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Briefly

Powder Puff Football

The Winters High School Glacier Staff will host a Powder Puff Football Game at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 1 in Blizzard Stadium. This is off-week for the Blizzard/Breezes football teams.

The senior and freshmen girls will take on the junior and sophomore girls in a spirited game of flag-football refereed by the WHS coaching staff. There will be special halftime cheerleading and dance routines by the WHS guys and five of the best homemade desserts in town will be auctioned to the highest bidder.

Prices are \$5 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens/junior high and high school students, \$1 for elementary students and free admission to children 5 and under. All proceeds from this Glacier spirit event will go towards the funding of the 2015-2016 yearbook.

ON THE NET:
<http://www.wintersisd.org/>

Dove Fest

Distributes \$18k

The Winters Dove Fest 2015 Executive Committee distributed \$18,000 from Dove Fest proceeds to 16 local non-profit youth and civic organizations. Dove Fest aid did extremely well and local businesses benefited from the additional number of visitors to the Winters community. Seventy-five towns were represented in the visitors to Winters and 46 percent of the attendance was from out of town. The barbeque meal was served to 748 people. An additional \$1,000 will go for a college scholarship to the Dove Fest Queen. The Dove Fest Executive Committee was pleased with the attendance and support from the community.

The last drop

The National Weather Service in San Angelo said residents in Runnels County can expect a cooling trend in the coming week but no rainfall is in the forecast.

Temperatures taking a slight dip in area with highs expected in the mid to lower 90s through Friday. From Saturday through Tuesday temperatures are expected to be in the mid to upper 80s with lows in the upper 60s.

There was no rainfall reported to the NWS for Runnels County Sept. 17-23.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 23.03 inches of rain while 24.72 inches has been reported in Wingate. The NWS reported 20.69 inches of rain has fallen in San Angelo, which is 4.69 inches over the normal annual amount.

ON THE NET:
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sji/>

Distinguished Alumnus event packs Winters ISD auditorium



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The community honored three of its own during the Distinguished Alumnus event held Friday, Sept. 18 at the auditorium at Winters ISD. Pictured from left to right are Norma Dorsett, honoree Wendell Dorsett, honoree Freddy Jonas, Marty Jonas, Sherie Smith, wife of honoree Jimmy Smith and their daughters, Jamie Klassen, Sally Arnold.

Jonas, Dorsett and Smith honored during event

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Three Winters native sons were honored during the Distinguished Alumnus event held Friday, Sept. 18 at the Winters ISD auditorium.

Family, friends, students, faculty and staff packed the auditorium during the event honoring Freddy Jonas, Wendell Dorsett and James "Jimmy" Smith and kicked off Homecoming festivities in Winters.

Jonas, an educator and coach, encouraged the students at Winters High School to strive to "be somebody," as they work towards graduation and a successful career.

Jonas who grew up on a farm, said he did not want to dig Johnson grass or pick cotton when he got older and that motivation sent him to college at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1958. He shared stories

of working shining shoes at local barber shops in Winters.

He said, cotton picking came before football at the Jonas farm and he and his brother were required to pick bags of cotton before his father would let him play football. He said the coach came to the farm one day in a yellow school bus to pick him up and asked his father if he could play. He let him

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Winters Homecoming ends in loss



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOE GERHART

Julian Soto, #20 for the Blizzards made a great run during the game against Hamlin Friday, Sept. 19, 2015 at Blizzard Stadium.

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The Winters Blizzards came into the game looking to build on a promising game the week before but lost to Hamlin 39-8 Friday.

At halftime the Blizzards defense had played well and the game was close as it was only a two score Hamlin lead 13-0.

"I really felt like if we could score after halftime we really could have done some damage," Coach Matt McCarty said. "We had a 40-yard run at the beginning of the third quarter, but we just couldn't get anything done after that and we turned it over on 4th down. After that, the defense just got wore down and the game got away from us."

Julian Soto had another outstanding performance with 128 yards rushing on 14 carries and Chris Diaz contributed another 97 rushing yards from the quarterback position.

Where Winters continues to struggle this season is through the air where they only completed three passes last week as they

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Class reunion held during Winters Homecoming

BY RUTH COOPER
SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS
ENTERPRISE

The Class of 1954 met Saturday for the reunion September 19, 2015 in the Winters Housing Authority to celebrate the 61st year since graduation.

At the time of graduation there were 66 students, 33 girls and 33 boys.

Twenty-five classmates have passed on since that time and some of the others were not able to attend the reunion.

Following graduation the class spent one week at Landa Park in New Braunfels in May 1954 for their senior trip.

The class and others attending enjoyed the program presented by Harvey and

Sharon McFadden. During their high school years, the Class of '54 witnessed the beginning of Elvis Presley's career.

The next class reunion will be held at the time of Homecoming in 2017.

The class members and others meeting included Mrs. (Garland) Frances Williams of Snyder, Mrs. (Kenneth) Clarice Mills of Monahans,

Sandy Lehmann of Lubbock, Mrs. (Freddy) Marty Jonas of New Braunfels, Pete, a friend of Rose Best Partee of Big Spring and

Arby Holbrooks of Robert Lee. Attending but not in picture was Nola Gene Virden Davis. Visitors included Wendell and Norma Crownover Dorsett of Fremont, Neb.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Class of 1954 met for a reunion during Winters Homecoming weekend Sept. 19. Seated on the front row from left to right: Rose Best Partee, Marian Spill Guerin, Patsy Wood Roberson, Barbara Yates Everett and Lynn Lacy Holbrooks. Pictured on the second row, from left to right are Ruth Vogler Cooper, Juanita Pruser Bredemeyer, Sue Hamilton Wood, Lee Wood, Wanda Wessels Howell and Freddy Jonas. Standing on the back row from left to right are Johnny Green, Garland Williams, Jimmy Kruse, James Gehrels, Kenneth Mills, Max Parker and Bailey Mayo.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Roof the Rock

A fund was started in the spring of 2014 to put a much needed new roof on The Rock Hotel. Proceeds from the Memories Day Spring Festivals last year and this year were designated for the Roof the Rock Fund. The cost of the project is \$12,000 and so far over \$10,000 has been raised from the festivals and other donations.

The Z. I. Hale Museum would like to get the roof replaced this fall and have repairs made to the ceiling inside. As soon as the Museum receives \$2,000, the project will get underway.

Donations can be sent to the Z. I. Hale Museum "Roof the Rock Fund," PO Box 211, Winters, TX 79567.

Blessings from the Field

The annual St. Boniface Church Fall Festival "Blessings from the Field" will be held Sunday, October 11th at Olfen. A homemade German sausage, turkey and dressing lunch meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those who wish to Dine-In or purchase walk-up plates to go need to enter Olfen from the North on FM 1874. Those who wish to purchase drive through or to go plates must enter Olfen from the west on County Road 234. Handicap parking and a shuttle bus will be available. Games and concessions begin at noon live auction at 1 p.m., candy drop at 3 p.m. and sausage sandwiches will be served in the afternoon. Homemade goodies and other items will be for sale at the fancy stand. The ladies of the parish will have a hand-made quilt up for raffle with the drawing to be held during the auction. Raw homemade German sausage will be for sale. Pre-orders on sausage are recommended. For more information, please contact 325-365-6875.

Writing seminar

There will be a creative writing program at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Lois Conference Room at the Winters Public Library titled "Writing Your Own Obituary." Writer Nancy Robinson Masters will lead the program. The program is free and open to the public and provided by the library through a donation

Round Up for Rehab

Round Up for Rehab continue in today at the San Angelo Producers Auction at 11 a.m. Roundup for Rehab is a series of auctions of donated livestock. It was the first fundraiser for West Texas Rehabilitation Center 54 years ago, and continues to help WTRC serve children and adults in West Texas who have disabilities. For more information call West Texas Rehabilitation Center at 325-793-3400 in Abilene and 325-223-6300 in San Angelo.

City Council Meetings

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

Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month from. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and caregiver perspective.

There is no charge for this public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer's Association.

Sobriety First AA Group

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The group will meet Saturday with prior arrangements. Please use the Avenue A and Seventh Street entrance. Child care is available. For more information please contact the church at 325-365-2323.

Alanon meetings

Alanon meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger at 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday night. Enter on the Avenue A and Seventh Street side. Alanon is open to all family and friends of alcoholics or drug users. Child care is available. For more information call 325-365 2323.

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The BHS Class of 1955 and guests will meet at **2:00 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 10, 2015** At the Beautiful Remodeled Texas Theater
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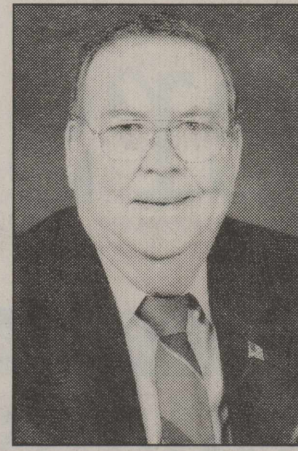
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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Floyd Lee Turner



Floyd Lee Turner passed from his earthly life on Thursday, August 27 at his home in Tyler, Texas with his loving wife and sons by his side. Floyd is survived by his sister, Dorothy Lieck; wife, Mary Sue Cooke Turner; son, Steve Turner and daughter-in-law Susan; son, John Turner and daughter-in-law Cindi; granddaughter, Lara Turner Miller and husband Jeff; grandsons, Josh Turner and Austin Turner; as well as one great-granddaughter Morgan Leigh Miller who has the honor of sharing his middle name.

Floyd was born on July 20, 1927 at home in Wilmeth, Texas to O.F. and Leona Turner who both preceded him in death. He married the love of his life Mary Sue on March 27, 1947 and never left her side for the next sixty-eight years. After Floyd served our country in the Army, they lived in San Angelo, Texas for sixty-one years where he was a devoted employee of Sears Roebuck and Company for thirty-eight years. Floyd truly experienced a miracle from God when he became the recipient of a transplanted heart in 1996. His new heart gave him nineteen more years to spend with his

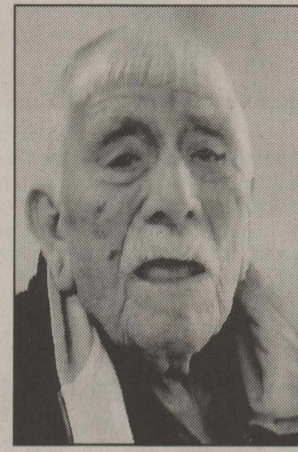
family, and he saw every day as a blessing and an opportunity to bless others.

Floyd will be remembered for his twinkling blue eyes, his whistle that no one could duplicate, his incredible sense of humor, and for never meeting a stranger - he was a friend to all. Floyd will be remembered as a man who actively walked with God and as a model for what it means to live a Christian life. Everyone will remember him as an example of all that is good: faithfulness, generosity, friendship, and love. Floyd was a devoted Christian, loving husband, beloved father, and the best "Pee-Paw" his grandchildren and great-granddaughter could have ever asked for. Floyd Turner will be missed and his memory will continue to be a blessing to all who knew him.

Services were held on Saturday, August 29th at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, Texas. Donations in Floyd's memory may be sent to West Texas Rehab, the West Texas Boys Ranch, or Meals on Wheels.

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Secundino "Blackie" Lopez



Secundino "Blackie" Lopez, 93, of Ballinger passed away September 19, 2015 at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation in Ballinger.

He was born July 1, 1922 to Felipe and Priciliana (Garcia) Lopez in Medina County, Texas. Secundino grew up in and around Devine, Texas until moving to Ballinger in the 1970's. He worked and retired from Ballinger Compress.

Secundino was preceded in death by his parents; step-mom, Pabla Lopez; and a sister, Alicia Rivas.

He is survived by his children, Salina Ochoa and husband, Jerry of Winters, Felipe Lopez of Ballinger, Delia Zapata and husband Andrew of Bigfoot, Richard Lopez and wife, Alice, Frank Lopez and wife, Andrea, and

Rosa Covarrubia all of Divne; his brothers, Raul Lopez, Joe Lopez, and Robert Lopez; his sisters, Anita Martinez and Jovita Galicia. Also surviving are 45 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 22 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ballinger. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am on Wednesday, September 23 at St. Mary Catholic Church with Fr. Hugh Wade celebrating. Burial will follow at the Latin American Cemetery in Ballinger.

Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Guests may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

Thomas remembered for breakthrough in leukemia treatments

Human beings by their nature are problem solvers, to one degree or another. Dedicated scientists and physicians have solved many problems by developing cures for diseases once thought incurable, replacing the dread of diagnosis with hope for a healthy future. Texas native and Nobel Prize-winning scientist E. Donnall Thomas opened a path for many with his breakthrough treatments for leukemia, developing a process that has saved thousands of lives.

Don Thomas was born and raised in the small community of Mart, just east of Waco. His father was a respected physician in the community, Dr. Edward E. Thomas. His mother, Angie Donnell, worked as a teacher. Science and education became indispensable parts of his life, and he excelled.

He attended the University of Texas beginning in 1937, majoring in chemistry. Thomas took a series of jobs around campus to pay for his studies. He graduated in 1941 and dove into his graduate studies. He married fellow UT student Dorothy Martin in 1942, who would later work in his labs with him. By 1943, having just earned a masters degree in chemistry, he enrolled at Harvard Medical School.

Leukemia, a cancer of the bone marrow which causes abnormal or non-functioning white blood cells

and eventually death, was a subject of increasing study and experimentation by the 1940s. No effective treatments existed at that point as



Dr. Ken Bridges

frustrated doctors and scientists searched for a cure. Thomas began investigating the field increasingly as his medical studies progressed. He graduated from medical school in 1946, served his residency, or formal physician training period, at the prestigious Peter Brent Brigham Hospital in Boston before serving briefly in the U. S. Army.

After his military service, he served from 1955 to 1963 as physician-in-chief at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in New York, where he began his cancer research.

Thomas devised a completely new approach. By destroying the existing diseased bone marrow with radiation and then transplanting new, healthy marrow from a donor, the body could then regenerate its own ability to create white blood cells essential to survival and end the disease for good. However, in the 1950s, scientists still understood little about radiation or matching patient marrow types.

He began his first experiments on dogs in 1957. The early results were discouraging, and most subjects died. Many of Thomas's colleagues tried to persuade him to abandon his research given the initial failures, but Thomas was

determined to succeed. Of those that survived, Thomas noticed that matching bone marrow type was the key to a successful transplant.

After he moved to the University of Washington's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in the 1960s, Thomas developed an improved matching type-matching in human beings, allowing successful bone marrow transplants between siblings or, later, with another closely-matched type. By the end of the 1970s, combining chemotherapy and bone marrow transplants, Thomas reported a cure rate of 50 percent. Bone marrow transplants soon became an accepted treatment and the cure rates steadily climbed as increased research improved the process.

While many aspects of leukemia remain a mystery, the disease is no longer the automatic death sentence it once was. The disease still causes many deaths each year, but new treatments continue to emerge, and hundreds of thousands have been cured of leukemia through Thomas's research. Bone marrow transplants now cure up to 80 percent of leukemia cases in children.

Thomas was revered by his colleagues and awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1990, an award placing him among the greatest scientific minds in history. He went into semi-retirement that year, living a quiet life with his family before his death in 2012.

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Winters ISD menus Sept. 25 to Oct. 1

Breakfast

- Sept. 25
Cinnamon roll or
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Mixed fruit
Fruit juice
Choice of milk
- Sept. 28
Biscuit & sausage w/
Gravy or
Pop Tart or
Cereal w/grahams
Pineapple
Fruit juice
Choice of milk
- Sept. 29
Breakfast pizza or
Cereal w/grahams
Raisins
Fruit juice
Choice of milk
- Sept. 30
Sausage roll or
Cereal w/grahams
Orange slices
Fruit juice
Choice of milk
- Oct. 1
Pancakes or
Cereal w/grahams
Tropical fruit
Fruit juice
Choice of milk

Lunch

- Sept. 25
Chef salad or
Cheeseburger or
Hot dog
Curly fries
Salad/carrot sticks
Peaches
Choice of milk
- Sept. 28
Chef salad or
Spaghetti or
Chicken/bun
Italian green beans
Salad/carrot sticks
Tropical fruit
Cheddar Goldfish
Choice of milk
- Sept. 29
Chef salad or
Bean & cheese chalupa or
Chicken fajita
Corn
Salad/carrot sticks
Apple
Choice of milk
- Sept. 30
Chef salad or
Steak fingers or
Chicken nuggets
Pretzels
Mashed potatoes/gravy
Salad/broccoli
Peaches
Choice of milk
- Oct. 1
Chef salad or
Peanut butter/jelly sandwich or
Chicken tenders
Mac n cheese
Salad/carrot sticks
Fruit cup
Raisins
Choice of milk

WINTERS JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY



PHOTOS COURTESY WINTERS ISD ATHLETICS

The Winters Junior High cross country medaled at the HSU Stampede on September 12, 2015. Pictured from left to right are: Christian Ornelaz (3rd place - 8th Grade Boys); Jezebel Gonzales (1st place - 8th Grade Girls); Gracie Reyes (6th place - 8th Grade Girls); Lexy Zachary (7th place - 8th Grade Girls); Marley Smith (5th place - 8th Grade girls); Natalie Lara (6th place - 7th Grade girls); Hailey Renfro (1st place - 7th Grade Girls); Jayden Galvan (10th place - 7th Grade girls); Querstin Lara (11th place - 7th Grade girls); Arazeli Reyes (7th place - 7th Grade girls).



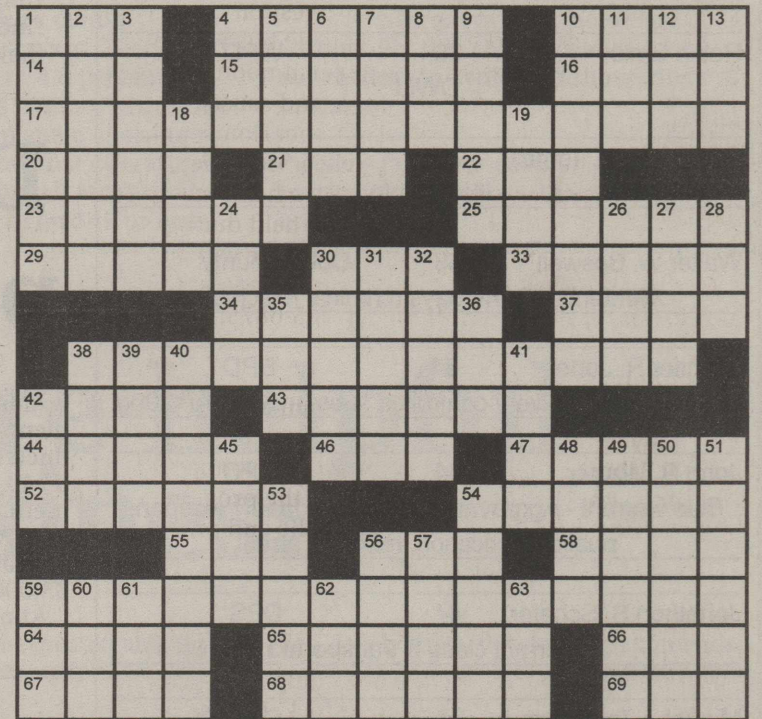
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The 7th Grade girls placed 2nd as a team during the HSU Stampede Sept. 12, 2015. Pictured from left to right are Natalie Lara, Hailey Renfro, Jayden Galvan, Querstin Lara and Arazeli Reyes.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"Q-Tips"

- Across**
- 1 6, for a TD
 - 4 Stopper, slangily
 - 10 Bookstore area, often
 - 14 "___ we there yet?"
 - 15 "Same here"
 - 16 Automobile pioneer
 - 17 Young feudal attendant from Austria?
 - 20 Jedi Skywalker
 - 21 Gardening aid
 - 22 Boil fluid
 - 23 Ring combination
 - 25 Flagpole ___ (exhibitionist of sorts)
 - 29 Page 2, usually
 - 30 Sinai snake
 - 33 Like fuel-rich bogs
 - 34 Prankster
 - 37 Arched recess
 - 38 Corrective pier?
 - 42 Subjective surrounding
 - 43 Cool and calm
 - 44 Short drinks
 - 46 Actor Beatty
 - 47 Muslim holy men
 - 52 Slim and graceful girls
 - 54 Frisbee forerunner
 - 55 "A Boy Named ___"
 - 56 Country north of Mex.
 - 58 Last single-digit number
 - 59 Getting in line?
 - 64 "Pay me later" marker
 - 65 Take flight
 - 66 Chauffeur's "office"
 - 67 Wait, as one's time
 - 68 Informed (on)
 - 69 1997 U.S. Open champ Ernie



- Down**
- 1 Stimulating scientist
 - 2 Three in one
 - 3 Petitioner
 - 4 People related to you
 - 5 Moscow is there
 - 6 Kidvid puppet-hobo
 - 7 Early Nebraskan
 - 8 Healthful crop
 - 9 Test sites: Abbr.
 - 10 "Calypso" captain
 - 11 Ring name
 - 12 32nd pres.
 - 13 Dir. opp. WNW
 - 18 Hits into the goal
 - 19 Bon mot
 - 24 Get down to business
 - 26 Appetizer that literally means "lid"
 - 27 Online DIY jewelry source
 - 28 Bread choice
 - 30 Home of the world's longest chair lift
 - 31 Freak out
 - 32 Stepped off
 - 35 Biblical equine
 - 36 Tony winner Cariou
 - 38 Hide, as a dog's bone
 - 39 Uzbekistan's ___ Sea
 - 40 Jamboree locale
 - 41 Liner, briefly
 - 42 Commercial info
 - 45 Avoid socially
 - 48 List of alternatives
 - 49 Each, in pricing
 - 50 Aid for a confused user
 - 51 Signs of superciliousness
 - 53 Popeye creator
 - 54 Art class goop
 - 56 Military force
 - 57 Place at the table
 - 59 Letters in "Respect"
 - 60 ___ tuna
 - 61 Word repeated in "I ___ the moon"
 - 62 Fertility lab supply
 - 63 Theorem letters

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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I D I O T   S I L L   A T O P
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Weather Whys

Q: What are clouds made of?

A: A cloud is a visible mass of condensed water droplets or ice crystals, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "These droplets or crystals are suspended in the Earth's atmosphere," McRoberts said. "Water vapor forms tiny droplets of water or ice crystals, and when these are surrounded by billions of other droplets or crystals, they become visible as clouds. Clouds form when moist air rises and cools, causing water vapor to condense into liquid droplets. This process is aided by aerosols, which are particles suspended in the atmosphere that come from both natural and man-made sources. Clouds can also form near warm and cold fronts, near the slopes of mountains or when cool air blows over the surface of warm water."

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Runnels County Jail Record September 24, 2015

Name	Age	Agency
Jesse E. Hoyle	37	Coke County
Public intoxication & resisting arrest		
Sylvia R. Sanchez	31	DPS
Possession of controlled substance		
Robin Smith	39	WPD
DWLI		
Camoncho J. Tomas	38	Concho
Illegal entry		
Walter W. Boswell	53	Coke County
Sentenced to 40 days (criminal mischief)		
Jennifer R. Jones	34	BPD
Warrant mari/delivery controlled substance 1>4g<200g		
John R. Wisner	44	BPD
Blue warrant - Aggravated assault w/deadly weapon, public intoxication, resisting arrest		
Jonathon S. Schafer	44	DPS
Warrant class B transported		
Miguel J. Tauranga	36	Concho
Class C appeal JP		
Christopher Enriquez	27	Turned self in RSCO
MTR-harassment of public servant x2		
Bryan C. Griffin	49	Coleman
Hinder apprehension of prosecuted known felon		
Sandra S. Lopez	37	Coke
DWLI		
Charles E. Dwindal	26	BPD
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VETERAN'S CORNER

Since the passing of the Agent Orange Act in 1991, scientists and medical professionals have learned to understand the toxic wounds of war and how many diseases are connected with exposure to the Agent Orange herbicide. The Agent Orange Act is set to expire at the end of September 2015. Should it do so, the VA would no longer be required to review the National Academy of Sciences' (NAS) report, denying thousands of veterans their right to compensation.

However, Congressman Tim Walz (D-Minn.) has recently introduced the "Agent Orange Extension Act," (H.R. 3423), which will extend benefits from the Agent Orange Act for two years, giving the NAS enough time to finish its report and for the VA to review its findings. Walz stated that it is imperative to make sure that Vietnam veterans who were

exposed to Agent Orange receive the compensation and care they deserve.

"I think sometimes we forget, especially folks who are a little younger, how big that deal was in 1991 when we finally added Agent Orange as a cause of these diseases, and I just don't want to let this slip away before we make sure we've covered it all," Walz said. The NAS is expected to publish its final report on Agent Orange exposure by March of 2016.

For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm, or call 365-3612.



Sandra G. Van Zant

-Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer

DPS trooper seizes almost a pound of methamphetamine

AMARILLO - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop Thursday on IH-40, yielding almost one pound of methamphetamine valued at over \$72,000 along with one half pound of marijuana with a value of over \$3,000.

At approximately 12:36 a.m., a DPS

trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2003 Chevrolet S-10 pickup traveling eastbound on IH-40, for a traffic violation, near Conway in Carson County.

The occupants of the S-10 were identified as Nicole Victoria Thompson, 20, of Jefferson, Iowa, and Daniel Lee Nysven, 48, of Volin, S.D.

During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered the illegal drugs in the luggage.

Thompson and Nysven were placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance over 400 grams, a first-degree felony, and booked into the Carson County Jail. The illegal drugs were allegedly

Quarterly food basket prices decreased to \$47.49, according to TFB's Grocery Price Watch

(WACO)—A trip to the grocery store will leave consumers with more money in their wallet, according to the latest Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Grocery Price Watch survey.

Third quarter prices for a basket of 16 staple items rang in at \$47.49 this quarter, compared to \$49.88 during this time last year. Prices are down 4.8 percent from 2014 and .3 percent from last quarter, survey results show.

Cheaper fuel prices sparked the decline at the grocery store.

"Farmers and ranchers are able to do more for less with cheaper energy costs," TFB President Russell Boening said.

Leading the decrease at the meat counter is lean ground beef, which fell to \$4.30 per pound. That's down 6.32 percent from \$4.59 last quarter.

Beef imports combined with a growing U.S. beef cow herd have helped bring down the price.

"As beef prices dropped, so did prices for chicken

and pork," Boening said.

The survey shows prices for boneless chicken breasts dropping to \$3.42 per pound from \$3.61 last quarter and pork chops decreasing to \$4.18 from \$4.35.

Of the 16 items surveyed, five additional items decreased in price from last quarter: bread, corn flakes, long grain rice, dried pinto beans and cheese.

Large grain harvests attributed to the cheaper prices.

But beef sirloin prices did see an increase, rising to \$7.63 per pound from \$7.15 last quarter. Beef expansion should eventually ease the price pressure at the meat counter.

Sliced turkey also increased in the third quarter, rising to \$4.94 per package. Grapefruit

rose by seven cents, but the increased cost is due in large part to the end of production season.

Other food items that showed modest increases included lettuce, vanilla cake mix and milk.

"Food budgets are a concern for Texas shoppers," Boening said. "But large grain harvests and cheaper energy costs for farmers are a great formula for consumers at the grocery store."

The TFB Grocery Price Watch survey is conducted quarterly by volunteer shoppers at grocery stores across the state of Texas. The current survey data was collected by 42 shoppers from Sept. 9-16, 2015. TFB has monitored Texas food prices through its Grocery Price Watch survey since March 2009.

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Texas feeder cattle auctions quoted prices steady to \$15 lower. Feeder cattle futures were \$1.90 higher, closing at \$194.70 per hundredweight (cwt). The Texas fed cattle cash trade was inactive yesterday. Wholesale boxed beef values were mixed, with Choice grade losing \$0.76 and Select grade gaining \$0.89 settling at \$225.54 and \$220.15 per cwt, respectively. Estimated cattle harvest for the week totaled 107,000 head, down 6,000 from last week's total and down 7,000 from a year ago. Year-to-date harvest is down 6.0%. Fed cattle futures were \$1.00 higher, closing at \$137.00 per cwt.

COWPOKES

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The Market Perspective

Oil prices rebound, stocks top

BY DENNIS ELAM
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On Wednesday, oil prices began their final run-up as we have outlined the last several weeks. Let's take a look.

We suggested that oil prices would re-bound from the \$37.75 low set in August. Oil prices were likely to rebound in an up down and then up pattern, an A B C if you will. And that is now unfolding according to prediction. Prices moved from \$37.75 to near \$50, that was Wave A. Prices then fell near \$44. Wednesday this was reversed as prices jumped from \$44.76 to \$47.35, a decisive reversal indeed. This sets the stage for Wave C to rebound potentially to the mid 50s where three important moving averages are now clustered. This may be a bit technical for a general newspaper column but the results have been an accurate road map of what to expect.

I received an e-mail yesterday asking if I thought we had seen the final capitulation, throwing in the towel emotionally; i.e., was \$37.75 THE bottom? My answer was no. When the President of Valero

gleefully suggests prices might just 'percolate up to \$75-\$80' we are nowhere near the sort of negative attitude that pervades a real bottom. At the real bottom the only headline or prediction will be something like, "we would like to predict a turnaround but supply continues to overwhelm demand."

The more likely scenario is that price climbs to the last area of the last big collapse, which on the charts is clearly \$54-\$56. Then a re-test of the \$37.75 low is likely. That would stretch into the end of this year or start of the next.

Meanwhile the hangover from the \$110 price party they thought would never end continues. Today we have a report that US Oil Field Worker Fatalities soared in 2014. The report states some 142 fatalities occurred in 2014, up from 112 in 2013. The Bureau of Labor Statistics Report concludes that fatality rates have not improved despite "emphasis on enforcing workplace safety rules under the administration."

The explanation for this is found in what happens at the end of any investment mania. The strongest part of the

rise in price and activity occurs near the end of a move. Displaced workers from other industries, with no knowledge of the oil field, are drawn to the business. In an industry where passing the drug test and having a commercial driver license makes for a gold plated employee, this is the perfect storm for work place injuries. As one General observed about WW II, fatalities were high because you had so many untrained soldiers who did not know what they were doing. Hopefully in this downturn there is more time for safety meetings. Energy service companies have been forced to lower prices to hang on to the crews they still have.

The investment fallout continues. The default rate among US energy companies has risen to 4.8 percent. We have warned this was coming with some \$550 billion loaned to shale operators the last few years. Now that operators are unable to hedge or sell forward above \$75, all have to survive on \$45 or near

break-even prices. Energy bonds under investment grade, junk, are now sporting yields of 11 percent. That suggests more defaults are ahead.

Even the "smart money" represented by big funds including Franklin Resources, Blackstone Group and Oak tree Capital are facing big paper losses. Chasing yield in a mania driven market underpinned by all time high prices usually ends this way whether it is a dot.com, a sub-prime mortgage, or an energy bond.

How bad is it? Jeffries Group's Leucadia National reported losses of \$90 million across 25 distressed energy trading positions over the last nine months. As a result they dumped 50 percent of their holdings.

Hopefully this column has allowed our readers to avoid just those kinds of mistakes.

Follow Professor Elam on the energy market at <http://www.themarketperspective.com>



Dennis Elam

BUSINESS TIPS

Job descriptions are helpful to develop business

I can say emphatically that I have never uttered the phrase, "Well, that's not in my job description." Perhaps it's because I have had jobs that span the entire working spectrum - delivering furniture, to cleaning boarding and kennel runs and working with a chain saw. With each one of these jobs, I was one of the owners of the particular business.

As an owner, you perform all the jobs which your business requires you to do in order to keep the business running and being profitable. As your business grows, you will find yourself considering hiring an employee.

In order for you to hire an employee, you will need to write a job description. Job descriptions serve a myriad of purposes. Having a job description will help you write your help wanted ad, ensure your applicants and employees understand their roles and serve as a basis for performance expectations.

The Small Business Administration web site offers these tips. Good job descriptions typically begin with a careful analysis

of the important facts about a job. Identify the individual tasks and methods used to complete these tasks. Explain the purpose and responsibilities of the job and how it relates to the company's end goal.



Peggy Rosser

SBA cautions about being too stringent in the job description wording. A flexible job description encourages employees to grow within their position and contribute over time to your overall business. If you hired your current employees without using a job description, there is no better time than right now to get that description written!

The Texas Workforce Commission online resource, Especially for Texas Employers, states that a good job description makes it much easier to deal with an unemployment claim should a work separation occur. The job description typically includes the job title, objective and level. Include a description of the function and scope of the position and list the tasks critical for success. Key functional and relational responsibilities should be listed in order of significance.

Additionally, include where the work

will be performed and expected abilities to handle various types of equipment and/or software programs.

A key step in writing a job description is to be crisp and clear. The SBA recommends structuring the sentences verb/object format. "Greets office visitors and personnel in a friendly and sincere manner." Always use the present tense of verbs and try and construct sentences in a gender neutral format. It is acceptable to use he/she if necessary. Avoid indecisive adverbs such as frequently, occasional or several.

As you work through writing your job descriptions, The University of Delaware has posted online Action Words for Position Descriptions. Some key verbs from that document include articulates, certi-

fies, collaborates, develops, recommends, schedules and (the last one on nine pages), writes.

Locally, the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board is the contact for direct assistance with writing job descriptions. As always, the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center is here to help with any small business needs you might encounter.

"Business Tips" was written by Peggy Rosser, Rural Business Development Specialist and Certified Business Advisor IV of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. For more information on the topic of this article or the services of the ASU SBDC, contact her at Peggy.Rosser@angelo.edu.

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When they handed out colors to represent lines of work, kinds of moods, degrees of dangers, and emphases on weather maps, it now seems certain "blue" has been overworked.

Perhaps we need to either back off, giving other colors their places in the sun—or even 15 seconds of fame. Otherwise, perhaps we should introduce several shades of blue.

Maybe it's something of a "cop-out," but trotting out 50 shades of blue seems to cheapen a color that should be one greatly honored. Instead, far too often, it is trampled....

As to "cop-outs," consider our culture—in a serious slide southward in ways considered outlandishly unlikely but a few winks ago. Let's hone in specifically on law enforcement personnel—men and women in blue. Formerly, they were generally treated with both deep respect and appreciation.

Today, sadly, there's much deliberation about the feasibility of their continuing to dress in uni-

forms for their daily shifts. They are thus clearly identified as to who they are. Also under question is whether it is safe for them to drive clearly identified vehicles. It is as though they are enemies, clutching as firmly as they can the values we formerly held to be sacred.

Our national mood calls for "singing the blues"—if we are to sing at all—when duty shifts begin. Men and women in blue have to wonder whether they're leaving their homes to promote peace or wage war in a land where domestic tranquility once seemed achievable. While we're at it, let's include other emergency responders—including, of course, fire department personnel. Really, now, would anyone be surprised if they, too, need to wear flak jackets? Or hold hoses in one hand and weapons in the other? Should we be shocked to soon see ads for tail gun-

ners on fire trucks?....

Few of us in daily routines expect to participate in law enforcement procedures. I was in such a scene recently, albeit unwittingly. Having concluded popping corn for delivery to friends, I noticed the gas gauge skittering toward "E."



TEXAS
COLUMNIST
Don
Newbury

Outfitted in pull-over shirt, old jean cut-offs and sandals, I wished for a baseball cap to hide run-away gray hair mats devoid of shampoo for 24 hours or so.

Some 40-50 yards away, a smiling lady waved vigorously. Thinking she recognized me and probably wanted a popcorn fix—for herself and for two accompanying children—I felt it seemly to reward them. I wandered slowly over to hand them a bag, as if I knew them. Turns out, I didn't....

As the bag left my hand, I heard a voice of the law,

neither amplified nor ill-spoken. "Please move away from the car."

Behind the woman's vehicle, perhaps 40 feet away, was a police car. Inside, the officer was completing details of what I suppose was a speeding violation.

Horrors! I was thrust into possible interference with the law. So, I offered the officer a bag of popcorn, too. But, he couldn't accept it. I felt stupid, retreated quickly to my car and drove away....

Proceeding with deliveries, I couldn't turn off memories of how I'd almost "interfered" with what I'm sure was a routine traffic stop near noontide of the day. I hope the woman and her children enjoyed the popcorn, and I'm sorry—at this time in history, anyway—it isn't prudent for law enforcement personnel to accept foodstuff from a guy who looked like he should be raking leaves.

I mentally "applauded" to the many demonstrations across our land sup-

porting men and women in blue. Let us applaud their many shades of blue, including postal workers, and yes, even umpires. It is the American way, even if the latter group sometimes must wait for instant replay for exoneration. For many caught up in the jagged edges of life's realities, there's no instant replay, no mulligans and quite often, not even casual thanks.

It is worth repeating: The American way is under siege. If we are to be privileged to keep it one nation under God, we must reclaim old resolve to defend what is right and true—for each other, and for the men and women in blue. May God bless them every day....

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BROTHER J A Time to Reflect

As I sat in the lawn chair Sunday morning and seeing the nearby trees and I began to think about my life and all the past years. I realized I am very blessed. I had a good start in life, parents and grandparents that loved me and cared for me and I knew I was loved. I really had it good but many times I did not take advantage of the things at hand. And then later on in life even though I had a good job, was happily married and now had children something was missing.

One evening a pastor from the nearby local church came by to visit. As we talked he shared with me about the importance knowing and accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. I had never done that even though believing in God, the Bible and being baptized in my teenage years. I knew something was missing in my life I just did not know what. That night I got on my knees in my front yard and asked God to forgive me of my sins, (Romans 3:23, 6:23) and asked Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Savior, (Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8, 9, John 1:12). A joy and peace came into my heart that night and I felt like a giant burden was lifted from my heart. My life has never been the same since that moment. I started a new life that night. See you in church next Sunday.

Brother J

EVENT

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go, to what would be the Winters vs. Ballinger game that year, but only after he weighed the bags of cotton.

"My brother put rocks in the sack to get it up to 40 pounds," Jonas quipped.

After college, Jonas would go on to coach at Lamesa and Corpus Christi. He would eventually get his Masters of Education at Texas A & I University at Kingsville and would go on to coach there and would win the national championship five times. Then it was on to coaching jobs in Houston and Angelo State University where he stayed for 18 years. He would go on to coach arena football and would later be honored for all his accomplishments as a winning coach.

"I hope I've been somebody," Jonas told the crowd. "Now it's your time to become somebody. Good luck and have a great life."

Dorsett told the crowd that he was "really proud," to be from Winters. Dorsett said his

desire to become an engineer started early, when he was growing up on a farm about seven miles outside of Winters. After he graduated in 1953, he would go on to Texas Tech in Lubbock where everyone there called him "Blizz."

He told the audience that becoming an engineer required dedication and lots of math courses.

"I had to go to math classes five days a week for two years," Dorsett explained.

After graduating with his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1957, Dorsett's first job was at International Harvester in Illinois, where he would work on the team that would design the first enclosed cab for a combine. He would then go on to design irrigation equipment and would travel all over the world.

"I was in Russia 40 times before the wall came down," Dorsett explained. "There were many fun times, but there were also scary times."

Dorsett said that one of his goals in life was to be a "provider of food and fiber for mankind."

Then he reminisced about the grounds of Winters High School saying that he "met the love of my life," on the wall that surrounds the school.

"It has been a real pleasure for me to be named as a distinguished alumni," Dorsett said. "Find out what you want to do and pursue your goals."

Smith, called a lifelong teacher, friend of agriculture and local veterinarian was honored posthumously during the event. His wife Sherie Smith accepted the award on his behalf.

His friend Rocky Edwards addressed crowd, reminding them that Smith lived by the motto of Future Farmers of America (FFA) which is "learning to do, doing to learn and living to serve."

"He covered every base," Edwards said. "People all over Texas knew Jimmy Smith."

He spoke highly of Smith, a 1960 graduate of WHS. He would go on to get his teaching degree from Texas Tech in Lubbock and returned to his hometown where he taught agriculture for four years before returning to college to earn his degree in

veterinary medicine in 1974. He opened up Pioneer Vet Clinic where he would continue to help students with their FFA animal projects.

Edwards said he was at the Houston Livestock Show the first week of March when Smith died.

There were a lot of conversations about Jimmy that week," Edwards said. "He was dedicated to this community. He is not here for us to see today, but he is still on this campus and in this community."

His daughter, Jamie Klassen, a principal in Leander, told the audience that the Winters community meant so much to her father.

"They don't raise kids anywhere else like they raise kids here - the way to get things done is through hard work," Klassen said. "You guys can go out and be what you want to be."

Winters ISD Superintendent Bruce Davis encouraged the students in the audience to emulate the successes of the honorees.

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Blizzards Homecoming Royalty

The nominees for Winters Homecoming Queen and King were presented during the event Friday night at Blizzard Stadium.

Pictured here are Bailee Busher escorted by Kyler Richards and her father Kevin Busher. Nominee Magan Ballard was escorted by Jonathan Sandoval and her father Ronny Ballard. Jessica Roman was escorted by Cameron Cooper and her father Lupe Roman. Cedie Taylor was escorted by Angel Escamilla and her brother Jordan Taylor. The Coming Home Queen was Beth Bradley, who was escorted by her son Aaron Bradley.

HOMECOMING QUEEN AND KING



COMING HOME QUEEN



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Jessica Roman and Kyler Richards were named Homecoming Queen and King during the game at Winters Homecoming Friday, Sept. 18, 2015 at Blizzard Stadium.



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Troy Hernandez #22 and Xavier Villareal #35 tackled the ball carrier for the Hamlin Pied Pipers during the Homecoming game Friday, Sept. 19, 2015. Hamlin won the game 39-8.

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continue to work on that aspect of their attack as injuries have hampered the team all season.

"We're getting back a little to what we started at the beginning of the season," McCarty said. "This week was Chris' first full game at quarterback and we need to make things

easier on him. Get the ball out quick and help him get the ball to his receivers."

The Blizzards' opponent this week is Texas Leadership Charter Academy out of San Angelo and McCarty believes that even though they might not be the fastest team they've played this year, they definitely are the biggest. On offense the Eagles run the ball almost exclusively and McCarty feels like their earlier game this season against Eldorado is going

to help them in this regard. "Although we lost the game against Eldorado I think we have many teachable moments from that game that can help us this week," McCarty said. "It really looks like this is going to be a low scoring, defensive game. If we can just do some of the small things right it is one we can win."

Winters plays TLCA in San Angelo at the old Lake View Stadium on at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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Let's have a safe, enjoyable hunt out there

Fall is officially here. With fall comes football, and, just as important - deer season.

The days are getting shorter, and the weather will be getting cooler, and buck fever will be rising in avid hunters all around the state.

With blaze orange adorned, the rattling of your antlers and all the "deer scents" on you need, you will be set for your time in the outdoors waiting for that big buck to step into your view.

One of the first things you should go to ensure any successful hunt is be very acquainted with your firearm.

Whether you are using a high-powered rifle or a muzzleloader, you need to know exactly how your gun operates, and more importantly you need to spend time shooting it in order to become familiar

with how the bullet flies toward the intended target.

Not every gun shoots the same. Some have more kick, some require just a certain touch to lead you to harvest your intended prey.



**Brent
Addleman**

Many hunters spend time "sighting in" their guns, whether it be at camps, ranches or shooting ranges.

Knowing exactly how your gun will fire each and every time you pull the trigger will go a long way when it comes to leaving your hunting area with a deer or

pondering over several "near misses."

There are a wide variety of bullets that can be used as well. Experts will tell you which brand has a better spread, or which brand has better speed. Make sure you are using the proper shells with the proper rifle.

• No one wants to see a catas-

trophe in the field.

Blaze orange is key to any successful hunt. Having on blaze orange will allow for other hunters to clearly see you are not a deer.

Plus, if you happen to get lost while hunting, the blaze orange will make it much easier for rescuers to locate you.

Taking a hunting safety course is a necessary measure when it comes to securing a license.

The hunter safety course will teach you everything you need to know about safe distances, identifying your target and giving you the knowledge it requires to keep not only yourself but other hunters safe.

When in the field, there are many hunters who have superstitions. It could be down to a certain type of bullet, a favorite shirt, a favorite spot or what you take with you into the wild.

It is always a good idea to keep a charged cell phone - on silent of course - and a fully

charged battery charger on you. You never know when you may need it.

Having a smartphone with you will allow you to use maps and GPS to identify your position. If you are walking long distances in the field, a map can come in very handy.

Plus, if you find yourself in need to call someone all you have to do is make that call, rather than walk miles to the nearest phone.

Remember to take plenty of water and healthy snacks with you in the field.

Eating a good breakfast - as you would any other day - will give you a great start. But, many times with deer hunting you will find yourself spending hours sitting, or standing, in one place awaiting that buck to walk into your firing range.

Taking items such as trail mix, protein and power bars will help keep your blood sugar levels in a normal range while you wait.

Plus, if you are not hungry,

you will find you will be better able to stay in one spot, and stay silent.

If you are hunting with others, make sure you know where they are at all times. Knowing your surroundings in the wild is important. Very important.

When you are hunting in a group, map out beforehand where each member of your group will be so there is no confusion if a herd of deer walking into your area.

Knowing which directions are safe to shoot toward and which directions are not are vital in making sure everyone enjoys a safe hunt.

Remember, to get that tasty venison, you have to be safe coming out of the field.

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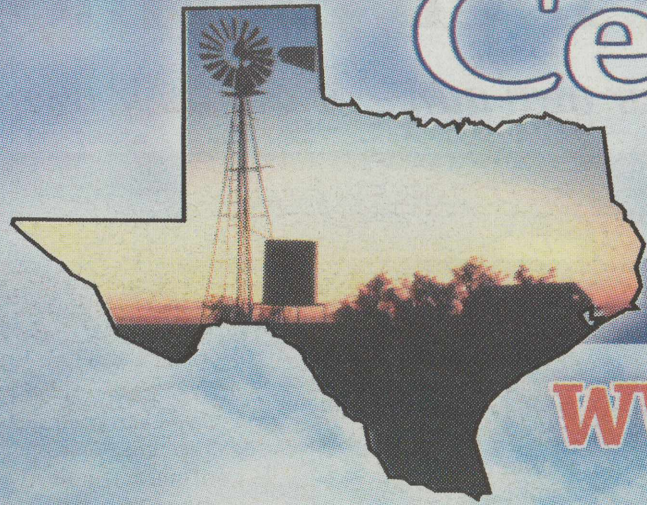
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Hunting: It's not just for men anymore!

These outdoorsladies aren't afraid to load and carry their own gun - or gut their own deer

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Hunting is not just a man's sport anymore and now more and more women are getting out in the field and enjoying the sport.

Statewide officials say that the evidence that more women are enjoying the sport can be found in the number of women signing up for hunter education classes.

According to Texas Parks and Wildlife, the number of women who signed up for classes in 2000 was 4,538 and in 2014 that number jumped to 16,512 statewide. That means 23 percent of those who signed up for hunter

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education classes last year, were women.

"We are very pleased to see an increase in the number of women and girls seeking their hunter education certification," said Nancy Herron, director of Outreach and Education for TPWD. "More and more women see themselves as capable in the outdoors, and many are

interested in harvesting their food locally. We encourage women to take hunter education, go on a mentored hunt, and try a Becoming an Outdoors Woman or similar workshop to learn more."

Two Runnels County women are proof that hunting is fast becoming a pastime for women. By day, both are



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Carolyn Lowry has been hunting since she was a child. Here she is pictured with a buck she took down two years ago during hunting season. She hunts in Coke County.

hairdressers and salon owners, but during their off hours, they are avid hunters and proud of it. Both learned hunting with family.

For Carolyn Lowry, hunting is and always has been a way of life - and each she can't wait for deer season to begin.

Carolyn is among a growing number of women who enjoy the

outdoor sport and she's bagged her fair share of bucks.

She can't remember a time when she couldn't shoot a gun. She remembers her late father Charles Lowry who she calls an amazing hunter. He lost his right arm as a teen, but hunted all his life.

Despite his missing arm, he was a great hunter, Carolyn said.

"That was the miracle of it," she said. "I've seen him knock two dove out of the sky in one shot."

She said her father was determined for her to be a hunter because "he loved it so much he wanted it to be in my life."

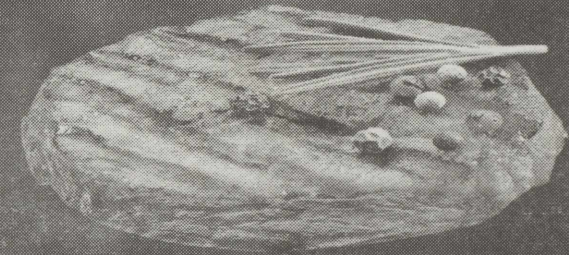
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jackrabbits when I was 5 or 6 years old," Carolyn remembered.

Carolyn and her brothers Wayman and Rex Lowry, grew up hunting together.

"We grew up hunting on the Lyle Curry Ranch, which is due west of Ballinger on the Colorado River.

Her prize possession? A 30.06 rifle, passed down to her from her father.

"They are very powerful and can bring down a buffalo," she said. "It's a larger bullet and it'll drop 'em in their tracks."

No one is going to pry the rifle out of her hunting hands, not while she's alive anyway.

"It will be my grandson Tristan's when I leave this earth," she said. "That is what he wants."

She's not much for dove hunting these days, but Carolyn is an avid hunter when it comes to deer season. Two years ago, she got her biggest buck yet an 11-point.

There she was, waiting on some land where she hunts in Coke County when the buck walked out.

"I couldn't believe it - I counted his points and I dropped him in one shot," she said. "Nine (points) had been my previous record - he was a beauty."

She hunted often with her sister-in-law, a few years back, not as often these days. But Carolyn



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Lindsey Byler of Ballinger hunts whenever she gets the chance. She is pictured here with a buck she bagged during deer season in 2013.

and sister-in-law Gail Lowry, have some stories to tell.

Like the time they bagged three deer in one night. But when they went to load the deer in the back of the truck, trouble started.

"Our tailgate wouldn't come down and we had to load those deer over the side of the back of the truck, after we gutted and cleaned them right there," Carolyn said.

She's had many hunting tales with Gail, but she says no matter what "we lived through them."

Whatever she bags, she processes.

"We process all our own meat," Carolyn

said. "We do it at my brother's house."

Her favorite venison recipe is fried back strap. She soaks it in vinegar and milk and then fries it.

"I have cooked it many times when people did not know the difference," Carolyn said.

When she's not hunting, Carolyn is running the Carolyn's Beauty Shop, which she has owned for the past 46 years. She's also involved in church, Lions Club and many other activities.

Ballinger native and



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Lindsey Byler of Ballinger is an avid hunter. She is shown here with a buck she bagged during deer season in 2014.

business owner Lindsey Byler has been hunting dove every day since Dove Season started Sept. 1. And she can't wait for deer season to begin.

Growing up in Runnels County with six brothers, for Lindsey, hunting was almost a given.

"I love hunting season," Lindsey said. She's been out hunt-

ing at the tank on her ranch since the first day and has only missed one Saturday since dove season began.

"I like to sit there and wait for them to come

to me," Lindsey said adding that dove hunting this year has been "awesome, the best it's been."

She's not an early bird

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- Carolyn Lowry, avid hunter

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hunter, so she goes out every evening about 6:30 p.m. on her property.

"They just fly right to you," she said of her recent hunts. She has been able to get the limit of 15 birds, every day.

Lindsey said she caught the hunting bug when she was 19, and she's been hunting for about 12 years now.

She's raising her daughter Allie, 4, as a hunter too. Her son Wyatt, 7, is already hunting.

"She is a mini-me," Lindsey said of Allie, adding that she helps clean the dove but she's not allowed to shoot - yet.

"But she wants to hunt," she said. "She has a couple more years before she can hunt."

Lindsey is looking forward to deer season which is from Nov. 7, 2015, to Jan. 3, 2016.

She uses a deer rifle - typically one of her father Will Byler's guns.

The Bylers hunt at West Texas Trophy Outfitters at the Foster Ranch, 20 miles outside of Ballinger on Highway

Lindsey loves to hunt so much, that she is the organizer for the annual Hunters Appreciation Dinner, slated for Nov. 7 in Ballinger at the Community Center.

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The best buck she's bagged was a 9-point two years ago.

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"It is going to be great this year," she said.

When she's not hunting, being a mom or organizing community activities, Lindsey is a hairdresser, the owner of Lindsey's Salon and Spa in

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Safety always comes first when in the wilderness

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In Texas hunting is a part of life. Many individuals will head out to the sunflower field, deer blind or maybe a lake on a freezing cold morning to take part in hunting their favorite species of game.

However, doing just that isn't always that easy and a exciting day of relaxation can turn into a nightmare in a quick few seconds if several hunting safety guidelines aren't followed.

The first priority for any hunter should be to make sure you're even legal to hunt in the state of Texas.

To hunt legally in Texas, anyone born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must complete a hunter education training course or purchase a one-time 'deferral', good for one license a year. Because the minimum age of certification is 9-years-old, hunter under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a licensed hunter in the field.

Hunters ages 9 through 16 must either complete hunter education courses or be accompanied while in the field. Deferral purchasers must also be accompanied, which is defined as being within normal voice control of a licensed hunter 17-years-old or older who has completed hunter education or who was born before the date specified earlier. Hunters 17 and up must complete hunter education courses, which are now fully available online.

Once the mandatory credentials are obtained that's when the real safety measures come into the play.

Below are what the Texas Parks and Wildlife consider the 'Ten Commandments of shooting and hunting safety' and following these can ensure a safe and enjoyable time in the outdoors.

1. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction
Control the direction of the muzzle at all times. You should not point a firearm or bow at anything you do not intend to shoot.

Hunters should also never rest a muzzle on their toe or foot and fingers

should be kept on the trigger guard until the instant you are ready to fire.

The safety should also always be on until you intend to fire.

2. Treat every firearm or bow like you would a loaded gun or nocked arrow

Every time you pick up a firearm, the first thing you do is point the muzzle in a safe direction and check to make sure it is not loaded.

The magazine and chamber should also be checked to be sure they are empty and the action is open until ready to be fired.

3. Be sure of your target and what is in front of and beyond your target

Before you pull the trigger you should properly identify game animals and until your target is fully visible and in good light, do not even raise your scope to see it.

Binoculars should be used to examine what is in front of and beyond your target to be sure there is a safe backstop.

Shots should never be taken at animals that are on the top of hills or ridges.

4. Unload firearms and unstring conventional bows when not in use

Leave actions open and store sports arms in cases when traveling to and from shooting areas.

Bolts should be taken out and shotguns should be broken down if necessary.

You should always know how your equipment operates.

5. Handle firearms, arrows and ammunition carefully

Horseplay should be avoided at all times with firearms.

You should never climb a fence, tree or ladder with a loaded firearm or bow and arrow.

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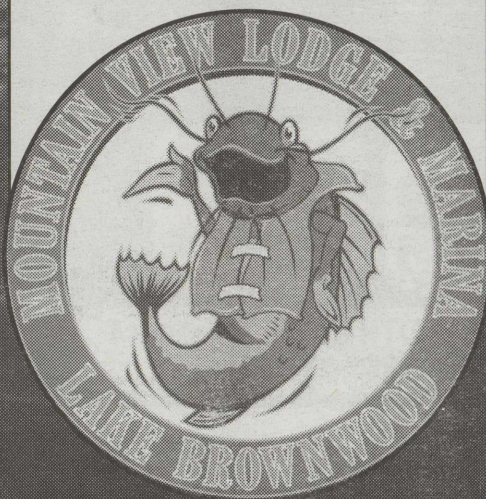
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Be aware of what type of ammunition your weapon uses and load accordingly.

6. Know your safe zone-of-fire and stick to it

A safe zone-of-fire is the area or direction in which you can safely fire a shot.

It is 'down range' at a shooting facility. In the field it is the mental image you draw in your mind with every step you take.

Be aware of the location of companions and never swing your weapon outside of that zone.

Also be aware that when hunting to wear daylight fluorescent orange so you can be seen from distance or in heavy cover.

7. Control your emotions

If you somehow become emotional while hunting it can cause carelessness.

If you have just shot at a target or animal you will likely be excited. At that moment you may turn with a loaded firearm back towards your friends or you might run with a loaded firearm towards a downed animal with the gun safety off.

Rehearse in your mind what to do and

show discipline in these moments.

8. Wear hearing and eye protection

Firearms can create loud noises which do have the ability to damage one's hearing.

In addition, wearing glasses can protect your eyes from escaping gases, burnt powder and other debris.

9. Don't drink alcohol or take drugs before handling firearms and bows

In what is likely the most obvious, but also maybe one of the more commonly broken rules of safety, never should anyone handle a weapon while impaired by drugs or alcohol.

These substances affect emotions, making it easier to lose control.

10. Be aware of additional circumstances which require added caution or safety awareness

Just because something isn't listed above doesn't mean you can ignore it if it's dangerous.

There are many rules and guidelines when it comes to hunting and following them can help ensure a safe and fun time.

Deer hunting season is upon us

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Now that football season is here that only means one more thing to the sportsman - deer season is just around the corner.

General deer season is open in Brown, Erath, Runnels and Somervell counties from Nov. 7 through Jan. 3, 2016. Archery season is open from Oct. 3 through Nov. 6. Special youth-only hunting seasons are open Oct. 31 to Nov. 1 and Jan. 4-17, 2016, giving children an opportunity to go out into the field with a parent or guardian.

Muzzleloader season commences Jan. 4-17, 2016, and there is a late antlerless and spike season scheduled for Jan.

4-17, 2016 and Jan. 18-31, 2016.

Texas Parks and Wildlife have filed the following definitions to help you on your hunt this season.

Buck - A deer with a hardened antler protruding through the skin. A spike buck deer is a buck with no antler having more than one point. All other deer are antlerless deer. A spike buck must be tagged with a buck deer tag from the hunter's hunting license or applicable permit.

White-tailed Deer - Except for deer taken under MLD permits, no person may take more than five white-tailed deer or more than three bucks - all seasons combined - in one license year.

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Bag limits in individual counties may be less.

Mule Deer - The annual bag limit is two mule deer with no more than one being a buck - all seasons combined.

Statewide Bag Limits

Texas Parks and Wildlife has very specific requirements for bag limits during the deer hunting season. Aside from MLD permits, a limit is placed on five white-tailed deer with no more than three bucks taken throughout the entire license year. However, bag limits in individuals counties may be less.

Special Antler Restrictions

Antler restrictions apply only in certain counties. In the bag limit is set at two, only one may have an inside spread of

For more on deer hunting seasons, bag limits, laws and regulations, visit <http://tpwd.texas.gov>.

13 inches or greater. A legal buck is defined as having a hardened antler protruding through the skin and at least one unbranched antler; or an inside spread measuring 13 inches or more.

In counties with special antler restrictions it is illegal to harvest more than one buck with an inside spread of 13 or more inches.

To help determine if a buck does indeed have a spread greater than 13 inches, view the distance between the tips of each ear when the deer is in alert position.

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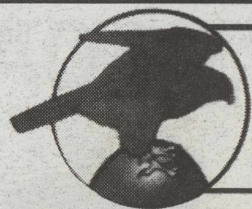
Definition of a point: A point is a projection that extends at least one inch from the edge of a main beam or another tine. The tip of the main beam is also a point.

Information from Texas Parks and Wildlife was used in this story.

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These deer look for food in this image captured by a trail camera.



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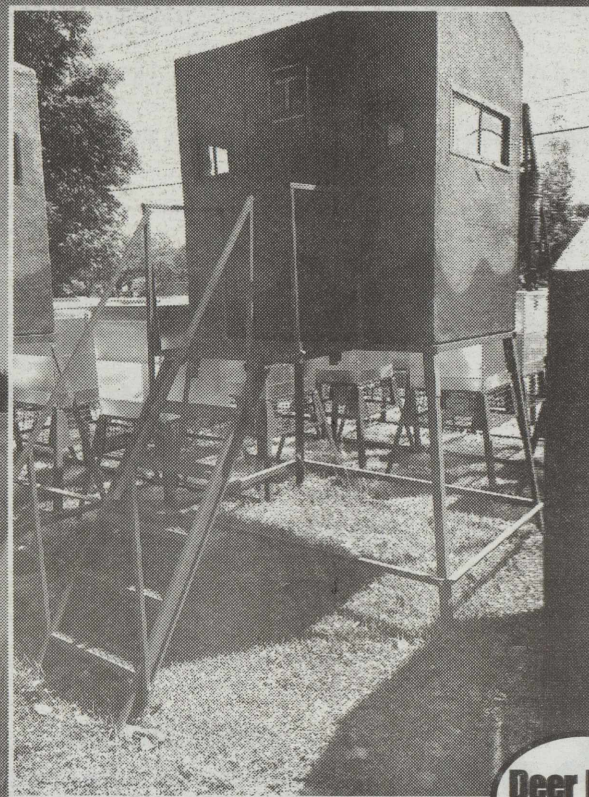
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Hunters asked to submit samples for CWD testing

AUSTIN — With the recent discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in two captive deer breeding facilities in south-central Texas, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be stepping up efforts to strategically sample hunter harvested deer at a greater level during the 2015-16 hunting season.

Hunters are encouraged to assist with this state-wide monitoring effort by voluntarily submitting samples this fall. TPWD biologists will collect and submit samples to the Texas A&M Veterinary Diagnostic Lab at no cost to the hunter. Tissue samples from the heads of harvested deer must be collected within 24 hours of harvest, up to 48 hours if kept chilled. It is very important that the deer head not be

frozen.

Since 2003, TPWD biologists have been monitoring the state's free-ranging deer population for CWD. Using statistical sampling tables commonly used by animal disease experts, biologists set a sampling goal that would detect the disease with 95 percent confidence if at least one out of every 100 deer was infected. Thus far, biologists have collected nearly 30,000 samples from hunter-harvested deer across Texas' eight ecological regions, in most cases surpassing 95 percent confidence standards. To date, CWD has not been found in Texas free-ranging white-tailed deer.

The sampling strategy for the 2015-16 season is being refined to target disease risk levels within the

state's 33 unique Resource Management Units (RMU); wildlife conservation areas that TPWD uses for all other deer management decisions.

Hunters wishing to submit samples can go online to find their local TPWD biologist, listed by county at http://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/technical_guidance/biologists/.

The biologist will provide a sample receipt hunters can use to track test results online. TPWD anticipates test results could take 3-4 weeks to process. In some cases, biologists may request to retain the entire deer head for later sample collection; a resource document will be given to the hunter as proof of sex in those instances.

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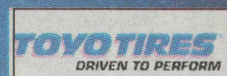
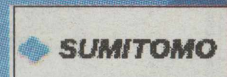
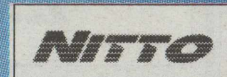
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