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Briefly

Cookies for the troops

The holiday Cookies for the Troops Drive is underway spearheaded by the First United Methodist Church in Winters and the First Methodist Church in Ballinger. Donations of cookies of all kinds are welcome. They must be packed with one dozen cookies in the one gallon plastic zip bags. Cookies may be dropped off Sunday at First United Methodist Church at 1501 N. Broadway in Ballinger and at First United Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at 141 N. Church St. in Winters. Dr. Bob Murchison of the Winters United Methodist Church will be picking up the cookies on Monday from Methodist churches in Coleman, Winters and Ballinger and taking them to Good-fellow Airforce Base in San Angelo and Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene on Tuesday, Dec. 20. He is hoping to send between 5,000 and 10,000 cookies.

RCSO Toy Drive

The Runnels County Sheriff's Office is holding the annual Christmas Toy Drive to benefit children throughout Runnels County. The toy drive is funded through donations from local businesses. Last year over 400 children in Runnels County were served. Children receive toys, clothes and blankets. Families who wish to sign up to receive toys may do so by calling the Runnels County Sheriff's Office at 325-365-2121 and list the number of children in the household, whether they are a boy or girl and the ages. The toys will be distributed on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at the RCSO at 612 Strong. Ave. in Ballinger.

The last drop

The first Arctic blast converged on Runnels County last week, bringing freezing temperatures and some snow flurries, forecasters at the National Weather Service in San Angelo said. Cloudy, cold and windy weather continued through the week, with temperatures warming up over the weekend. Another cold blast was expected Wednesday night bringing low temperatures to near freezing. A warming trend will occur bringing high temperatures to the mid 70s. Another cold blast is expected to hit the area Saturday night, with the morning low in the lower 20s, forecasters said. No precipitation is expected to accompany the front. Last week, Ballinger received .05 inches of rain, while Wingate received .02 inches and San Angelo received a trace. So far this year, Ballinger has received 37 inches of rainfall, with 38.13 inches reported in Wingate and 31.62 inches received in San Angelo.

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

Cotton harvest delayed, crop is good

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The 2016 cotton crop was better than expected, producers in Runnels County say due to rains early in the spring and

summer and again in the fall which helped make this crop a pretty good one, but delayed the harvest. Each year, between 50,000 and 60,000 acres of cotton is typically planted in Runnels County and about 200 pounds per acre is produced.

"Overall we have a good crop," said Karin Kuykendall, executive director of the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association. "We made a lot of cotton in October." She said Runnels and

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CELINDA HAWKINS | ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Harvesting of the 2016 cotton crop in Runnels County has been delayed due to wet weather over the past several weeks. Some producers say they are about 40 percent complete with the harvest, while others say they are only 20 to 30 percent complete. The cotton in these fields near Pumphrey, near Winters, had not been harvested as of Friday, Dec. 2, 2016.

Christmas in Wintersville



JOE GERHART | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Winters Christmas Parade included many special guests including "The Grinch" who was there on behalf of the them of the festivities "Christmas in Wintersville" in keeping with the Dr. Seuss classic "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

Parade was a success

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Christmas in Wintersville was the theme of the annual parade and events held in Winters last weekend. Hundreds joined in the parade as well as the crowning of Snow Queen, extended shopping, a hamburger fundraiser, bingo and a holiday door decorating contest at

Winters Elementary.

The events were sponsored by the Winters Chamber of Commerce and the theme "Wintersville" was patterned after the Dr. Seuss classic "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." The parade included plenty of theme decorated floats, including the Grinch himself. The weekend of Christmas activities culminated Saturday afternoon in the crowning of the Snow Royalty in Winters Saturday, Dec. 10.

There were a total of seven candidates vying for the titles of Snow Queen, Show Princess and Snow Flake, for the annual event sponsored by the Winters Chamber of Commerce. "We had a great candidate pool this year and it was very hard for the judges to make their final selections," said Maegan Schwartz, director of the chamber. Summer Schneider, a sophomore at

PARADE, 8

Small Grain report deadline

STAFF REPORT

Runnels County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Daniel Lange announced Monday that producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage can prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits. The final date for Runnels County producers to report their fall seeded small grain (wheat, oats, barley, and triticale) acreage to the FSA is Jan. 17, 2017. Please call us for an appointment at 325-365-5757 so we can prepare files and have time allotted for you. The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting date: ■ If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed. ■ If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office. For questions and an appointment regarding crop certification, please contact the Runnels County FSA office at 325-365-5757.



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LEFT: Summer Schneider was named Snow Queen during the "Christmas in Wintersville" activities Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016. She was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. CENTER: Sahaylee Curry, center, was named Snow Flake at the event at the Rock Hotel Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016. Madyson Curry, left, was first runner up while Raimy Walker, right, was second runner up. RIGHT: Myra Ochoa, center, was named Snow Princess during the festivities in Winters Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016. Shelby Santos, left, was first runner up and Ashlyn Richards, right, was second runner up.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Desi Chandler

Martha Desmond "Desi" (Bryant) Chandler, 95, of Ballinger, Texas, formerly of Lewisville, passed away Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at Ashwood Manor in Ballinger. Desi was born April 10, 1921 in Sanger, Texas to Dennis Terrance and Jewel Desmond (George) Bryant. A memorial service will be held at a later date under the direction of Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger.

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Jack Davis Sr.

Jack Davis, Sr., 86, of Winters, passed away Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at Hendrick Hospice Care in Abilene.

He was born on January 10, 1930 in Brady, Texas to Homer and Bertha Davis. The service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 at First Baptist Church in Winters, Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Winters. Services were under the direction of Lange Funeral Home.

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Charles Wesley Hagle

Charles Wesley Hagle, 82, of Winters, died December 7, 2016. He was born November 28, 1934 in Ballinger and lived in Winters most of his life. He was a truck driver and worked in the oil fields. He married Vada May Barnes November 10, 1961 in San Angelo.

He is survived by his wife: Vada May Hagle of Winters. 7 children: Teresa Lee Arispe, Clarence Wesley (Bud) Hagle and wife Kay, Charles Anthony (Chuck) Hagle and wife Vanessa, Tena May Martinez and husband Martin, Tammie Lynn Tamez and husband Penno, Newt Jason Hagle and wife Isabell and Tracie Kay Bills all of Winters. 1 sister: Peggy Barnes of Bradshaw. 1 brother: Albert Wayne Hagle of Mineral Wells. 26 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

By his personal request, there will be no funeral service.

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Perry named energy secretary pick

BY CNN

President-elect Donald Trump has selected former Texas Gov. Rick Perry to be his nominee for energy secretary, multiple transition sources told CNN Tuesday, which would make him head of an agency he once sought to eliminate. The official announcement was made Tuesday.

Perry, twice an aspirant for the White House and for decades a swaggering figure in the Texas Republican Party, returns to the national limelight after his career in politics withered amid scandal and embarrassment.

If confirmed by the Senate, Perry will inherit a department that has focused on promoting clean energy and reducing dependence on fossil fuels, but has also seen domestic production of oil explode. And his selection is a nod to the traditional GOP emphasis on energy sources like coal and oil.

A hallmark of Obama's Energy Department has been the grants and loans it issues for research. The loan program was expanded to include renewable energy projects as part of Obama's economic stimulus package in 2009, and more than \$30 billion in loans have been issued since then.



Rick Perry

BRECKENRIDGE - Roger Stanford, age 72 of Breckenridge, passed away Sunday, December 11, 2016. A graveside funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, December 14 in the Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, Texas with Tra Hall officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Morehart Mortuary. Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, December 13 at Morehart Mortuary.

Roger Louis Stanford was born December 20, 1943 in Andrews, Texas to parents Horace A. Stanford and Billie Ruth Valentine Stanford. Roger graduated from Winters High School in 1962 and then enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served as a Combat Medic while he was in the Army. In July of 1966, Roger married Lou Awalt in Wingate, Texas. After his discharge from the Army, he attended and graduated from the University of Texas in 1971. Roger worked as a petroleum engineer for Conoco and Wing Corp before his retirement. He made stained glass crosses and enjoyed

being outdoors, fishing and hunting. Mr. Stanford was preceded in death by his parents, Horace and Billie Stanford.

Mr. Stanford is survived by his wife, Lou Stanford of Breckenridge; one daughter, Lauree Jo Rasso and husband Kevin of Perry, Georgia; one sister, Sherry Kay Hall and husband Robert of Jayton; one brother, Jerry Wayne Stanford and wife Maggie of Lubbock; one brother-in-law, Jerry Awalt and wife Leslie of Winters; one granddaughter, Zoee Rasso; nieces and nephews, Hunter Hall, River Hall, Brooke Hall, Sidney Hall, Quincey Hall, Tra Hall and wife Amy, Jay Hall, Ray Hall, Mitch Valentine, Josh Awalt, Autumn Awalt, Avery Awalt, Gracie Awalt, Matt Awalt and wife Madeline, and Christi Jones.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice and may be left at Morehart Mortuary. Condolences may be made online at www.morehartmortuary.net.

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Roger Stanford

COMMUNITY NEWS

December
Community Calendar 2016

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Winters Public Library News

The Winters Public Library will host a Children's Christmas Program from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. Children of all ages are invited to attend for games, crafts and fun.

The library has recently received several non-fiction reference books including the 2016 Edition of the "Physicians' Desk Reference," the "Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary" and two very informative books regarding dyslexia. Also, just in time for the holidays, the library has received "The Pioneer Woman Cooks-A Year of Holidays," and "The Pioneer Woman Cooks-Dinnertime." In addition WPL has received David Baldacci's "No Man's Land" and the new book by Nicholas Sparks, "Two by Two." Donations and memorials for the month of November were received by: A.W. and Lee Andrae, Mary Jo Tucker in honor of Betty Henson, Bobby and Cathy Black in memory of J.C. Wilkerson, Sydney Alderman Underwood, Francis E. Griffin in memory of Betty Lou (Holle) Griffin, Juanita Wilson, Nancy R. Thompson in memory of Jigg Nichols and Louise Richey, Henry N. Bourdo and Beth Bradley.

RCHC book available

The latest book titled "Volume III Historical Markers of Runnels County and Post Offices of Runnels County" is available at Ballinger Printing & Graphics and JK Hair Salon in Ballinger; The Attic, Bee's Quilting, and the Z. I. Hale Museum Gift Shop in Winters; Beverly Teplicek in Rowena or from members of the Runnels County Historical Commission.

The book can be ordered from Ballinger Printing & Graphics at ballingerprinting.com, Amazon.com, or by mailing payment to Runnels County Historical Commission, PO Box 211, Winters 79567. "Volume I The Organization of Runnels County" is also available for \$25 or \$31 if shipped, and "Volume II Schools of Runnels County" is available for \$30 or \$37 if shipped.

Ballinger Junior Livestock Show
The Ballinger Junior

Livestock Show is slated for Saturday at the Ballinger Community Center. The barns open at 5 p.m. Friday. The entry fee is \$10 per head of livestock and must be paid between 7 and 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Steer weight cards must be turned in by 8 a.m. and sheep weight cards must be turned in by 8:30 a.m. with all other species turned in by 9 a.m. The show order is steers, lambs, rabbits, goats, a lunch break and then swine. The show starts at 8:30 a.m.

CASA volunteers wanted

The Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County, Inc. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is seeking volunteers. Currently CASA serves 60 percent of the children in foster care. To sign up, call 325-653-4673 or email mblue@cactomgreen.org. CASA serves Tom Green, Runnels, Concho, Crockett, Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sutton, Sterling and Schleicher counties.

Miles America 1st Saturday Trade Days

The Miles America 1st Saturday Trade Days will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Miles. Downtown shops will be open and vendors will have booths on the street. Vendor booths are available for \$20 each. For more information contact Debbie Elguezabal at 325-227-0013 or Bonnie Sloan at 325-656-1355

AA meeting

Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Mon-

day and Wednesday. 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.

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.

Recycling Center Hours

The City of Ballinger's Recycling Center, located at South 7th Street and Sealy Avenue, is open from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday. The recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Saturday, the recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon.

WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, (WIC) located at 706 Strong Ave. in Ballinger is open from 7 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. WIC is closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone 325-365-5925.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

The Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month, at the Wingate Masonic Lodge in Wilmeth. For further information contact Brandon Poehls at 325-786-2125.

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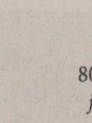
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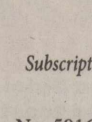
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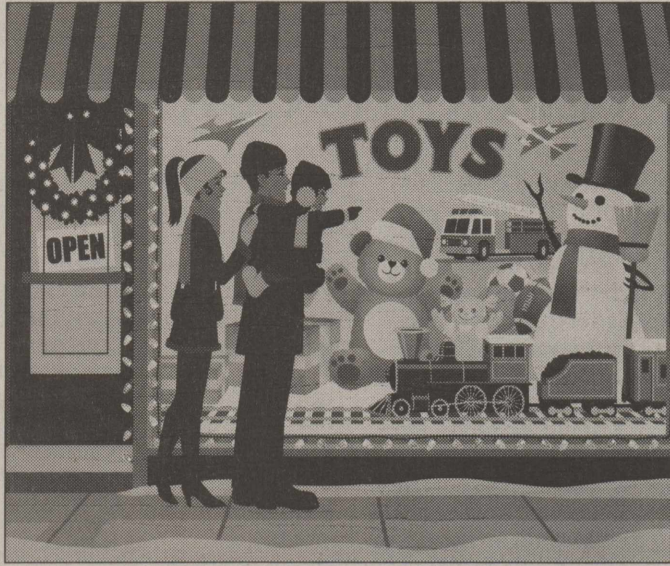
Just Around the Corner

Remembering toys from back in the day



Celinda Hawkins

What were toy makers and parents thinking back in the day with all of the dangerous toys we grew up with? It's a wonder we all made it to adulthood without shooting each other, breaking our necks or burning down the house.



Back in the day, toy guns looked like real guns — and for the most part, they had real ammo. Our love of guns started at an early age.

How about the Bat Masterson Derringer Belt Gun? This looked like something the original actor Gene Barry (who played Masterson) would pull out of his vest or what Maverick AKA James Garner would draw after a contentious poker game.

If you were into war games, how about really hurting your friends with the Johnny Rebel Cannon which shot real cannon balls about the size of a golf ball - up to 35 feet. "Mom, can we play with the cannon ball?" "Sure, here's some matches, go outside..."

During the 60s, otherwise known as the "decade of bad (toy) ideas," things like Whammo's Swing Wing existed, and it was a little plastic beanie with a whirly gig on top with streamers. In the spirit of the Hula Hoop, this toy forced kids to twirl their heads really fast to keep it going. You reckon Baby Boomers have neck problems because of this one? Ask a chiropractor.

Would you like a mini cake or mini pan of brownies cooked by a high wattage light bulb that gets so hot it can melt the plastic doors off of the toy? Sound the sirens, it's the Easy Bake Oven, my personal favorite.

Hundreds of thousands of little girls had their first baking experiences with this "toy," or "fire hazard." Just take the toy in your room, whip up the cake mix with your Suzie Homemaker beaters, take the short cord and make sure you're by the curtains and fire it up. This thing was almost faster than a microwave, thanks to the

200-watt light bulb that baked your mini-cake at 500 degrees. Yum, yum, those cakes were delish.

Girls and boys enjoyed another fire trap called "Creepy Crawlers," which featured a hot plate — yes, here's a kid-friendly toy. Again, a short plug goes into the wall turns the hot plate to 5,000 degrees and then kids poured this goop into a mold that formed into some kind of scary bug. Be sure to wait until the bug cools off before touching.

Oops, a little too anxious? Burns and blisters were a fact of life in the hot plate, hot plastic bug business. "Mom, I need some Bactine."

Here's one for the record books - The Gilbert U-238 Atomic Energy Lab was sold from 1951-52. This thing actually had real uranium ore in the set - really?

Then what about Gilbert's Chemistry Outfit for Boys? Fifty years ago, you were hard pressed not to find a family without a chemistry set somewhere around the house. This set, which dates back to 1922, instructed the kids to take the experiments outside. Red flag? But seriously, a recent show on PBS about science blames the demise of chemistry sets for the declining interest in science. Hmmm...

And then there were "Lawn Darts," which were giant darts for the outdoors. Now what kid is actually going to use the handy paper target provided in the box of four 12-inch darts with metal tips. The fact is, these things were pulled from the shelves after a government agency reported that these babies could cause "skull punctures and other serious injuries."

How about "Clackers?" This was another popular toy/dangerous weapon that we played with in the 60s and 70s. Yes, these lovely glass balls dangling at the end of a string were fun to play with. The idea was to get them going and fast and not to give your friend a concussion if you accidentally lost control. My mom hated this toy and it was one we had to save our allowance to buy, and we did. They were even outlawed at school. These things were never recalled, but they did make the strings nylon and the balls plastic to keep the strings from breaking and hurling the glass balls possibly into someone's head. Thanks for that extra safety measure, folks.

What about the BB gun rifles? Your father's father had a Red Ryder carbine-action, 200 shot Range Model air rifle with a compass in the stock and this thing that tells time. And thanks to Ralphie on "A Christmas Story," this toy gun enjoyed a whole new generation of popularity. One of my Dad's best buddies used to regale us kids with stories of how he lost an eye to a BB gun and how after the unfortunate accident, he wore a patch and then finally got a glass eye. I never knew whether or not he was just yanking our chains ...

But there's no doubt, the warning was true ... "You'll shoot your eye out, kid ..."

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BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

Breakfast

Friday
Cinnamon roll or cereal, yogurt, diced peaches & cherries, fruit juice, choice of milk.

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Lunch

Friday
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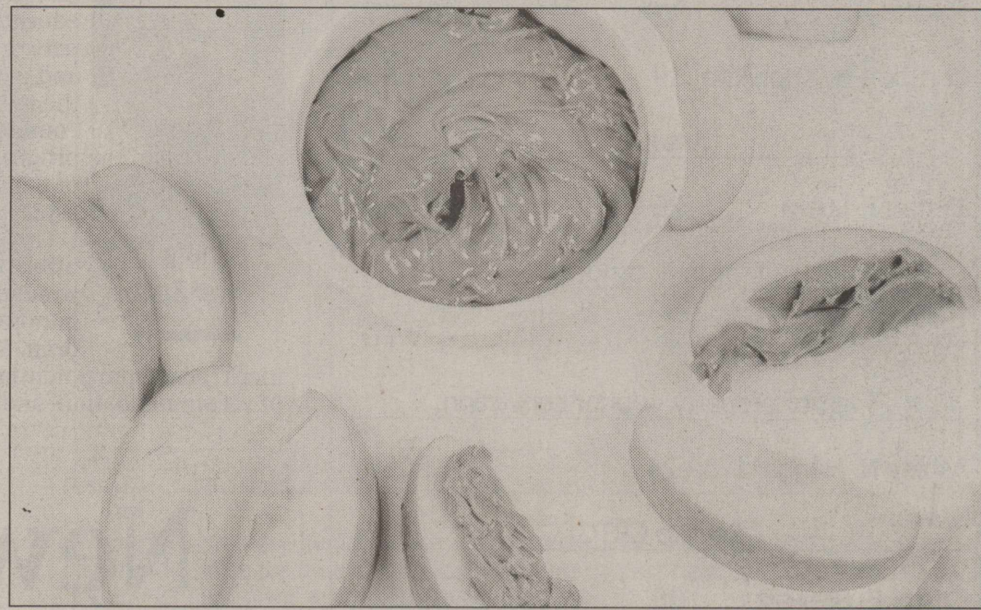
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- 49 Assists
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- 55 Craig role
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- 62 Woeful cry
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- 16 Rum-soaked cake
- 20 Time period
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- 42 Kickback
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- 48 Town near Madrid
- 50 Pet lovers' grp.
- 52 Thin gold layer
- 53 Newsmen - Abel
- 54 Did a salon job
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December 15, 2016

Name	Age	Agency
Christian H. Knowlton	19	BPD
Assault.		
Jordan I. Luera	26	BPD
Disorderly conduct.		
Cory T. Pringle	28	WPD
Theft of property w/prior conviction.		
Ashley N. Haggard	24	RCSO
Sent to CRTC.		
Cristal E. Stewart	36	RCSO
Sent to CRTC.		
Samuel Barela	22	RCSO
Unlawful carrying of a firearm, discharge firearm from roadway.		
Reagan A. Dowman	19	Concho
Possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana.		

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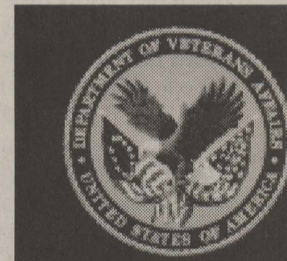
New medical director named at VA

STAFF REPORT
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BIG SPRING - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Kalautie JangDhari as the new Medical Center director of the West Texas Veterans Health Care System.

"We are excited to bring Ms. JangDhari on board as the new Medical Center director of the West Texas Veterans Health Care System," said Mr. Joseph Dalpiaz, Network Director, Heart of Texas Health Care Network. "Her sound leadership qualities and proven experience will be valuable assets for the health care system, the employees, volunteers and most importantly, for the Veterans we are honored to serve. Ms. JangDhari will begin her appointment on December 11, 2016."

Ms. JangDhari is currently the acting Interim Director of the West Texas VA Health Care System in Big Spring, TX. She has held her permanent posi-



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tion as the Associate Director of the Orlando VA Medical Center beginning July 2012. Her position prior to Orlando, FL Health Care System was at the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System, Honolulu, HI from Sept 2006-Jul 2012. Ms. JangDhari started her career as an administrative fellow in June, 1993. She has an extensive VA background that makes her a true asset to VA and the West Texas team. Ms. JangDhari received her MS in 1993 and her BS in 1990.

The West Texas VA Health Care System (WTVAHCS) proudly serves veterans in 33 counties across 53,000 square miles of rural geography in

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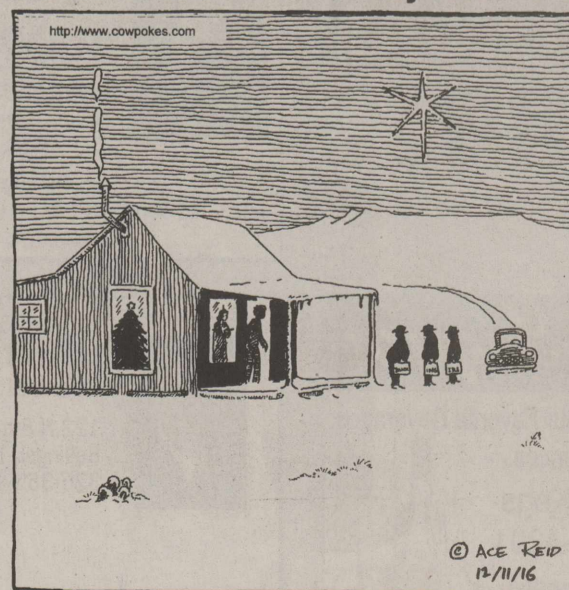
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The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District offers scholarships for students to attend Texas Brigade Camps each summer. Cameron Poteet, center of Ballinger attended June 12-16. He is pictured here, from left to right, with members of the Runnels SWCD board C.J. Robinson, Debbie Kemp, Scott King, David Ocker and Fred Wilde.

Runnels SWCD sponsors Brigade Camps

STAFF REPORT

A Ballinger student was awarded a scholarship by the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District that paid for a camp last summer that is designed to teach leadership, team building and communication skills.

Cameron Poteet of Ballinger was awarded a scholarship by the Runnels SWCD to attend the Buckskin Brigade Camp in Santa Anna held June 12-16.

The Texas Brigades is a wildlife and natural resource education and leadership development program in which students study a particular species or activities in that area of the state.

Poteet made a presentation to the RSWCD board after attending the five day camp designed to teach life skills and increase knowledge of wildlife and habitat management. Each year the district will sponsor one to three students who are interested in developing their leadership, team-building and communication skills. The camps help students no matter where life takes them and students study specific topics including the of bobwhite,

buckskin, bass, waterfowl and ranching.

The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District also sponsors youth to the Youth Range Workshop in Junction. At the Texas Section Society for Range Management Youth Range Workshop, participants gain useful knowledge and skills in the areas of ecology, inventory practice, management and evaluation of resources. Experts from across the state are recruited to teach the participants in fields ranging from watershed management, to prescribed burning, to soil health, and may areas in between.

"Through these activities, youth will develop valuable life skills that will help them regardless of their career goals," said Scott King, chairman of the Runnels SWCD board. "We feel that these are a valuable tool to extend our youth's education and are therefore willing to help sponsor youth to these workshops."

All of the camps are held in June or July and are available to Runnels County youth ages 13-17. For information on the camps please contact Runnels SWCD at 2000 Hutchins Ave. in Ballinger or call 365-3415 ext. 3.

WINTERS ELEMENTARY HOLDS DOOR DECORATING CONTEST



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Winters Elementary held a Christmas Decorating Door Contest and the winners were awarded a prize for their efforts following the contest held Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016. Here, Ms. Mills gives a prize to Preslee Duggan.

Texas farmers and ranchers celebrate Pruitt to EPA

STAFF REPORT

WACO -The nomination of Scott Pruitt as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is encouraging news for Texas farmers and ranchers threatened by the agency's regulatory overreach, according to the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB), the state's largest general farm organization.

President-elect Donald Trump selected Pruitt, the Oklahoma attorney general, to head the federal agency.

"We anticipate Scott Pruitt, as administrator, understands that common-sense policies are needed by EPA, not burdensome regulations that threaten the livelihood of those who work every day with natural resources," said TFB President Russell Boening of Poth. "We're confident Scott Pruitt will steer EPA to end the ag-

gressive and punitive approach to regulating that has unfortunately become the agency's trademark in recent years."

Boening said Pruitt has indicated he intends to run EPA in a way that fosters both responsible protection of the environment and freedom for American businesses. Boening said he hopes Pruitt can rein in an agency that is operating, in some cases, outside of its constitutional and statutory authority.

As Oklahoma attorney general, Pruitt has been active in legally challenging EPA's controversial Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule.

"Farmers and ranchers want a different philosophy at EPA. Mr. Pruitt is an individual who represents the real change at an agency that has been adversarial against family farmers and ranchers for too long," Boening said.

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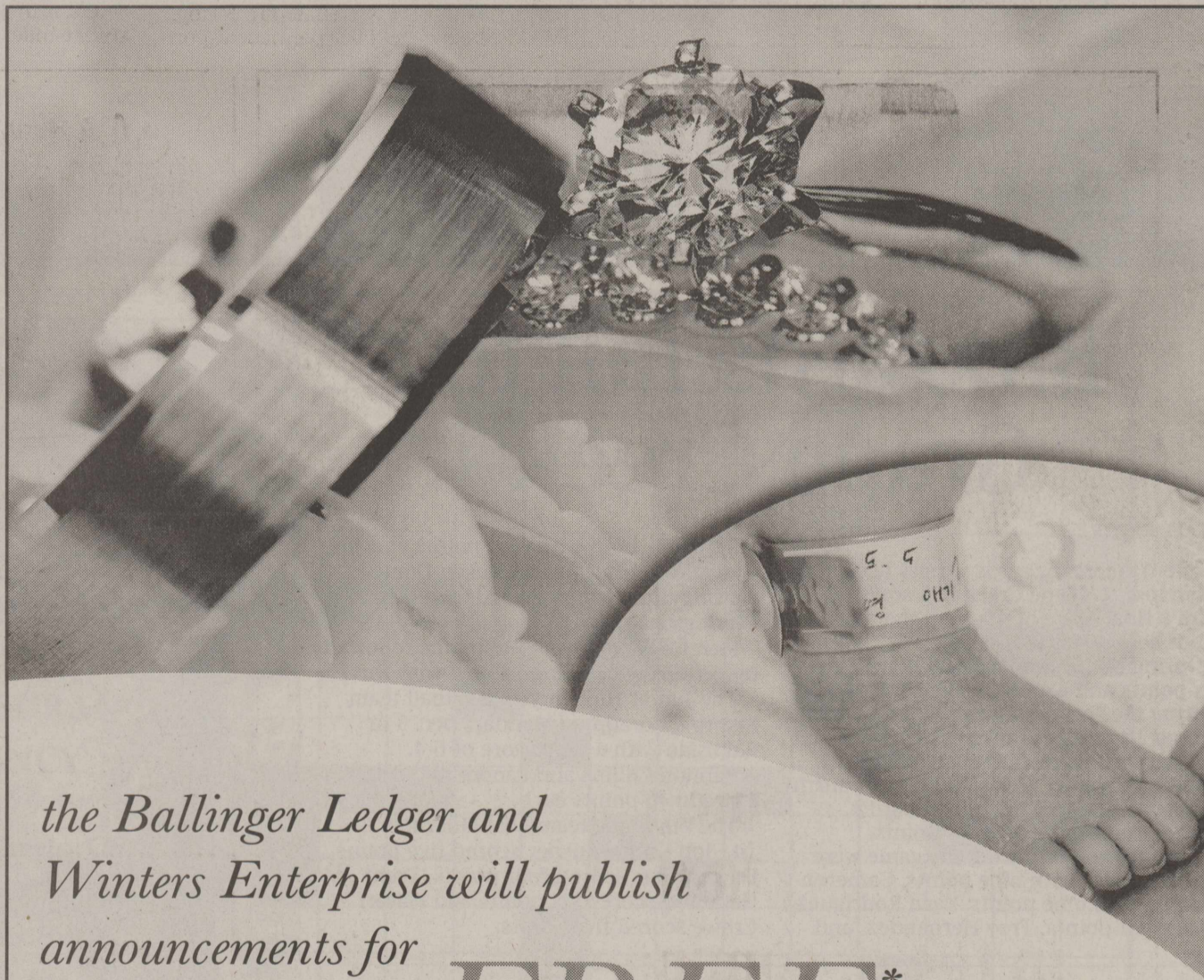
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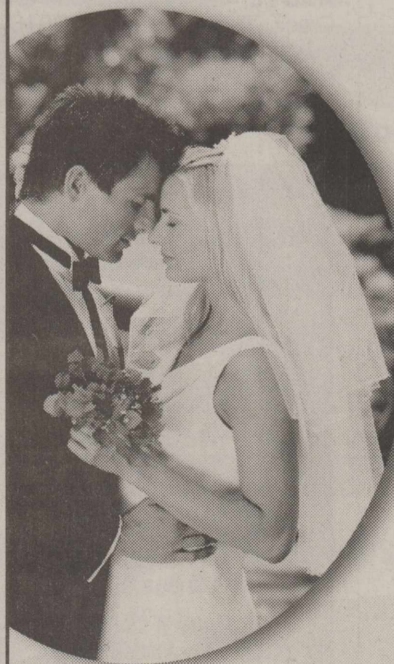
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Lady Blizzards win two more games

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

The Winters Lady Blizzards hosted Grape Creek and Eden this past week, defeating both teams to improve their overall record to 11 wins and 4 losses. On Tuesday, the Lady Blizzards defeated the Grape Creek Lady Eagles, 40-26. Aimee Green had 11 points, while Cha-Cha Lovelace had nine points and four steals. Bally Knight had five points to go along with seven rebounds, while Karlee Busher dominated the boards with 12 rebounds and five steals. On Friday, the Lady Blizzards defeated the scrappy Eden Lady Bulldogs, 42-35. The Lady Blizzards trailed 17-11 at halftime, but outscored Eden, 31-18, in the second half for the come from behind win. Green had 18 points, while Monique Carrillo had 10 points and eight rebounds. Busher had six rebounds and four steals, while Lovelace had six points and four assists.

On Tuesday, The JV Lady Blizzards also won their game against the Grape Creek's JV, 29-4. Shelby Gray had eight points and Skylar Lee had four. On Thursday, the JV Lady Blizzards played in the Grape Creek JV tournament. Several teams pulled out of the tournament because of the weather, so the JV girls played three games, winning two, placing second in the tournament. First, they defeated Bronte's JV 40-29. Marley

Smith had 12 points, while Lee, Miranda Rodriguez, and Alciea Reyna all had six. In their 2nd game, the JV Lady Blizzards fell to San Saba's JV, 39-28. Marley Smith had 14 points, while Jezebel Gonzalez, Shelby Gray and Reyna all had four. In their third game, the girls defeated Grape Creek's JV 20-9. Smith, Lee and Rodriguez all had four points. The JV Lady Blizzards now have a record of nine wins and four losses.

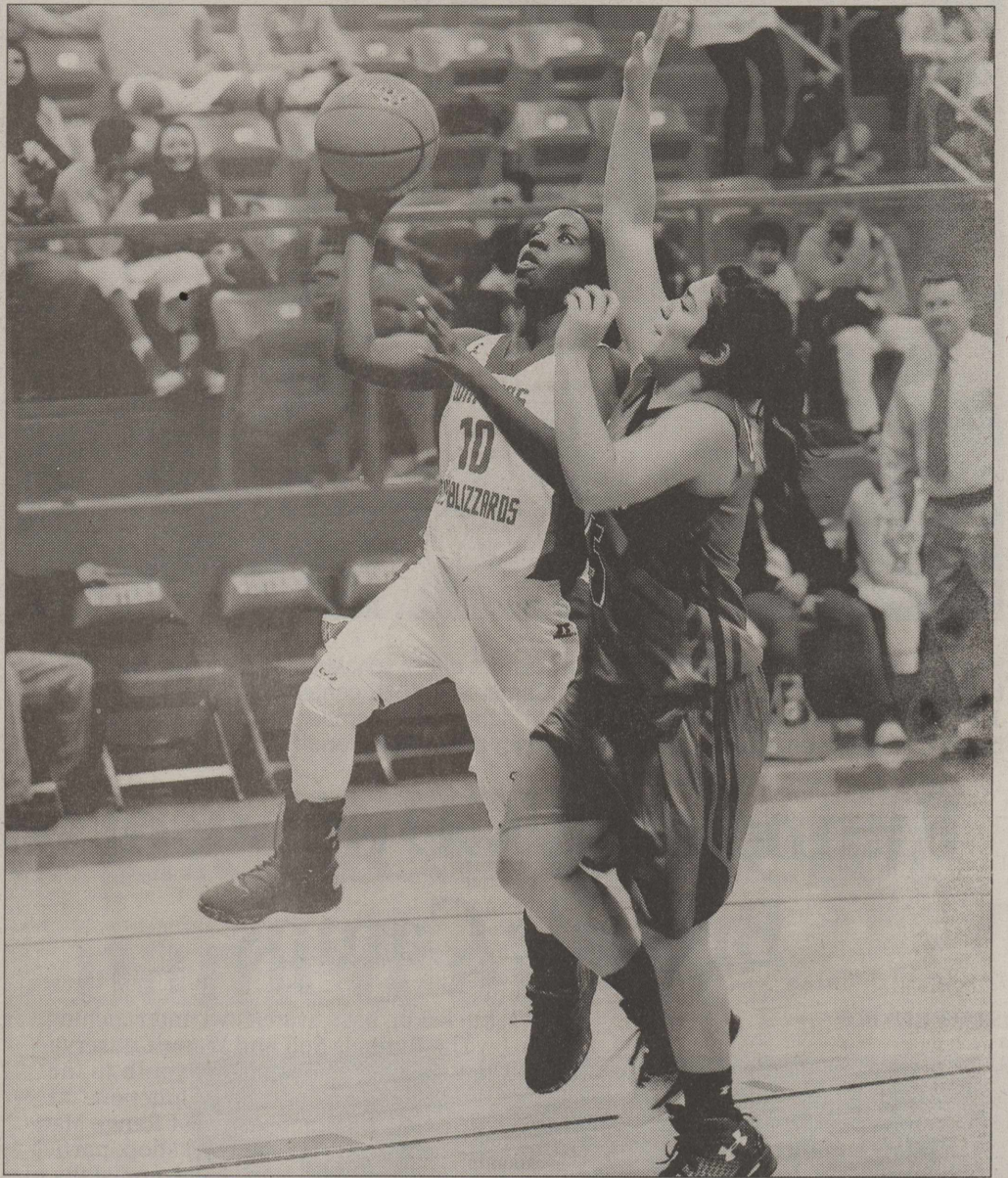
On Monday, the JH Lady Breezes traveled to Eldorado. The 7th grade girls lost a very close game to Eldorado's 7th grade, 29-23. Myra Ochoa had eight points, Saleen Jalomo had five, Alyssara Rodriguez and Tori Campos had four, and McKenzie Ventress had two. The 8th grade girls defeated Eldorado's 8th grade, 24-21. Querstin Lara had 13 points to lead the Lady Breezes. Natalie Lara had four points, Sugar Hunter had three, while Avery Wheat and Araceli Reyes had two. The 7th grade Lady Breezes are now 2-1, while the 8th grade is 1-2.

The Lady Breezes will host Christoval on Monday. 7th grade will play at 5:30 p.m. and 8th grade will play at 6:30 p.m.

The Lady Blizzards will begin their district schedule with an open date on Tuesday, and then will host the Forsan Lady Buffs on Friday. The JV game will be at 5 p.m. and the varsity girls will play at 6:30 p.m.

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RIGHT: Lady Blizzards Cha Cha Lovelace shoots a jump shot during the game with Grape Creek last week. **BELOW, LEFT:** Megan Jacob of the Lady Blizzards shoots a jump shot during the game with Grape Creek during tournament play last week. **BELOW, RIGHT:** Lady Blizzards Brenna Knight with a short jump shot during the game against Grape Creek.



Blizzards fall to Grape Creek

STAFF REPORT

The Winters Blizzards varsity basketball team lost to Grape Creek in a squeaker with a final score of 49-44 in the tournament held Tuesday, Dec. 6.

During the first quarter, Winters scored six points and Grape Creek scored seven. During the second quarter, the Blizzards scored 12 points to Grape Creek's 10 and in the third quarter, Winters scored 13 points to Grape Creek's 18 points. Fourth quarter play had Winters scoring 13 points to Grape Creek's 14 points.

The big scorers during the game were Slater Lindley with nine points, Cameron Perkins with nine points, Zach Rodriguez with eight points, Troy Hernandez and

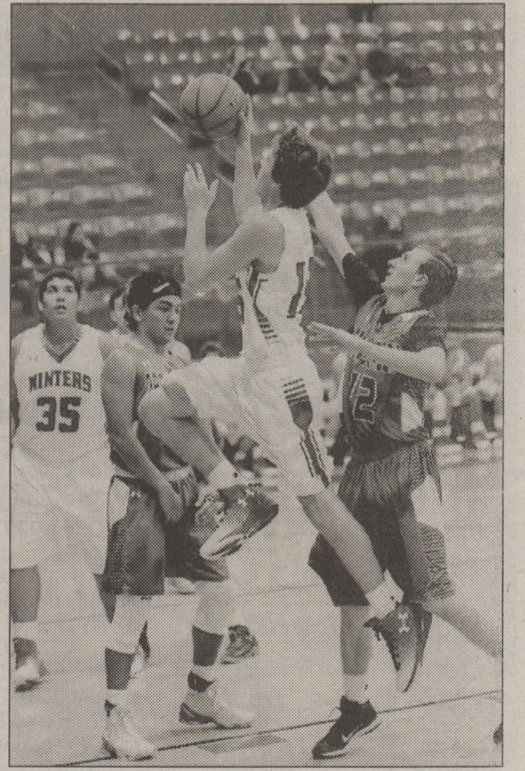
Mikey Diaz both with four points and Joe Garcia, Drey Patton and Mason Donica scoring three points and Alonzo Mendoza scoring one point.

Mendoza lead with 7 rebounds followed by Perkins with four and Diaz with three.

The Junior High boys basketball team lost to Eldorado on Monday, Dec. 5 in Eldorado with a final score of 6-4.

Cannon Collins and Landon Whitten scored two points each.

The 7th grade team beat Eldorado 29-14. Jon Kullen Busher scored five points, Daybin Oats scored four points, Trent Hamilton scored six points and Mason Crowe scored five points.



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ABOVE, LEFT: Cameron Perkins goes up under the goal during the game with Grape Creek, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016. **ABOVE, RIGHT:** Mason Donica goes up strong for a lay up during the game with Grape Creek on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016. **BELOW, LEFT:** Joey Garcia took a jump shot during the game with Grape Creek. **BELOW, RIGHT:** Slater Lindley put the brakes on and got run over by a Grape Creek player during the game on Dec. 6, 2016.

COTTON

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surrounding counties are looking good, but other counties, like Nolan, Mitchell and Scurry, have had some problems with their crops this year.

Kuykendall, who also oversees the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association, said that in the 43 counties, which includes Runnels, about 1 million acres of cotton is planted annually.

This year, the dry hot months of July and August were concerning she said.

"But we got rains in October and that really helped this crop," she said.

It is a bit unusual to see fields of unharvested cotton in and around Runnels County in mid-December, but fall rains had an effect on the harvest.

"The harvest is delayed because of the wet weather," said Dr. David Drake of the Texas AgriLife Extension office in San Angelo. "They (producers) were waiting as long as they could."

Dr. Marvin Ensor, also of Texas A & M AgriLife Extension in San Angelo, explained that the weather was wet in the spring and early summer, then dry and then wet again in the fall.

"Growing conditions varied," Ensor said. "But we're getting really good yields in places."

But fields of unharvested cotton can be spotted throughout Runnels County, since producers don't like to harvest unless the conditions are just right - and even humidity affects the harvesting process.

"We're running late on the harvest," said Justin Busenlehner, who farms about 2,100 acres of cotton in Runnels County with his brother Jodi.

He said rains in August and November definitely affected the harvest.

"Plus it was so wet in June," Busenlehner said. "But you're not going to hear anyone complaining about the rain."

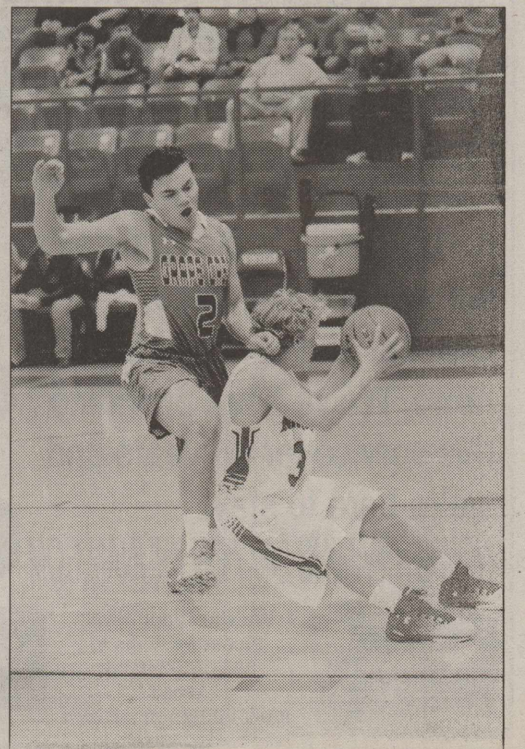
The ginning operations are running around the clock. Like the Kasberg Gin in Miles, where Max Kurley has been busy with customers from all over the area.

"We are about 40 percent done," Kurley said. "And we are running 24-7."

Kurley said he expects to be ginning into February.

Runnels County Extension Agent Garrett Cline said he is hearing that the quality is good this year but that some producers are getting a higher leaf count.

Cline said he is hearing the crop will be done by mid-February, but "that is if the weather holds up."



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Myra Ochoa was crowned Snow Princess, while Shelby Santos was named first runner up and Ashlyn Richards was named second runner up.

Sahalee Curry was named Snow Flake, Maydyson Curry was named first runner up and Raimy Walker was named second runner up.

The Snow Princess and Snow Flake received \$100 in Winters bucks to be spent at businesses who are members of the Chamber of Commerce.

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