Addie and Jacob Michael, my friend, play with me. I am thankful for Valentines Day because you get all kinds of hearts and candy and we eat it!

Ava Kate Ayres
5 years old

I am thankful for drinks, eggs, my mommy, Valen, and Aiden.

Lexi Madrid
2 years old

I am thankful for my hands because they go down and up and I play with my hands. I am thankful for my toys Minnie Mouse and Mickey Mouse because they are my toys and I play with them. I am thankful for my mommy and daddy because I love 'em. They play toys with me and they work outside painting that table I just saw in the window!

Delaney Meyer
4 years old

I am thankful for fire trucks because they are red. I am thankful for my friends, my mommy, my daddy, and my sister Ava Kate, and my house, and Rosie's house.

Jacob Ayres
2 years old

I am thankful for...mommy, daddy, and Carter Charli.

Jacob
2 years old

I am thankful for...my mommy, my daddy, my brothers, and food.

Jayla Lopez
2 years old

I am thankful for my mommy, daddy, and books.

Gage Finlay
1 year old

I am thankful for my mommy, my daddy, and Amick.

Hazel Goetz
1 year old

I am thankful for my mommy, daddy, and boots.

Stryke King
1 year old

I am thankful for my mommy, daddy, papa, nana, and tractors.

Sutton Casey
2 years old

I am thankful for.... sharing my toys with my sister, being nice, for being grateful, and for getting myself ready for school. I love my mommy. I cleaned my room and my toy room by myself because I asked my momma. Sometimes I get in my nonny's pool. I love my daddy and sister too. I like to cook with my mommy because I asked her.

Preslee
4 years old

I am thankful for my friends, my mommy, my daddy, and my teachers Hortencia and Rosie.

Karmyn Emery Perez
3 years old

I am thankful for Ninja Turtles and Books.

Bentley Luevano
2 years old

CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change*

Dec. 1 - 8 Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday

Breakfast Taco or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

Pancakes or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Mixed Fruit, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast Burrito or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Orange, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Sausage Roll or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Apple, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Friday

Blueberry Muffin or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Diced Pears, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Winters ISD Lunch Menu

Monday

Chef Salad or BBQ Rib/Bun or Chicken Bites/Graham Crackers (Elem., JH) Breadstick (HS), Black Eyed Peas, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Apple, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

Chef Salad or Chicken Patty/Bun, Steak Fingers w/Gravy/Breadstick, Cheesy Potatoes Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Chef Salad or Soft Taco or Nachos, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Colelaw, Pear, Choice of Milk.

Thursday

Sack Lunches--Ham Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Apple, Cookie, Choice of Milk.

Friday

Chef Salad or Hamburger or Chicken Nuggets/Breadstick, Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Lettuce/Pickles, Orange, Choice of Milk.

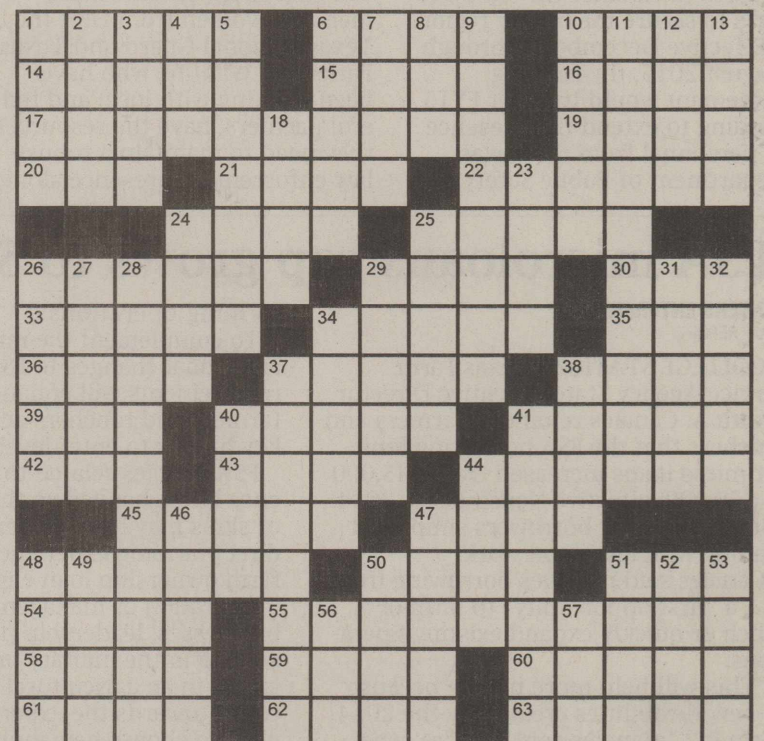
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- 16 "That's terrible!"
- 17 Kind of joke
- 19 No, to Germans
- 20 Listening device?
- 21 Comes to a finish
- 22 Online greetings
- 24 Wedding day exchange
- 25 One of many in a mall
- 26 Lion or tiger
- 29 Recipe instruction
- 30 Airline until 2001
- 33 "Give ___! Don't pollute"
- 34 Troll's cousin
- 35 Drinker's sound
- 36 Gas used in lights
- 37 Words before a meal
- 38 South American nation
- 39 Ancient
- 40 Windshield problem
- 41 More difficult to find
- 42 Secret agent
- 43 Captain or general
- 44 Mother ___ (Nobel Peace Prize winner)
- 45 Casper, for one
- 47 Afflicts
- 48 Comes in low, like a bird of prey
- 50 German automaker
- 51 Just fine and dandy
- 54 Breakfast-all-day chain



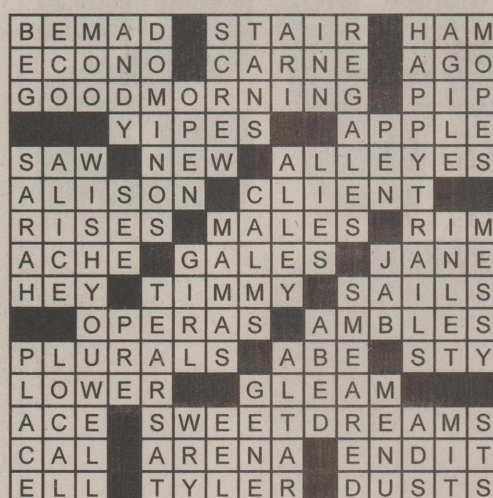
- 55 Split evenly
- 58 Used a train or plane
- 59 At any point
- 60 Oregon ___
- 61 States out loud
- 62 Like a meadow in the morning
- 63 Get the idea

Down

- 1 "For Pete's ___!"
- 2 Red sushi fish
- 3 Stench
- 4 Open ___ Night
- 5 Jabbed with a stick
- 6 Music groups
- 7 God of love
- 8 ___ center (place for kids to play)

- 9 Find room in your schedule
- 10 Detection system
- 11 "It'll all be fine!"
- 12 Oklahoma city
- 13 Lots and lots
- 18 Shoelace hassle
- 23 Apple's center
- 24 Desktop image
- 25 Inventory
- 26 Bathrooms, in Spanish
- 27 "May ___ you?"
- 28 Teacher's pet
- 29 Between-meals food
- 31 Cables
- 32 Honda car
- 34 President Ulysses S. ___
- 37 Like some cattle
- 38 Golf course scores
- 40 Corn or wheat
- 41 Raises a second time
- 44 Neat
- 46 Desires for the future
- 47 Singing cowboy Gene ___
- 48 Gentlemen
- 49 "Stop right there!"
- 50 Not many
- 51 Not ___ of (not liking)
- 52 Singer Redding
- 53 "South Park" kid
- 56 "___ got an idea!"
- 57 Wrath

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: Sometimes you hear the weather forecaster refer to "Virga." What is it?

A: Virga is a common weather feature, says John Nielsen-Gammon of Texas A&M University. It refers to rain or snow that forms a wispy streak beneath a cloud and appears not to be reaching the ground. "Most of the virga people see today is usually composed of snow, since snow is so much brighter and easier to see than rain," Nielsen-Gammon explains. "Even in the warm days of summer, the virga coming from the tall anvil-shaped thunderstorms is most likely snow, forming in the frigid temperatures 5-10 miles above the ground. Virga can also come from the base of a thunderstorm and other types of clouds, and it can be mistaken for a tornado at a distance because of its V-shaped appearance."

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Initiative extends funding for border protection

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- Having established a state-based model for increased border security, Texas leaders have reached an agreement to extend the ongoing law enforcement surge through the end of the current fiscal year.

Signed by the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker, the budget execution will marshal resources from a variety of state sources to enhance the state's efforts to secure the border region.

Effective December 1 through August 2015, the funding agreement would transfer FY15 funding to extend the presence of personnel from the Texas Department of Public Safety,

Texas Military Forces and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department along the border. The agreement is subject to approval by the Legislative Budget Board at its December 1 meeting.

"Texas has proven beyond any doubt that this border can be secured, even if the federal government refuses to take the steps necessary to do so as required by the Constitution," Gov. Rick Perry said. "This agreement will ensure the hardworking men and women from DPS, the Texas National Guard and Texas Parks and Wildlife, who have been working with local and federal partners, have the resources they need to maintain a robust law enforcement presence along

the border until the Legislature can act."

The agreement authorizes DPS to implement 10-hour shifts for its commissioned officers, which will immediately increase the department's patrol coverage along the border. This authorization will increase the state-wide full-time-equivalent count by more than 650.

"Having spent the last eight years appropriating more than \$800 million for border security, I am proud to see the effectiveness of Operation Strong Safety and believe its continuation is essential to the safety of all Texans. I am very pleased to have reached the consensus needed to extend border surge

operations through the end of next August," Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said. "In the absence of sufficient action from the federal government, the state of Texas has proven it is possible to secure the border, reduce crime, and combat the impacts of illegal immigration. This agreement proves Texas is serious about border security."

Funds for DPS would include the addition of new shallow-water boats and other technological capabilities, which would be used to extend tactical capabilities as well as the surge footprint beyond the Rio Grande Valley Sector.

"This approach provides an important bridge to the 2015

legislative session," House Speaker Joe Straus said. "The state's law enforcement agencies will have the tools and technology they need to continue an enhanced presence on the border. Meanwhile, this funding will allow members of the next Legislature to evaluate the state's border security strategy during the session and make adjustments if necessary."

The \$86.1 million needed to fund this initiative will be provided by: \$13.7 million from the Disaster Funds, \$47.9 million - TxDOT General Revenue Bond Debt Service, \$17.5 million - TPA Bond Debt Service, and \$7 million - Emerging Technology Fund.

FSA microloans cap grows to \$50,000

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- Texas Farm Service Agency State Executive Director Judith A. Canales reminded farmers and ranchers that the FSA borrowing limit for micro loans increased from \$35,000 to \$50,000, effective November 7, 2014. Microloans offer borrowers simplified lending with less paperwork.

Canales said it makes borrowing from FSA a "first opportunity" to farm or ranch or quickly expand existing operations.

"This will help more people because of new flexibilities created by the 2014 Farm Bill," Canales said. "We're especially excited in Texas, because we want to encourage more beginners and young people, especially those from historically underserved communities, to consider farming and ranching as a way to become independent businessmen and women. It's a rewarding way to build or expand a family operation."

The microloan change allows beginning, small and mid-sized farmers to access an additional \$15,000 in loans using a simplified application process with up to seven years to repay. Microloans are part of USDA's continued commitment to small and midsized

farming operations. To complement the microloan program additional changes to FSA eligibility requirements will enhance beginning farmers and ranchers access to land, a key barrier to entry level producers.

FSA policies related to farm experience have changed so that other types of skills may be considered to meet the direct farming experience required for farm ownership loan eligibility.

Operation or management of non-farm businesses, leadership positions while serving in the military or advanced education in an agricultural field will now count towards the experience applicants need to show when applying for farm ownership loans.

"If you want to comment on our changes to the microloan and loan eligibility, you have an opportunity to share suggestions," Canales said. The comment period runs through Dec. 8, 2014.

Since 2010, FSA has made a record amount of farm loans - more than 165,000 loans totaling nearly \$23 billion. More than 50 percent of USDA's farm loans now go to beginning farmers. In addition, FSA has increased its lending to socially-disadvantaged producers by nearly 50 percent since 2010.

Public Record

Runnels County Jail Record
November 17, 2014

Name	Age	Agency
Jamie C. Guerrero	44	Coke
MTR criminal mischief		
Micuda Vasquez	34	BPD
State warrant escape, state warrant theft		
Luke Villarreal	27	RCSO
MTR D.W.I 2nd		
Arnulfo Silva	35	RCSO
S/W possession of controlled substances		
Summer D. Newton-Hernandez	21	RCSO
Violated promise to appear		
Jacob K. Cantu	28	Coke Co.
Possession of controlled substances, possession of marijuana in a drug free zone		
Markus E. Colin	18	WPD
D.W.I.		
Cynthia A. Vara	--	WPD
Warrant theft by check		
Larry D. Carson	56	RCSO
Ten day sentence		
Michael B. Crawford	30	RCSO
Forgery of financial institute		
Panchito N. Guerrero	27	BPD
MTR-Felony D.W.I.		
Ruben R. Garcia	46	BPD
Warrant possession of marijuana		
Kayla D. Maestas	21	Concho
Assault causing bodily injury		
Fernando Mendoza	40	BPD
D.W.I 3rd		
Steven G. Alcalá	40	Coke D.P.S.
Assault family violence		
Joe E. Martinez	47	BPD
Assault causing bodily injury		
Cisco R. Moreno	27	Coke Co.
Public intoxication, assault causing bodily injury		
Adrian O. Moreno	35	Concho
D.W.I with previous, possession controlled substance, D.W.I. open container		
Pete A. Aguirre	37	Coke
D.W.I 2nd		

Texas Farm Bureau announces outstanding finalists

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WACO- Three exceptional young farmers and ranchers from different areas of the Lone Star State have been selected as finalists in this year's Texas Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher competition.

Each year, the competition recognizes the accomplishments of some of the state's top agricultural leaders between the ages of 18 and 35 and rewards them for their hard work and determination to succeed.

The 2014 Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher finalists are: Andy and Morgan Boyd of Lamesa; Cade and Jessica Richmond of De Leon; and Clint and Angela Rutledge of Prosper.

"We are proud of these couples and their families," said TFB President Kenneth Dierschke. "They represent a bright future for Texas agriculture and the next generation of Texas Farm Bureau."

The finalists were chosen from all 13 Texas Farm Bureau state districts with the top three advancing to the state competition. The winner will be named at the Texas Farm Bureau annual meeting in Corpus Christi December 6-8.

The Boyds raise alfalfa, cotton, grain sorghum, wheat and Sudan on Boyd Farms near Lamesa.

The Richmonds raise cattle, hay and grains and own Cade Richmond Hay, Land and Cattle near De Leon.

The Rutledges grow wheat, corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, hay and beef cattle on Gidney Farms in McKinney.

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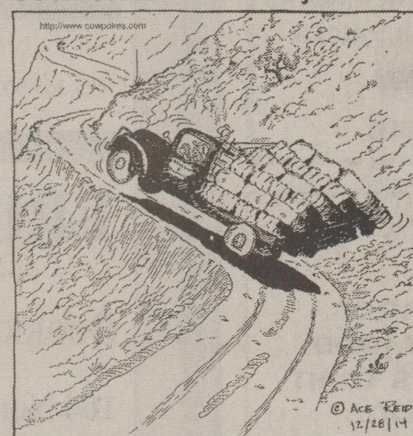
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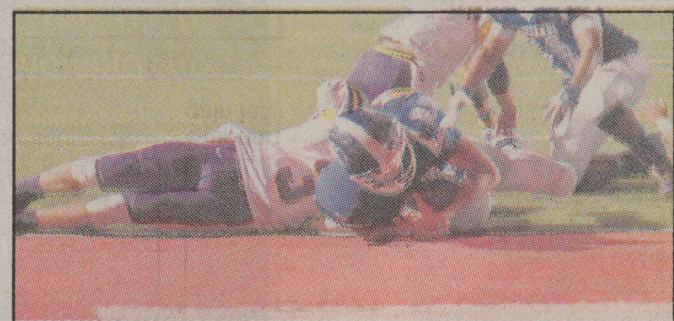
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