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Briefly

We've moved

The Ballinger Ledger moved to a our new location at 709 Hutchins as of March 30. We will be moving in to a great historic building that will be a wonderful representation of the rich history of the community.

If you were unable to reach us during the move, be sure and contact us at 325-365-3501. Please feel free to call Celinda Hawkins, editor at 432-349-2736 for editorial or any questions concerning the paper or Elizabeth Carrillo at 325-977-4090 for advertising or Linda Arispe in Winters at 325-377-1634.

Veterans Outreach Program

The Runnels County Veteran's Service Office will be having a Veteran's Outreach Program on Saturday, April 16 at the VFW Post 9196 in Rowena from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be representatives from the VA Regional Office in Waco, the VA Medical Center in Big Spring, the Texas State Veterans Home in Big Spring, the Vet Center in Abilene, the Texas Veterans Commission Employment Services from Abilene, and Central Texas Opportunities from Brownwood. All organizations will be on hand to provide assistance, information and answer any questions. If you have any problems or questions, even if asking for a friend or relative, this is the opportunity to speak with those individuals who can assist you with monetary veteran's benefits, medical benefits, employment, monthly bills or skilled nursing home care.

The last drop

A cold front moved through Runnels County Wednesday, bringing low temperatures down into the upper 40s, but warmer temps remained during the day time hours, the National Weather Service reported.

In addition, the NWS issued red flag warnings for portions of the big country due to dry windy conditions.

Runnels County received no rainfall from March 31 to April 3, according to the NWS.

Mild spring weather continues this week, with highs reaching into the upper 70s today and the 80s on Friday into the weekend. A cooling trend will occur Saturday with the high only reaching 78, the NWS predicts, and windy conditions are likely with wind gusts reaching 25 miles per hour. A 30 percent chance of rain is in the forecast Sunday night. High temperatures will reach in to the low 80s Sunday. Warm weather will continue Monday with the high expected to reach the mid 80s.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 2.77 inches of rainfall, with 2.19 reported in Wingate and 4.13 inches received in San Angelo.

Foundation Awards \$7500 in grants to local organizations

Scholarships to be presented in May

STAFF REPORT

Grants were awarded to a number of community organizations and groups during the Winters Area Foundation Future of Winters Club dinner held Tuesday, March 29 at the First Baptist Church in Winters.

Grant recipients included the Winters Public Library, \$1,000, the Winters Volunteer Fire Department; \$1,000, the Z.I.

Hale Museum, \$500, R.E.A.S.O.N., \$500 and Scout Hut Renovations, \$500.

In addition, the North Runnels Hospital received a grant of \$2,000 from the Marvin and Nancy Jones Fund. This is the first of many years that the Jones Fund will be supporting local organizations. Also receiving grants from the Jones Fund were the Samaritan House, \$1,000

and the Z.I. Hale Museum, \$1,000.

But scholarships were another main portion of the event since the theme was "Scholarships... Supporting Our Youth."

In May \$6,500 in scholarships will be presented to Winters High School seniors from the Winters Area Foundation. This year a \$1,500 scholarship

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PHOTO COURTESY JOE GERHART

Grants were presented to charitable organizations during the annual dinner sponsored by the Winters Area Foundation and the Future of Winters Club, Tuesday, March 29. Here Susan Conner, left and Gene Wheat, present a grant check to Pastor Bob Murchison for Samaritan House.

Hundreds attend 28th Annual Agri-Plex Ag Day in Ballinger

Area farmers, ranchers attend 2016 event

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Hundreds of producers, farmers and ranchers from all over the area attended the 2016 Agri-Plex Ag Day in Ballinger Tuesday.

The event, held every other year in Runnels County, is heralded by those in the agriculture industry and provides new and innovative information for farmers and ranchers with a variety of conferences, seminars and workshops throughout the day.

"It has been a great event," said Garrett Cline, Runnels County Extension Agent.

During the 28th annual event, Farm Family of the Year and AgriBusiness of the Year were announced and the Pat Lee Scholarship recipients were awarded \$1,000.

This year, Mark and Susan Jacob of Winters were named Farm Family of the Year. Both are graduates of Winters High School and have been active in agriculture throughout their lives and marriage.

He began farming with



CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTO

The Farm Family of the Year was announced during the 28th Annual Agri-Plex Ag Day held Tuesday at the Ballinger Community Center. Mark and Susan Jacob were named the 2016 Farm Family of the Year. Pictured from left to right are Susan, Mark, Matt and Megan Jacob and Runnels County Extension Agent Garrett Cline.

his father and brother Gary in 1988. In fact, he is a third generation farmer following his father Herbert and grandfather Herbert Jacob Sr.

Mark Jacob, a 1990 graduate of WHS, was a four year letterman in football

and a state qualifier in track and field. He began earning ag awards in high school including the Lone Star Farmer Award in 1989 as well as a cereal grain award. He would go on to attend Cisco Junior College and married Susan in

1996.

In 1997, his family, including Herbert and Evelyn Jacob, Gary and Dinell Jacob and Mark and Susan Jacob, was named the Rural Family of the Year by the Winters Chamber of Commerce.

In 2012 Mark Jacob won \$2,500 through America's Farmers Grow Communities through the Monsanto Fund. He designated his winnings to the Winters 4-H.

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The Winters Junior High Lady Breezes had first place finishers in the Cougar Ribbon Relays in Christoval including Natalie Lara (400m Dash), Hailey Renfro (2400m Run), Jezebel Gonzalez (800m Run), Marley Smith (400m Dash), Karlee Busher (Pole Vault, Triple Jump)

WJH Lady Breezes fare well at Cougar Ribbon Relays

STAFF REPORT

The Winters Junior High Lady Breezes competed in the Cougar Ribbon Relays in Christoval. The field events and a few of the running events were conducted like a normal track meet. However, the running events, with more than six entries, were conducted as a ribbon meet, meaning that in each heat the top six finishers received a ribbon for their place. This meet also had two division, 7th and 8th grade. The Lady Breezes did quite well at this meet, which was also attended

by Christoval, Eldorado, Irion County, Menard and Miles.

Following are the 8th grade results: Karlee Busher - Pole Vault (1st), Triple Jump (1st), 100m Dash (2nd), 200m Dash (2nd), 4x400m Relay (2nd); Audrey Glascock - 400m Dash (5th); Jezebel Gonzalez - 800m Run (1st), 4x400m Relay (2nd), 300m Hurdles (5th); Tiffany Martinez - 4x400m Relay (2nd), 4x100m Relay (5th), 100m Hurdles (5th); Gracie Reyes - 4x400m Relay (2nd), 100m Hurdles (3rd), 300m Hurdles

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Runnels SWCD scholarships available

STAFF REPORT

The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors has announced that up to three \$500 scholarships will be awarded to qualified seniors of the Ballinger, Winters, and Miles school districts.

Award winners must be members of Runnels County 4-H or FFA and meet other criteria as set forth in the application packet. Final selection will be made by the directors of the Runnels SWCD.

Funds for this scholar-

ship program and the many other educational programs of the SWCD have been raised locally through the sale of trees, fish, grass seed, and the rental of seeders. It is the purpose of the board to invest these funds in the future of agriculture to deserving Runnels County graduating seniors.

Application packets will be available from each high school counselor, or at the NRCS office at 2000 Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger. Deadline for the applications is April 15.

Head Start registration coming up on April 7

STAFF REPORT

Winters Head Start will hold early registration from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 7 at Winters Elementary. Head Starts serves children who are 3 and 4 years old. To qualify, the child must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2016.

Parents must bring the following items to register, a W-2, tax return, child support payment record or a SSI or TANF letter; proof of residency

(utility bill), birth certificate, shot records, Social Security card, driver's license, insurance, Medicaid or Chip card, foster care documents (if applicable) and IEP for disability (if applicable).

Children with disabilities are welcome. The Winters Head Start program is affiliated with the Region 14 and Region 15 Educational Service Centers. For more information call Ursula at 325-754-5577 ext. 3127.

Ninth Annual Miniature Art Show

STAFF REPORT

The Mid-West Texas Artists Guild will hold their 9th Annual Miniature Art Show and Sale on Saturday, April 23, in conjunction with the Ethnic Festival.

This is an open show and any artist over eighteen years old who would like a prospectus, please contact Louise at 365-9920 or Shirley at 754-4216. Categories are Professional and Non-Professional.

New this year will be a Little Painting Sale and Preview Party on Fri-

day night. Most paintings will be on sale for the nominal price of \$50. This is a good time to purchase gifts or even treat yourself. Hours will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, April 22.

The award ceremony will be held on Saturday at 4 p.m. The show will end after the award ceremony. This show and sale brings many out of town visitors to Ballinger. We invite everyone to come to the Little Painting Sale and Preview Party on Friday and the show and sale on Saturday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Mommie and Me at WPL

Mommie and Me at the Library program will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Winters Public Library. The program is for children 18 months to pre-kindergarten. There will be a story time and a tea party for the kids. Moms will meet in the conference room for a special program by the Winters Security Bank explaining mobile banking and the new features with in online banking.

Donate to WPL

The Winters Public Library is reaching out to the community for donations. The library will have their annual silent auction at the May Fest. This is one of our fund raisers for the year. The May Fest will Saturday, May 7 at the Ted Meyer Park. If you will bring your donations to the library or call 325-754-4251 we will be glad to pick it up. Cash donations are always welcome and we will be glad to purchase an item for the auction. The Winters Public Library appreciates the community involvement for fund raisers and programs. The proceeds from the silent auction go toward maintaining the library.

Aggie Moms' Club to meet

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will meet at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 at Coldwell Banker Panlan & Mash Building at 2500 South Willis St. in Abilene. A light meal will be served and attendees will learn about Texas A & M University and all of its traditions. The group meets each month. Those who cannot make the meeting but would like more information are encouraged to call Shelley Hughes at 325-669-6271 or Emily Meador at 325-864-3902 or email atramhughes@hotmail.com or Emily meador@gmail.com.

Shot clinics slated

Texas Department of State Health Services will have immunization/flu clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance or adults with no insurance. The clinic in Winters will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 2 p.m. today, at the Professional Building, 110 South Main St. Suite 108. For your convenience, please use rear entrance (Grant Street). The clinic in Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at 600 Strong Ave. Please bring the child's immunization records. If the child has Medicaid, please bring the card. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call 325-754-4945. If there is no answer leave a message.

Ready, set, go...

SAN ANGELO, TX - The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center will be hosting the training event "Ready... Set... Go... Essentials to Business Startup" a 3 p.m. today. The program is free. At this no-cost training event, participants will learn the basics

of writing a business plan, how to estimate start-up costs, contacts and resources you will need, and more. Please register in advance for this free event so that we can provide adequate seating and handouts for everyone. To find out more about this program or to register please call the ASU-SBDC at (325) 942-2098 or register online at www.sbdca.angelo.edu

Friends of Gus Pruser

The Friends of Gus Pruser meeting is slated for 6 p.m. Monday. Lunch will be sponsored Thursday April 21 and includes hamburger, chips and dessert.

One Man, Two Roads

The Quannah Parker Exhibit will be on display at The Rock Hotel Heritage Center, 300 West Dale Street, Winters, Wednesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. through April 30. Donations will be accepted for admission. The exhibit will be open all day on Saturday, April 2 during the Z. I. Hale Museum's Spring Festival. Additional Indian artifacts and displays will be included with the exhibit.

For more information, contact: John Long, Z. I. Hale Museum, 325-754-5389, zihalemuseum@wtxs.net.

Lawn care program

The Winters Public Library will host a program on lawn care at 4 p.m. Monday April 4 at the library. The program is free and open to the public.

A Time for Freedom

A new addiction class is forming in Winters called "A Time for Freedom," and Pastor Tommy Akin, of the Pioneer Church of God in Winters will be overseeing the program which will provide addiction education to addicts, family and loved ones. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Pioneer Church of God at 158 North Main St. in Winters. For more information call 903-474-4740.

Visit Friendly Neighbors

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Runnels County area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening, arts and crafts and other useful subjects to meetings at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during the summer). Meetings will alternate between the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of south 7th Street and Sealy Ave. in Ballinger and the Winters Public Library at 120 N. Main St. in Winters. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this group, call Martha at 365-3890 or Judy at 754-5386.

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.

The next decade could be rough for farmers

STAFF REPORT

The next 10 years could be difficult for farmers. That was the message of the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) annual baseline report delivered to Congress earlier this month.

"We are looking at several years of pretty tight financial situations for U.S. agriculture," said Pat Westhoff, director of FAPRI at the University of Missouri. "Farm income is less than half of the 2013 peak, and we expect it to remain low for the next several years."

Westhoff said the huge drop in the prices for many major commodities has driven income down and will keep it down.

"Crop prices are well off the peaks that were established in the 2012 drought year. On livestock, we had peak prices in 2014 that have also come down very sharply," Westhoff said. "We've had some cost reductions, but not nearly enough to offset the decline in receipts."

The FAPRI baseline uses a model with different vari-

ables to project a range of market outcomes for 2017-2025. Westhoff said some of the resulting 500 outcomes are much higher or lower than the averages in the report.

The baseline has corn prices averaging less than \$4 per bushel. While there might be short crop years where prices could spike, Westhoff expected prices in most years to be closer to current prices than the record prices of 2012.

Cattle, hog, chicken and milk prices have declined because of increased production and weak export demand. The strong U.S. dollar is a factor in the drop in exports. While it's difficult to predict any change in the value of the dollar, Westhoff doesn't expect the dollar to stay as strong as it was last year.


Modest increases in net farm income are projected in the baseline report, but when adjusting for inflation, 2025 net farm income will be about the same as it was in 2015.

Westhoff said the data can help farmers decide which crops to grow and what investments to make and equip farmers to deal with risk by knowing both what is likely and what is possible.

Also addressed in the baseline report are the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) payments established in the 2014 Farm Bill. Payments are expected to decline rapidly after this year because the moving average of past prices used to compute guarantees will decline.

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TEXAS HISTORY MINUTE

Amon Carter, larger than life

Amon G. Carter was another of the larger-than-life figures that dominated Texas business in the early twentieth century. His efforts cemented Fort Worth's attempts to become a major industrial and cultural center for the Southwest.

Carter was born in 1879 near the small town of Crafton in Wise County. He quit school at the age of 11 to help support the family.

In 1905, he settled in Fort Worth where he soon found work as the advertising manager of the new Fort Worth Star newspaper. However, the newspaper quickly faltered. To save the paper, Carter in 1908 led an effort to raise money to buy the competing Fort Worth Telegram. On New Year's Day 1909, he combined the two papers into the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, an extremely successful and profitable publication that became one of the dominant papers of West Texas.

He quickly developed a reputation as a civic promoter and eventually made Fort Worth's slogan "Where the West Begins" popular. In 1911, he arranged for the first airplane flight in city history, which began a long relationship between Carter and aviation. By the late 1920s, he was part owner of what became American Airlines and convinced other shareholders to move its headquarters to Fort Worth. In the late 1930s, he convinced what became General Dynamics to open a plant in the city and later attracted Bell Aviation to the area. In 1922, he opened the city's first radio station, WBAP, which for many years shared a frequency with Dallas station WFAA. He also convinced the state to open Texas Tech University in Lubbock in 1923.

In the meantime, he bought land and invested heavily in oil exploration. Though Carter never held an elected office, he effectively served as an ambassador for Fort Worth's business and cultural interests, becoming one of the most powerful figures in the city.

From the 1930s through the 1950s, he nurtured a strong rivalry with Dallas. One story relayed for years was that he had such a dislike for Dallas that he would always bring a sack lunch to any meetings he had in Dallas rather than spend money in the city. Part of this was seen with the fight with Dallas over airports. Carter had supported the creation of Greater Southwest International Airport in the early 1950s, not far from the modern Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport while Dallas continued to support its own Love Field.

In 1945, he established the Amon G. Carter Foundation to fund cultural and education projects across the state. The

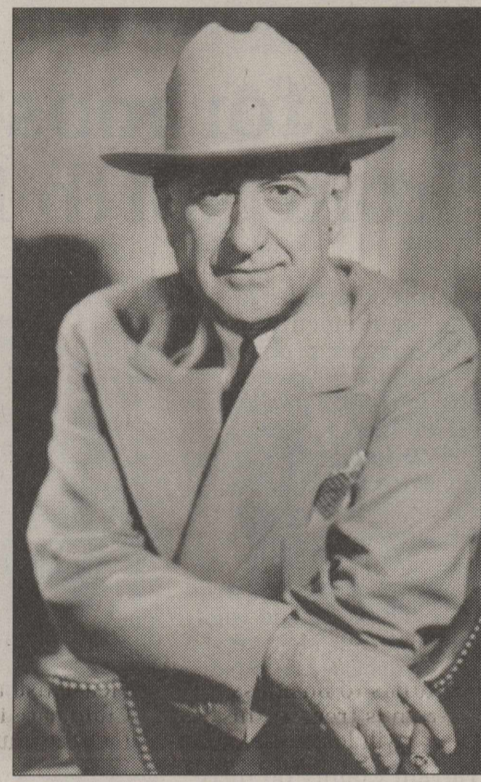


Dr. Ken Bridges

foundation has helped fund museums, symphonies, and art projects for decades. It has also established scholarships and provided financing for medical research.

After World War II, he expanded his media holdings into television. In 1948, WBAP became the first television station in the South (its call letters changed to KXAS in the 1970s). But after the war, Carter slowed down. His health declined and suffered the first of several heart attacks in 1953. He died at the age of 76 in 1955.

His tireless work for Texas was honored in many ways after his passing. Amon G. Carter Lake in Montague County, constructed in 1956, was named in his memory. In 1961, his daughter, Ruth Stevenson, opened the Amon Carter Museum of American Art in Fort Worth, one of the most respected art museums in the state. At Carter's request, much of his western art collection was included. Amon Carter Riverside High School in Fort Worth is also named in his honor. Buildings at Texas Tech, Texas A&M University, and Texas Christian University are also named after him.



'David and Goliath' Book review slated for April 18

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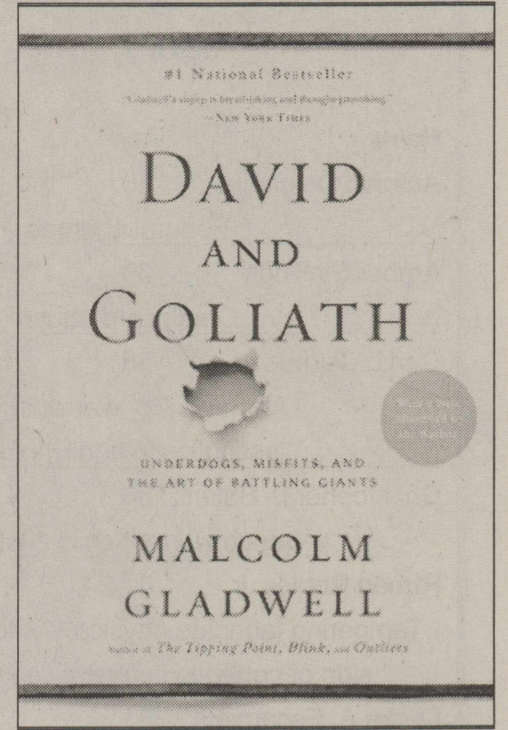
Dorothy Hoelscher will present a book review on Malcolm Gladwell's, "David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants," at 4 p.m. Monday April 18 at the Winters Public Library.

Hoelscher graduated from Winters High School in 1969 and went on to earn a Master's degree in Speech and Language Pathology in 1973 from Southwest Texas State University, now known as Texas State University. She worked in the Austin public school system before moving to the Ballinger area in 1981 where she and her husband, Leon, owned and operated Hoelscher Dairy. Dorothy, or "Dot" as most people know her, was employed as a speech pathologist and then a 4th grade teacher in Ballinger ISD. She also worked for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center and Region XV Service Center on a part-time basis.

Gladwell's book, "David and Goliath," explores the concept of the underdog versus the giant. This book challenges how people take on obstacles and disadvantages, offering a new look at disabilities, education, personal loss and other events that might be termed catastrophic. The initial chapter retells the Biblical story of David and Goliath, but with a twist. Gladwell shows how David's weakness was actually his strength. The book goes on to show how what we think of as "Go-

liath's" in our life and country and world may actually be hampered by the very thing that makes them fearsome—their superior power.

The public is invited to attend the presentation.



NEW REGION 15 OFFICERS



The Region 15 Association of Texas Professional Educators met in Del Rio on April 2 for the annual meeting and elected the 2016-17 Region Officers. Pictured from left to right are Jose Delgado (Del Rio) - president, Cheryl Buchanan (Ballinger) - vice president, Luz Mendez (Junction) - treasurer, Angel Castillo (Del Rio) - secretary and Darlene Kelly (Ballinger) - director.

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WINTERS ISD BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

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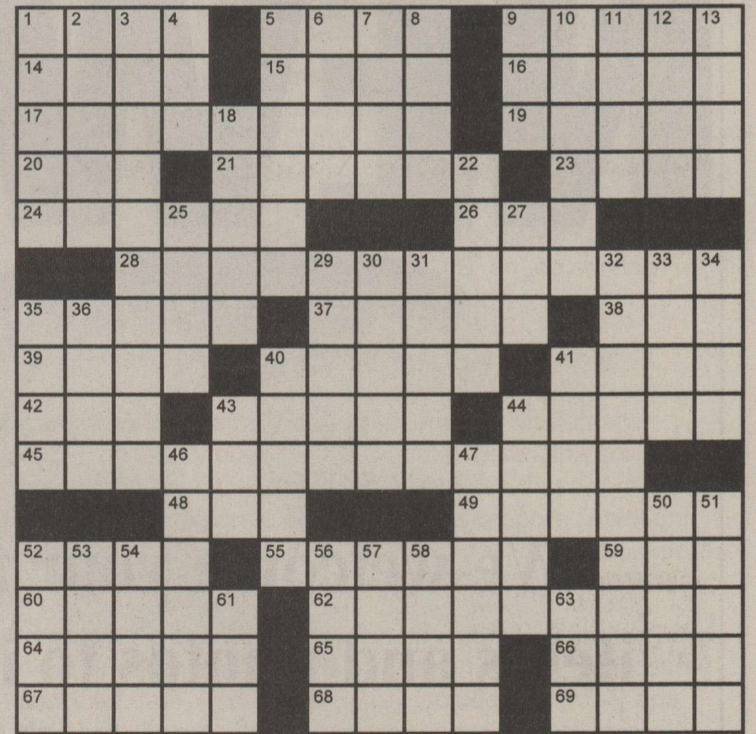
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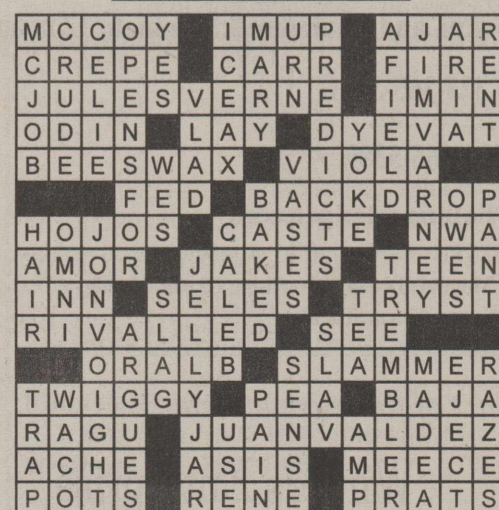
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: What is the deadliest type of weather disaster?

A: The weather-related incident that kills the most people in the United States is flooding, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "You hear a lot about blizzards or tornadoes, but more people are killed by floods than any other type of weather-related incident," he explains. "This goes back to 1889 and the famous Johnstown Flood in Pennsylvania in which 2,200 people were killed. During the 20th century, floods were the number one natural disaster in the U.S. in terms of property damage and fatalities. In 1993, the Great Midwest Flood killed 48 people and did \$12 billion in damage in numerous states. But that's nothing compared to other parts of the world. In 1931, one of the worst weather incidents in history occurred when the Yangtze River flooded, killing 3.7 million in China due to flooding and subsequent disease and starvation. In 1971 in Vietnam, more than 100,000 died in flooding in that country."

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April 7, 2016

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Federal charges		
Amber Stallings	39	WPD
Credit card abuse		
Carl L. Turner	35	Menard
Andrews Co. warrant-FTA assault with bodily Injury		
Christopher L. Baker	36	RCSO
Bench warrant child custody		
Ruben Robles Jr.	47	Concho
Tampering fabricate physical evidence, possession of controlled substance PG 1 < 1G		
Dedra A. Escamillo	31	BPD
Warrant for credit/debit card abuse		
Eula M. Crannon	47	WPD
Criminal mischief assault and F/U		
Hank Bradshaw	54	WPD
Criminal mischief		
Cirildo Fitchett	30	BPD
DWLI		
John L. Billington	19	BPD
Theft of prop. by check		
Robert Aragon	36	WPD
Assault family violence		

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VETERANS CORNER

I am taking donations and sell stars from flags flown in Runnels County to pay for the flight for Toby Halfmann, who will be the guardian for his father Wilbert Halfmann if selected for the Permian Basin Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. The stars sell for \$1. Make checks payable to the Veteran's Travel Fund. I also sent an application for Jerry Engler to go on the flight. I know I can count on Runnels County to support this great program. For more information, or to donate, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call 365-3612.



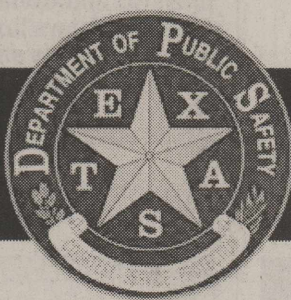
Sandra G. Van Zant



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Jerry Engler, left, and Wilbert Halfmann, are candidates for the Permian Basin Honor Flight that will depart from Midland International Airport May 19 and return May 21. The two veterans are hopeful to be part of the 100 veterans taking part in this the fourth Honor Flight.

— Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer



Texas Department of Public Safety

DPS: \$8,000 for most wanted sex offender from North Richland Hills

AUSTIN - The reward for Mark Timothy McBride, 59, a Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offender and this month's featured fugitive, has been increased to \$8,000 for information leading to his capture if the tip comes in during the month of April. McBride is wanted for failure to comply with

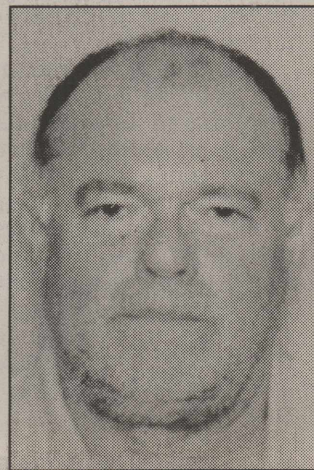
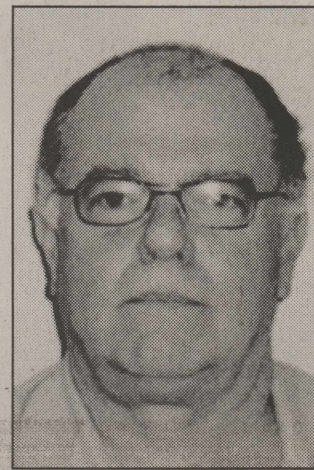
sex offender registration requirements, parole violation and probation violation. All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous.

McBride has ties to the North Richland Hills/Fort Worth areas, and has previously lived in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Prior to absconding from the North Richland Hills area in 2011, McBride had expressed an interest in living and working in Alaska. In 2006, McBride was convicted in Tarrant County on three counts of indecency with a child/sexual contact for incidents involving two 16-year-old girls. For more information and updates in the event of his arrest, see his wanted bulletin at: www.dps.texas.gov/Texas-10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?id=314. McBride is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs approximately 250 pounds. He may wear glasses.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders.

To be eligible for the cash rewards, tipsters must provide information to authorities using one of the five following methods:

- Call the Crime Stop-



Mark Timothy McBride

pers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).

- Text the letters DPS - followed by your tip - to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.

- Submit a web tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, and then clicking on the link under their picture.

- Submit a Facebook tip at <http://www.facebook.com/texas10mostwanted> by clicking the "SUBMIT A TIP" link (under the "About" section).

- Submit a tip through the DPS Mobile App. The app is currently available for iPhone users on the Apple App Store: (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/texas-dps/id902092368?mt=8>) and for Android users on Google Play: (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.microassist.texasdps&hl=en>).

All tips are anonymous - regardless of how they are submitted, and tipsters will be provided a tip number instead of using a name.

DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives for the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive and Sex Offender lists.

You can find the current lists - with photos - on the DPS website at <http://www.dps.texas.gov/texas-10mostwanted/>.

Do not attempt to apprehend these fugitives; they are considered armed and dangerous.

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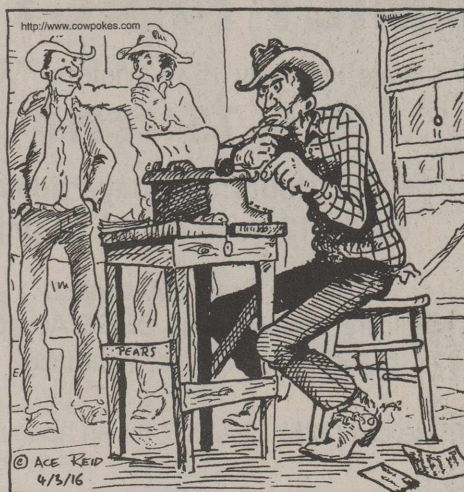
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SPRING FESTIVAL PARADE

Winners of the First Place trophies in the Z. I. Hale Museum's "Memories of Times Past - Spring Festival" and tractor featured in the parade

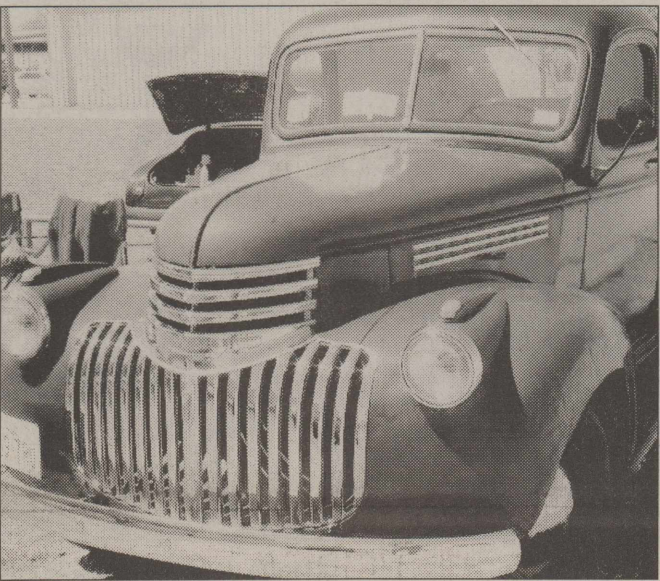


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ABOVE: The Z. I. Hale Museum Complex was the site for the celebration of the annual Spring Festival, Saturday April 2, 2016 in Winters. The event kicked off with a parade and included an art show, the Quannah Parker exhibit and performances from local and area entertainers. Here Corey Belew rides with his grandfather John S. Belew on a tractor during the parade.

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There were several first place winners in the Spring Festival Car show held Saturday, April 2, in Winters.

ABOVE: Gwen Andrae of Winters won in the Antique Before 1946 category for a 1937 Chevrolet sedan.

FROM TOP RIGHT DOWN: 1 - Clay Spill of Winters won for Special Interest Vehicle, for his 1984 K1500.

2 - Allen Moore of Gardendale won in the Classic 1946-1991 category for his 1949 Chevrolet Delray.

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3 - Charles Brown of Winters won for his 1941 Chevrolet 1/2 ton pickup in the Antique Commercial Vehicle category.

4 - Bob Prewitt of Winters won in the Work in Progress category for his 1976 MGB.

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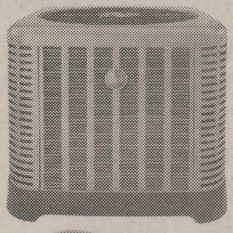
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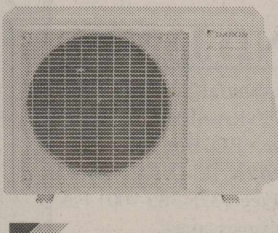
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Ballinger— New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Runnels County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals, and has information for select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons age 65 or older.

- Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans - The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent homestead exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and for surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action.

- Property Tax Exemptions - Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the freeport exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

- Rendering Taxable Property - If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

- Productivity Appraisal - Property owners who use land for timber land production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces, versus what the land would sell for on the open market.

- Residence Homestead Tax Deferral - Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.

- Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled Homeowners - Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

- Protesting Property Appraisal Values - Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact:

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P.O. Box 524 (505 Hutchings Ave.)
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325-365-3583



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More than 125 guests attended the Winters Area Foundation/Future of Winters dinner held Tuesday, March 29 at First Baptist Church in Winters.

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from the Winters Project Fund will be named the "Jeanie Wheat" Scholarship. The deadline for scholarship applications was April 1.

Several more scholarships are planned for next year. The Bergman Family Scholarship has been endowed for students attending Texas Tech. A new scholarship named for Dr. Jimmy Smith is being created. Also, funds are being accepted for

a community scholarship honoring Mary Louise Bauer. These scholarships will be awarded in 2017.

The dinner for the March 29 event was catered by West Texas Rehab and their main chuck wagon cook Archie Jobe. Magician Lonnie Chevrie amazed attendees with his slight-of-hand tricks at their table prior to performing for the whole audience. Over 125 guests were in attendance for the event.

For more information on the Winters Area Foundation, call Susan Conner at 325-754-5760.

Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Saturday
Ballinger Lions to participate

STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO - Cleaning trash from area roadways may not be a glamorous job, but it is one that has attracted 15 Adopt-a-Highway groups in Tom Green County to volunteer their time this Saturday as part of this year's "Don't mess with Texas" Trash-Off. In the 15-county San Angelo District, more than 600 volunteers and 53 groups are expected to participate in events in Ballinger, Big Lake, Eden, Junction, Sonora, Ozona, Robert Lee, Rocksprings and Leakey. Last year these groups collectively picked up 4.4 tons of litter.

The annual event is a partnership between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful. It is the single, largest one-day cleanup event in the state when thousands of volunteers pick up litter on roadways to keep Texas highways clean and beautiful. The cleanup is conducted in conjunction with the Great American Cleanup, which takes place annually across the nation from March 1 through May

31.

The Ballinger Noon Lions Club will be picking up trash along a 2-mile stretch of highway on Highway 83 north towards Winters Saturday.

"We've been participating for quite a number of years," said Lion Max Pratt.

Every year more than 1 billion pieces of litter accumulate on Texas highways leaving taxpayers paying to clean it up. This litter is not only ugly but also expensive. Last year, TxDOT paid contractors \$160,000 to pick up 6.8 tons of litter just in Tom Green County-statewide the agency spent more than \$32 million on litter pickup. It is estimated that the Adopt-a-Highway groups, who clean their two-mile section of highway four times each year, save TxDOT \$3 million dollars each year statewide.

"Research has shown that people are less likely to litter when the roadside is clean," said Karen Threlkeld, public information officer for the San Angelo District. "We want everyone to have pride in this great state of ours. Keeping our roadways

free from litter is a great way for all of us to come together to do our part to protect the beauty of our state."

Last year, more than 27,000 Trash-Off volunteers participated statewide in the cleanup, which is Texas' largest annual roadway and community improvement effort. A total of 235 events were held, and 3,709 miles of highway were cleared of litter and debris. Volunteers collected more than 1.4 million pounds of trash.

The Trash-Off is just one part of TxDOT's litter prevention programs, which include the "Don't mess with Texas" public service campaign, Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. These three programs work in conjunction to keep the state clean and to change the attitudes and behavior of would-be litterers.

The "Don't mess with Texas" Trash-Off began in 1986 as a call to action to refrain from littering on one designated day.

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His wife, worked for Runnels County Judge Marilyn Eagan for 10 years and now works for the Council of Governments, 911 and Homeland Security. Susan helps with farming as well, bringing meals to the field.

The Jacobs farm wheat, cotton, grain sorghum and sesame. They have two children Megan, a sophomore at WHS and Matt a 7th grader at Winters

Junior High. Both, of the Jacobs children help with plowing and harvesting.

Scott Matschek, service manager at South Plains Implement in Ballinger, was named the AgriBusinessman of the Year.

Matschek attended school at St. Joseph's in Rowena and is a 1992 graduate of Ballinger High School. Born on Christmas day in 1973, Matschek was raised on a farm all of his life, learning the art of hard work and farming from a young age working side by side with his

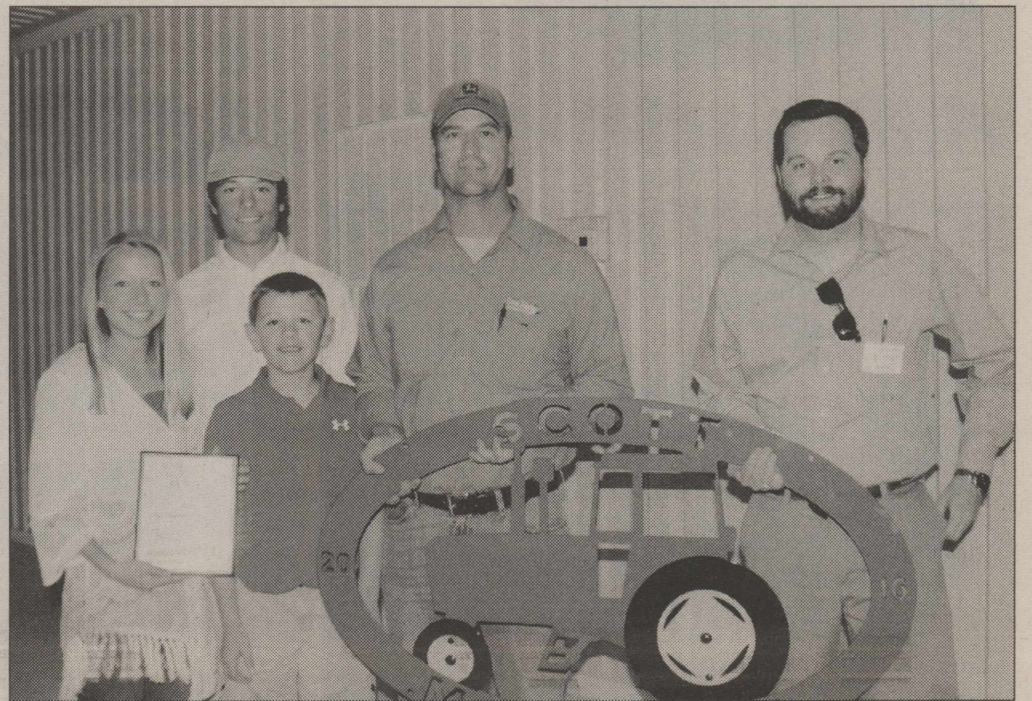
father. When he was old enough to drive a tractor, he helped plant and harvest milo and cotton. When the work in the field was done, it was time to tend to the animals, which in his case were mostly pigs.

He started working for Porter Henderson Implement Co. in 1997 as a service technician and now works for South Plains Implement. He shares his knowledge with the community and has been an instructor in Farm Safety Camp for many years. with presentations on tractors and farm equipment.

Matschek is also very active with his children Tyler, 17, Haley, 15, and Trey 12, who all attend Ballinger schools. He coaches football and baseball and attends all of his kids extracurricular activities. He also helps his children with FFA projects. He is the current president of the Ballinger Junior Livestock Association and is a current member of the St. Joseph's Parish Council.

Adam Multer of the Rowena 4-H and Allison Schaefer of Ballinger FFA were presented with the \$1,000 Pat Lee Scholarships. Both Multer and Schaefer are seniors at Ballinger High School.

The keynote speaker was Bill Gillon, president and CEO of the Cotton



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The 2016 AgriBusinessman of the Year is Scott Matschek, of Ballinger, who was presented the honor during the 28th Annual Agri-Plex Ag Day Tuesday at the Ballinger Community Center. Pictured from left to right are Haley, Tyler, Trey and Scott Matschek along with Runnels County Extension Agent Garrett Cline.

Board based in Memphis, Tenn.

Gillon attributed the decline in the cotton market to advancements in the synthetic fiber market and to lower prices for the synthetic fibers.

He said that the largest market for fibers is China and that their policies are causing economic pressure on cotton growers all over the world.

The solution, Gillon said

is for the cotton industry to come up with better varieties and better quality products.

"We have to keep up with the technology of fabric," Gillon said. "We must find new market opportunities."

Gillon said his organization is seeking ways to

create the use of cotton in places it has not been used before. Plus, the industry needs to get back in to markets they have lost, he said.

"We need to get more cotton into everything," he said. "We need more opportunities to get cotton back on the shelves."

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(4th); Alicia Reyna - 100m Dash (3rd), 4x100m Relay (5th); Shiyann Reyna - 100 Hurdles (6th), 4x200m Relay (6th); Miranda Rodriguez - 4x100m Relay (5th), 4x200m Relay (6th); Marley Smith - 400m Dash (1st), 800m Run (2nd); Hailie Santoya - 200m Dash (2nd), 4x100m Relay (5th), 4x200m Relay (6th); Lexy Zachary - 4x200m Relay (6th).

Following are 7th grade results: Kaitlyn Fuentes - 100m Dash (5th); Jaydan Galvan - 4x400m Relay

(3rd), 2400m Run (4th); Natalie Lara - 400m Dash (1st), 800m Dash (3rd), 4x400m Relay (3rd); Querstina Lara - 100m Dash (2nd), 4x100m Relay (3rd), High Jump (3rd), 200m Dash (4th); Mara Mostad - 100m Dash (5th); Hailie Renfro - 2400m Run (1st), 800m Run (2nd), 4x400m Relay (3rd); Shyla Seaney - 200m Dash (5th); Megan Tarr - 4x400m Relay (3rd), 4x100m Relay (3rd); Avery Wheat - 4x100m Relay (3rd), High Jump (3rd), 100m Hurdles (4th).

The Lady Breezes will compete next Saturday, April 9th, at the District 7-2A South Zone Track Meet, which will be held in Winters.

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LEFT: Aimee Green stopped the ball at the shortstop during a game with the Roby Lions, March 29, 2016. **ABOVE:** Brooklyn Galloway stopped a high pitch during the softball game with the Roby Lions.



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 The Winters Lady Blizzards competed in the Cougar Relays in Christoval and placed fourth overall. Pictured from left to right are Lizzy Ortiz, Sonya Vasquez, Alia Renfro, Cha-Cha Lovelace, Baily Knight and Justine Alvarado.

Lady Blizzards place at Christoval

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

The Winters High Lady Blizzards competed in the Cougar Relays in Chris-

toval this past Friday and showed a lot of improvement. As a team, the girls placed 4th out of seven schools. The meet was at-

tended by Christoval (who had 2 teams), Eldorado, Irion County, Menard and Miles.

The following girls medaled: Justine Alvarado - 100m Hurdles (3rd); Baily Knight - Pole Vault (2nd), 400m Dash (2nd), 4x100m Relay (3rd); Cha-Cha Lovelace - 4x100m Relay (3rd); Lizzy Ortiz - 3200m Run (2nd); Alia Renfro - 4x100m Relay (3rd); Sonya Vasquez - 4x100m Relay (3rd).

The following girls pointed: Justine Alvarado - 4x200m Relay (4th); Brooklyn Galloway - Discus (6th); Baily Knight - Triple Jump (6th); Cha-Cha Lovelace - 100m Dash (6th), 300m Hurdles (6th); Lizzy Ortiz - 1600m Run (5th); Alia Renfro - 4x200m Relay (4th); Sonya Vasquez - 4x200m Relay (4th); Jenessa Wade - 4x200m Relay (4th), 400m Dash (6th).

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