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## Briefly

### Tax day is Monday

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has announced that taxpayers will have additional time to file their federal income tax returns by moving the deadline to file to Monday, April 18. The U.S. Post Office in Ballinger will not have extended hours and will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The U.S. Post Office in Winters will not have extended hours and will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

### We've moved

The Ballinger Ledger has moved to a new location at 709 Hutchins as of March 30. 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.

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### Sales tax allocations

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$591.4 million in local sales tax allocations for April, 2.6 percent more than in April 2015. These allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

Ballinger received \$43,575.27 in sales tax revenue up .69 percent over last year's allocation of \$43,272.59. Winters received \$16,275.98, down 13.31 percent from April of 2015 when the city received \$18,776.32. Miles received \$3,798.43, down 6.58 percent from last year when \$4,066.09 was received.

### The last drop

Spring rains fell upon Runnels County over the last week adding some much needed moisture to otherwise very dry conditions. Ballinger only received .21 inches while Wingate received 1.33 inches of rain according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

Spotty showers were in the forecast Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mild spring weather continues this week, with highs reaching into the low 80s today and Friday into the weekend as a large upper level system moves in. 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 50 percent chance of rain is in the forecast Saturday. High temperatures will reach in to the upper 70s Sunday. So far this year, Ballinger has received 2.98 inches of rainfall, with 3.52 reported in Wingate and 4.46 inches received in San Angelo.

## CPS campaign targets stressed out parents

### If you go:

**What:** Texas Bandstand  
**When:** April 29-30, doors open at 6:15 p.m.  
**Where:** Texas Theater, 115 N. 8th St., Ballinger  
**Cost:** \$20 per person  
Tickets are on sale now at Higginbotham's, Ballinger City Hall, Runnels County Tax Office in Winters.  
**Raffle tickets:** \$1 each or seven for \$5, available at Higginbothams

### April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

#### STAFF REPORT

Governor Greg Abbott has proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is stepping up its public awareness efforts in a big way.

DFPS is launching a \$1 million public education campaign aimed at helping

parents deal with the challenges and stresses that can lead to child abuse and neglect. The Help for Parents, Hope for Kids media campaign includes one month of television ads in the largest Texas markets, radio spots in rural Texas, and a statewide mobile and online campaign from April through the end of August.

On the campaign web-

site, HelpandHope.org, parents will find four new educational videos and many new expert articles and tips to help parents learn to deal with some of the most challenging aspects of parenting - dealing with teens, bedtime battles, crying babies, postpartum depression, toilet training, texting, and much more. The campaign's Facebook page

(4MyKid) shares fun and helpful ideas and resources for families.

Locally, the Runnels County Child Protective Services Board, is raising awareness and raising funds for children in the system.

This year they will be hosting the Texas Bandstand event at the Texas Theater on April 29-30. The event will feature local musicians, door prizes,

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# LADY BLIZZARDS BEST ROTAN 12-9



Winters Lady Blizzards held an infield meeting on the mound at the start of an inning during the game with Rotan Monday. Lady Blizzards had a 12-9 win over Rotan in seven innings.

#### SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

The bats were busy on Monday, and when the dust cleared Lady Blizzards had a 12-9 win over Rotan in seven innings.

Hitters on both sides were strong at the plate as the teams combined for 18 hits, including 10 extra base hits.

The game was back-and-forth heading into the fourth, with five lead changes.

Lady Blizzards took the lead in the fourth inning and held on for the victory. Lady Blizzards went up for good on a three-run triple by Shelby Gray off Harris, scoring Justine Garcia, Aimee Green and K'Lee Lindley.

Gray racked up three RBIs on two hits for Lady Blizzards.

The top of the first saw Rotan take an early lead, 4-0. A double by Harris, bringing home Whitfill started the inning off. Rotan pushed more runs across when Harris scored on an RBI single by Bowen and Bowen scored on a two-run home run by Pruitt.

Lady Blizzards matched its two-run first inning

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## Hundreds attend 2016 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Convention

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FORT WORTH — Hundreds of Texas cattle producers gathered at the 2016 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Convention in Fort Worth Friday to learn more about current industry issues and with optimism despite a dip in high prices, according to organizers.

Calf market prices have fallen from historic highs a year ago, but the event proved there's still big

interest in cattle across the state, they said.

"You know the bloom is a little off the rose in terms of cattle prices, but it's not stopping folks from restocking," said Dr. Joe Paschal, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service livestock specialist, Corpus Christi. "The feeder cattle market may be off a little bit, but the breeding female market is pretty strong."

The three-day convention, which continues through Sunday, includes

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Dr. Ron Gill, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist and associate department head for the department of animal science at Texas A&M University in College Station, leads a cattle handling demonstration at the 2016 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Convention in Fort Worth. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin)

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## Ramona (Gonzalez, Gray) Ketsdever

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Departed: March 22, 2016



Ramona Ketsdever resided in Winters, Texas with her husband, Donald Ketsdever. She was born in Detroit, Michigan, lived in Youngstown, OH, Midland, PA, and Santa Ana, CA. Survivors include brothers, Joe Roszler, John Ramos and Anthony Ramos, eight children, Juanita, Yolanda, Frank Jr, Victoria, Ricardo, Rebecca, Roberta, Billi Jo, 22 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Ramos, mother, Juanita Trevino Ramos, brothers, Frank Ramos & Raymond Ramos and a great granddaughter. No service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St Jude Children's Research Hospital. 800-805-5856, Arrangements were made through Rosewood Memorial Funeral Home in Ballinger TX.

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## TWDB seeking nominations for Region F water planning

### STAFF REPORT

The Region F Regional Water Planning Group of the Texas Water Development Board is seeking nominations to fill 15 positions on the Region F Regional Water Planning Group. Nominations will be received for two representatives for public, two representatives for counties, two representatives for agriculture, two representatives for water districts, one representative for each category: municipalities, industries, environmental, electric generating utility, river authority and water utility.

In consideration of nominees and the selec-

tion of new voting members, the Regional Water Planning Group shall strive to select the most qualified person to represent the interest group for which nominated and to achieve geographic, ethnic and gender diversity.

Written nominations (including a resume or biography) must be returned by May 5, 2016 to John Grant, Chair, Region F Regional Water Planning Group, c/o Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, TX 79721-0869. If you have questions regarding nominations, please contact John Grant at 432-267-6341 or email to jgrant@crmw.org.

## FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

### Bobby E. Rogers



Bobby E. Rogers, 83, of Winters, Texas, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at his residence.

He was born February 20, 1933, near Ackerly, Texas, to Ira Washington and Lucille (Jones) Rogers. Bobby honorably served his country in the US Navy during the Korean War. All his working life he was involved in farming and ranching. Bobby was active in the Farmers Union and Runnels County Young Farmers. He also served as a member of the North Runnels Hospital Board and as an elder at the Presbyterian Church. Bobby

deeply loved his family and had a very special love and devotion for his sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bobby is survived by his three sons, Don Rogers and wife Cindy of Granbury, Doug Rogers of Colleyville, and Mark Rogers of Winters; grandchildren, Whitney Sawyer, Heather Garrett, Tyler Rogers, and Russell Rogers; and great-grandchildren, Egan and Sloane Sawyer. Also surviving are his sister, Ouida Nichols and husband Jiggs of Winters; nephews, Mike Rogers, Rusty and Dusty Nichols; sister-in-law, Wanda Rogers; and numerous other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 9, at 2:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Winters.

The family requests that any memorials be made to the Winters Volunteer Fire Department.

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

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WPL events in April

The Winters Public Library will be hosting a variety of events this month. The first will be at 4 p.m. Monday when Dot Hoelscher will review the book "David and Goliath" by author Malcolm Gladwell.

At 10 a.m. Tuesday, Tom Miller of Abilene will go over iPhone instructions. The Mommie and Me event will be at 10 a.m. Monday April 25 and Joyce Carbery will do the Mom's program on table etiquette and table setting. On Wednesday, April 27, the library will host craft time. Cindy Curry will demonstrate solar lanterns to be used outside. All programs are free and open to the public.

### Rodeo Association meeting

The Winters Rodeo Association will meet at 6 p.m. Monday April 18 at the Winters Industrial Foundation office on West Dale street in Winters to discuss entering into an agreement with the Bluff Creek Cowboy Church for use of the arena. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

### Veterans Outreach Program

The Runnels County Veteran's Service Office will be having a Veteran's Outreach Program from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the VFW Post 9196 in Rowena. 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.

### 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.

### 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, 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 infor-

mation are encouraged to call Shelley Hughes at 325-669-6271 or Emily Meador at 325-864-3902 or email atram-hughes@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 Ballinger will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. today, 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.

### One Man, Two Roads

The Quanah 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. 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.

### 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.

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## It's tax time, but corporations aren't paying

BY FRANK CLEMENTE

Tax Day offers a stark reminder of the difference between those of us who pay all our taxes every year and the big corporations that don't. While families and small businesses scramble to file their returns each April, multinational corporations are free to indefinitely ignore a \$700 billion U.S. tax bill they owe on \$2.4 trillion in profits stashed offshore.

American corporations owe U.S. taxes on all their income wherever made, but thanks to a loophole called "deferral," they don't have to pay the bill on offshore profits till they bring the money home. Not surprisingly, this special tax break has encouraged companies to hold more and more of their profits overseas.

Corporate offshore tax avoidance can be curbed. In

fact, the Obama administration did it earlier this month. The Treasury Department issued new rules that make it harder for American corporations to shift their legal address to a foreign country in order to wipe out the U.S. taxes they owe on their offshore earnings.

The most immediate effect of this much-needed reform was to kill one of these phony relocations—called "inversions"—by the pharmaceutical giant Pfizer. It was trying to permanently dodge up to \$35 billion in taxes, according to an investigation by Americans for Tax Fairness. Once Treasury issued new rules denying these tax benefits, Pfizer gave up its inversion attempt.

A frustrating twist to corporate tax dodging on overseas earnings is that much of that offshore money was not made where these corporations say it was. They use accounting maneuvers to shift earnings made in the United States to thousands of offshore subsidiaries located in tax havens. (One of the new Treasury regulations tries to limit this practice, as well.)

The Treasury's recent reforms are an important step towards ending the most blatant forms of offshore corporate tax dodging. But Congress needs to reform the tax laws so Pfizer and the rest of the handful of huge corporations that owe the bulk of the unpaid taxes are finally forced to pay up. The sums owed are staggering: Apple's share is \$61 billion, Microsoft's is \$35 billion and Citigroup's is \$13 billion, according to their corporate filings analyzed by Citizens for Tax Justice.

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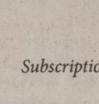
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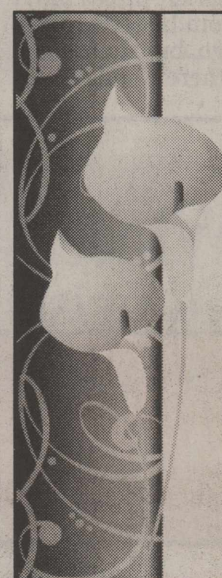
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# Come and get it!

## Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School April 21

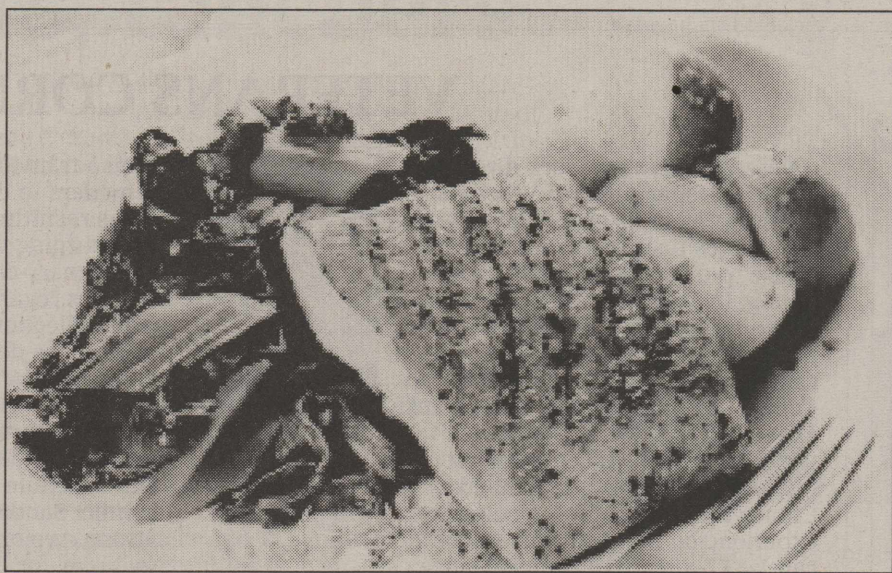
**STAFF REPORT**

Grab your friends and join us for food and fun at the Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School, which will be presented by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service on Thursday, April 21, from 6-8 p.m. at the Ballinger Community Center. Doors will open at 5pm for participants to visit booths and see culinary products and demonstrations.

"While there are many groups who conduct cooking schools, we believe the Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School has a unique niche," said Dr. Susan Ballabina, Associate Director for Program Development for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. "During the cooking school, everyone will see demonstrations of quick and easy-to-make recipes from the Best of Dinner Tonight menu cards.

The menu cards are divided into three main categories including entrées, sides, and desserts and prepared so you can mix and match your favorite Dinner Tonight menus—perfect for busy families.

Our cooking school is for busy people who still want to make time for meal preparation and feel good about what they are feeding themselves and their family," Ballabina said. "The goals are to promote family mealtime, teach families healthy meal planning and food preparation techniques, and promote Texas agriculture."



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The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is hosting Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the Ballinger Community Center.

This event is sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and will feature local county extension agents and local entertaining chefs.

All participants will receive high quality menu cards, gift bag full of kitchen goodies, and a chance to win door prizes, including plants, cooking items and a grand prize gift basket.

To register call 325-365-2219. First 40 to call in will be free. Additional participants will pay a \$10 fee.

The sponsors of the event include The First National Bank of Ballinger, C.E. Glass, Bickel and Company, Central Texas Farm Credit, Eden State Bank, First State Bank of Paint Rock, Concho County Family & Consumer Science Committee, Pork Council, Beef Council, H-E-B and Charlotte Anderson with Sams Club.

For questions or general questions about the cooking school, please call the Runnels County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at 325-365-2219 or the Concho County office at 325-732-4304.

## The Market Perspective

### Things to think about

There is no end to the desire of governments to confiscate all the money possible from individuals, corporations, and now formerly "safe" non-profits. Connecticut proposed taxing Yale's endowment. The state legislature singled Yale out by limiting the tax to endowments over \$10 billion, letting the other 40 universities in the state off the hook. The legislature suggests Yale needs to put the money to better use. Given that Yale is one of the largest employers in the state and donates to its host city, one might think Yale was a good citizen. But it gets worse.

This week the Treasury Department issued rules scuttling the Pfizer-Allergan merger. This would have allowed Pfizer to relocate its headquarters to



Dennis Elam

Ireland to escape the confiscatory 35 percent US Corporate Tax Rate. That is the highest corporate tax rate in the world. As

the CEO of Pfizer puts it, the Treasury Department should be acting in a manner to attract companies to the US, not cause them to have the highest investing cost of companies around the globe. Treasury is also re-writing rules on IRAs. Will the government finally mandate that such funds can only be invested in 'safe' government

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### WINTERS ISD BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

**Breakfast**

April 15  
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Cereal w/ Grahams  
Mixed Fruit  
Fruit Juice  
Choice of Milk

April 18  
Biscuit & Sausage w/ Gravy  
Pop Tart  
Cereal w/ Grahams  
Pineapple  
Fruit Juice  
Choice of Milk

April 19  
Breakfast Pizza  
Cereal w/ Grahams  
Grapes  
Fruit Juice  
Choice of Milk

April 20  
Sausage Roll  
Cereal w/ Grahams  
Orange Slices

Fruit Juice  
Choice of Milk

April 21  
Pancakes w/ Bacon  
Cereal w/ Grahams  
Tropical Fruit  
Fruit Juice  
Choice of Milk

**Lunch**

April 15  
Chef Salad  
Cheese Sticks  
Cheese Burger  
Baked Chips  
Salad/Carrot Sticks  
Pears  
Choice of Milk

April 18  
Choice of Pizza  
Corn, Black-Eyed Peas  
Salad/Carrot Sticks  
Applesauce  
Choice of Milk

April 19

Chef Salad  
Grilled Chicken/Bun  
Burrito  
Broccoli w/ Cheese  
Mashed Sweet Potatoes  
Salad/Carrot Sticks  
Pineapple  
Choice of Milk

April 20  
Chef Salad  
Meatball Sub  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Italian Green Beans  
Goldfish  
Salad/Broccoli  
Pears  
Choice of Milk

April 21  
Chef Salad  
Chicken Tenders  
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Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy  
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### Weather Whys

Q: What's the best thing to do if you're caught in a severe storm?

A: Some thunderstorm safety tips could save your life, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The National Weather Service estimates there are about 100,000 thunderstorms a year in the U.S., but only about 10 percent of those are classified as severe. But the severe storms can cause amazing damage and even loss of life," he explains. A severe thunderstorm, he says, is one defined by having at least one of the following: winds of at least 58 miles per hour, hail at least three-fourths of an inch, or the storm has produced a tornado. "If you're outdoors, find sturdy shelter, either in a building or a car—preferably not a convertible," he notes. "If you can hear thunder, that means you're close enough to be struck by lightning. Generally speaking, enclosed vehicles provide good shelter from lightning. If outdoors, you should avoid high places, open fields, isolated trees, picnic shelters, gazebos, baseball dugouts and anything metal such as flagpoles, light poles and fences.

### TAX

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Deferral is not the only special tax break corporations exploit. Armies of corporate lawyers and lobbyists regularly descend on Capitol Hill to craft tax laws for the exclusive benefit of wealthy corporate executives and shareholders. For instance, we taxpayers subsidize huge CEO pay packages at a cost of \$5 billion a year.

But deferral is the biggest corporate loophole and closing it would do a lot of good. Here's just one sample of how we could use the \$700 billion in existing offshore profits: \$470 billion to double highway and mass transit repair and maintenance for each of the next seven years; \$75 billion to give all low- and moderate-income four-year-olds high-quality preschool for the next decade; \$61 billion over 10 years to put nine million worthy students through community college tuition-free; \$67 billion to expand the Earned Income Tax Credit to include childless workers and non-custodial parents for 10 years; and \$27 billion to increase by 50% the National Cancer Institute's budget through 2027.

In addition to the important services provided, such vital community investments create millions of good-paying jobs and improve local economies and Main Street businesses.

Tax Day is a fitting time to consider this simple, sobering truth: when corporations dodge their fair share of taxes, the rest of us pick up the tab. That means we either pay more taxes ourselves; get stuck

with inadequate services; rack up more debt—or some sad combination of all three.

So this Tax Day—after you've found your last receipt and filled out your final form—remember all of America's tax-dodging corporations and ask

yourself: if I'm paying today, why aren't they paying what they owe? Then, more importantly, ask your members of Congress.

Frank Clemente is executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness.

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## Runnels County Jail Record

April 14, 2016

Name	Age	Agency
Eula M. Brannon	47	WPD
Criminal mischief assault and F/U		
Leif E. Burkhalter	36	BPD
Warrant-Criminal trespass, Warrant-FTA theft by check		
Jessie J. Rodriguez	30	RCSO
S/W Evading Arrest		
Casey McMinn	37	BPD
Criminal trespass, possession of a CS, theft < \$50		
Arthur L. Ceja	32	Concho
UUMV, violation of protective order		
Regina Cardile	40	Concho
UUMV		
Tyrone Organ	31	BPD
Warrant- No liability insurance		
Stacie V. Jones	42	Concho
Theft property 50 < \$500		
Juan G. Guerrero	27	BPD
Assault family violence		
Melinda F. Lopez	50	RCSO
Probation violation, possession of CS Pg 1<1G		
Christopher M. Salazar	18	BPD
Public intoxication		
Bianca I. Fuentez	23	BPD
DWI		

## VETERANS CORNER

Veterans can now work directly with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to resolve debt collection issues resulting from inappropriate or delayed Choice Program billing. In step with MyVA's efforts to modernize VA's customer-focused, veteran-centered services capabilities, a Community Care Call Center has been set up for veterans experiencing adverse credit reporting or debt collection resulting from inappropriately billed Choice Program claims. Veterans experiencing these problems can call 1-877-881-7618 for assistance. The new call center will work to resolve instances of improper veteran billing and assist community care medical providers with delayed payments. VA staff

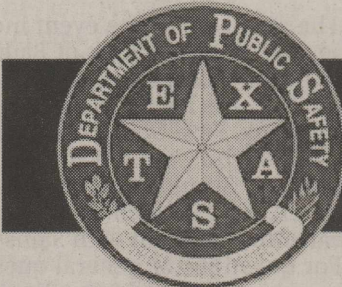


Sandra G. Van Zant

is also trained and ready to work with the medical providers to expunge adverse credit reporting on veterans resulting from delayed payments to providers. VA is urging veterans to continue working with their VA primary care team to obtain necessary health care services regardless of adverse credit reporting or debt collection activity.

For more details about the Veterans Choice Program and VA's progress, visit: [www.va.gov/opa/choiceact](http://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact). Veterans seeking to use the Veterans Choice Program can call 1-866-606-8198 to find out more about the program, confirm their eligibility and schedule an appointment. For more information 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, Veterans County Service Officer



## Texas Department of Public Safety

### Reward offered for most wanted sex offender from Amarillo

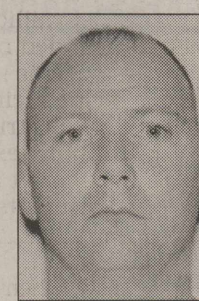
AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has added Dustin Ray Smith, 33, to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders list, and a cash reward up to \$3,000 is now being offered for information leading to his capture. Smith is wanted for failure to register as a sex offender, evading arrest and probation violation. All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous. Smith has ties to Amarillo and the state of Tennessee. In 2012, Smith was convicted of sexual

assault of a child after an incident in Potter County involving a 15-year-old girl. His criminal history also includes retaliation and assault. For more information or updates in the event of his arrest, see his wanted bulletin at: [www.dps.texas.gov/Texas-10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?id=326](http://www.dps.texas.gov/Texas-10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?id=326).

Smith is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs approximately 175 pounds. He has a tattoo on the left side of his neck and a scar near his right eye. He has work experience as a painter and maintenance worker.

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



Dustin Ray Smith

the five following methods:

- Call the Crime Stoppers 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/texas10most-wanted/>.

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

### Drilling permits down in March, RRC reports

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) issued a total of 511 original drilling permits in March 2016 compared to 923 in March 2015. The March total included 407 permits to drill new oil or gas wells, five to re-enter plugged well bores and 99 for re-completions of existing well bores. The

breakdown of well types for those permits issued March 2016 included 129 oil, 30 gas, 312 oil or gas, 30 injection and 10 other permits.

In March 2016, Commission staff processed 947 oil, 194 gas, 33 injection and eight other completions compared to 1,547 oil, 305 gas, 109 injection and nine other completions in March 2015. Total well completions for 2016 year

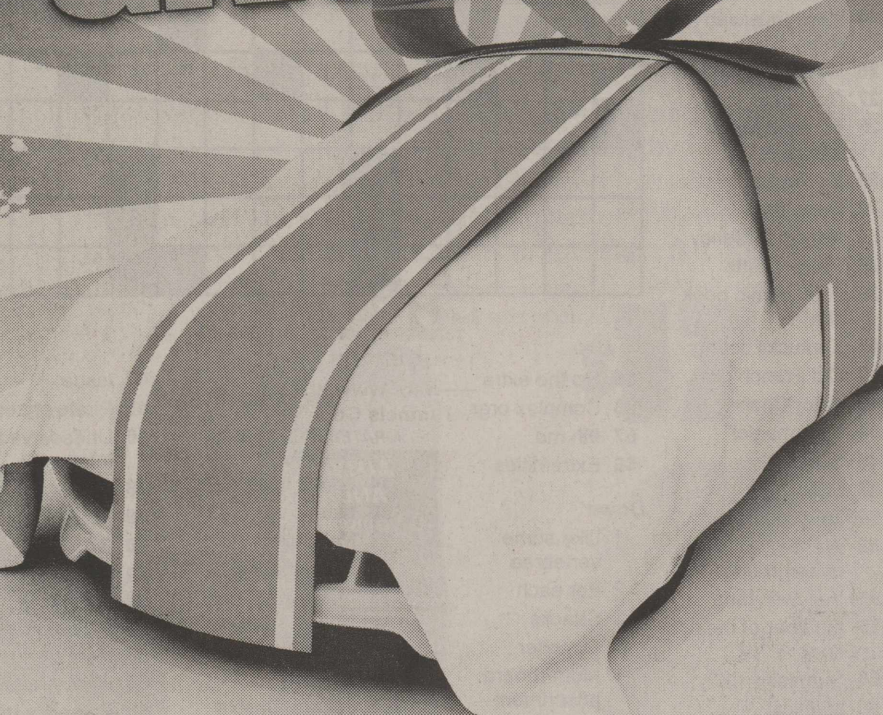
to date are 3,452 down from 5,946 recorded during the same period in 2015.

According to Baker Hughes Inc., the Texas rig count as of April 8 was 197, representing about 44 percent of all active rigs in the United States.

For additional drilling permit and completion statistics, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-gas/research-and-statistics/well-information/monthly-drilling-completion-and-plugging-summaries/>.

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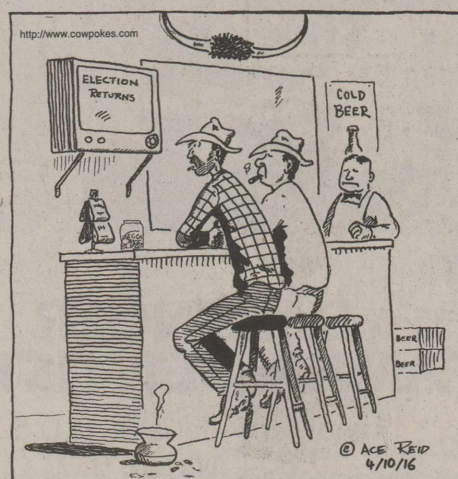
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# USDA has \$44 million available for grants to farmers, ranchers

**STAFF REPORT**

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is making up to \$44 million available to farmers, ranchers and businesses to develop new bio-based products and expand markets through the Value-Added Producer Grant program.

"America's farmers, ranchers and rural business owners are innovative entrepreneurs and this program helps them grow economic opportunities for their families and communities by increasing the value of the items they produce," Vilsack said. "The Value-Added Producer Grant program has a great track record of helping producers increase the value of products and expand their markets and customer base, strengthening rural America in the process."

Value-Added Producer Grants may be used to develop new products and create additional uses for existing ones. Priority for these grants is given to veterans, members of socially disadvantaged groups, beginning farmers and ranchers, and operators of small- and medium-sized family farms and ranches. Additional priority is given to applicants who seek funding for projects that will create or increase marketing opportunities for these types of operators.

More information on how to apply is on page 20607 of the April 8 Federal Register. The deadline to submit paper applications is July 1, 2016. Electronic applications submitted through grants.gov are due June 24, 2016. Additional information and assistance is available through the USDA Rural Development Office serving your county.

Since 2009, USDA has awarded 1,126 Value-Added Producer Grants totaling \$144.7 million. USDA awarded 205 grants to beginning farmers and ranchers.

Value-Added Producer Grants are a key element of USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food initiative, which coordinates the Department's work to develop

local and regional food systems. Secretary Vilsack describes the cultivation of local and regional food systems as one of the four pillars of rural economic development that impacts farm family income and strengthens local economies. Under Secretary Vilsack, USDA has supported providing consumers a stronger connection to their food with more than \$1 billion in investments to over 40,000 local and regional food businesses and infrastructure projects since between 2009. Industry data estimates that U.S. local food sales totaled at least \$12 billion in 2014, up from \$5 billion in 2008. More information on how USDA investments are connecting producers with consumers and expanding rural economic opportunities is available in Chapter IV of USDA Results on Medium.

Two examples of Value-Added Producer Grant awards from 2015 include:

- Shoshone-Bannock Enterprises in Fort Hall, Idaho, received a \$75,000 grant to conduct a feasibility study on processing, packaging and marketing buffalo meat, a first step in identifying potential new market opportunities.

- Sappa Valley Poultry in Oberlin, Kan., received a \$49,663 grant to expand distribution of their free-range chicken products into eastern Colorado and western Kansas markets.

Congress increased funding for the Value-Added program in the 2014 Farm Bill. That law builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development has invested \$11 billion to start or expand 103,000 rural businesses; helped 1.1 million rural residents buy homes; funded nearly 7,000 community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care facilities; financed 180,000 miles of electric transmission and distribution lines; and helped bring high-speed Internet access to nearly 6 million rural residents and businesses.

## NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Anna Esquivel was voted Employee of the Quarter by North Runnels Hospital employees for October-December 2015. Esquivel works in the Dietary Department and is always willing to help with patients and goes the extra mile when preparing meals for the patients. Congratulations to Anna Esquivel, a great asset to North Runnels Hospital. Esquivel is pictured here with Judy Espitia, CEO, right.

## RICHARDS, SMITH HEADING TO TENNIS TOURNAMENT



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Kyler Richards, left and A.J. Smith, right, placed second in boys doubles. The two will travel to Odessa April 18-19 for a tournament there.

## ELAM,

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debt? Don't be surprised if it happens.

The student loan crisis looks more and more like the sub-prime mortgage crisis. Both started with the same pitch. Everyone needs/deserves/ought to have a home or now, a college degree. So previous requirements like equity in the investment were shoved aside. Formerly unqualified credit risks took out loans. And greedy investors bet big on them only to have them fail. Now college loans are extended to 18 year-olds with no credit history. And unlike even marginal real estate, there is no collateral to seize in the event of default. And unlike a bank sponsoring the mortgage, the college has no liability for re-payment or eventual employment of the graduate. Already more than 40 percent of the participants in the main student loan program are not making payments. About one in six borrowers are in default. Now that the Federal Government seems to own most of this paper, no one seems to be concerned. Oh, and by the way, Arizona State is now offering a free MBA. Applications have tripled and the school is grappling with who to admit.

Speaking of bad debts, Puerto Rico owes investors some \$70 billion. And it can't pay the interest much less the principal. The island Territory is about to suspend payments while it waits on Congress to 'do something.' New York City

created quite a stir when it missed payments in 1976. Today an entire Territory is about to default and no one seems to care.

Oil prices have rallied as predicted here. But prices have fallen back below \$40 and many oil related investments are still in trouble. Royalty trusts pay out cash to investors based on oil and gas production. But with prices and now the volume of oil produced, payments are decreasing. BP Prudhoe Bay Royalty Trust expects to pay no royalties after 2020. A year ago that date was 2028. Be sure you investigate before jumping to what appears to be a juicy yield.

The tax date of April 15 is as far as politicians can arrange it from the voting date of November 2, and for good reason. The 80,000 pages of tax law are an abomination. But no one is running on a platform to truly reform this mess. Rather the solution has been to re-arrange the game so near half of America pays no tax. That group could care less about spending which certainly endangers the rest of us. Real tax relief does not appear to be in sight. And that is another reason for the slowest recovery on record in the last century.

A few years ago the BRIC emerging economies were all the rage. Now the president of Brazil is facing possible impeachment. China's shaky loans are causing doubts about its future. And the Russian ruble tumbles on oil dependence. Only India seems to have slowly

prospered.

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Dr. Ron Gill, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist and associate department head for the department of animal science at Texas A&M University in College Station, demonstrates roping techniques during a cattle handling demonstration at the 2016 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Convention in Fort Worth. He was joined by Curt Pate of Curt Pate Stockmanship. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin)

**CATTLE,**  
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cattle handling demonstrations and presentations from industry leaders on a variety of issues. Though the market is not as robust as in 2015 or 2014, Paschal said good prices are being paid for replacement cattle.

"Folks are asking a lot of questions about restocking, what to stock with, should they buy pairs, open female and what types of bulls they should use. We are also getting questions about stocking rates, particularly if they are old or returning to the land."

Paschal was one of several AgriLife Extension specialists who gave presentations throughout the event, as well as giving a demonstration on assisting with

calf delivery.

"Calving difficulty is not as big of issue as it used to be, but we still lose 8 to 10 percent of calves within 24 hours and about three-quarters of those are due to calving difficulty," he said. "It sets that heifer or cow back, makes them a little bit more harder to breed."

Regardless, Paschal said a calf on the ground is money in the producer's pocket.

"Even a 500-pound calf is worth 1,000 dollars now days," Paschal said. "The number of calves on the ground has the biggest economic impact on a farm or ranch. Weaning weight is important, but the price you get for them is important, but the number of live calves you deliver to the sale barn on market day, that's what's going to make your profitability."

**CPS,**  
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and a raffle.

"It will be a fun filled evening of good food and great local talent," board secretary Malisia Goetz said. "We ask that you support these events to help us to take care of the children under our care."

The Runnels County CPS Board will also raise funds through a raffle with items to include sports memorabilia, a propane grill and a food processor.

Also in April, Child Protective Services (CPS) is joining with local governments, community groups, service organizations, activists, and other partners to put the spotlight on preventing, recognizing, and reporting child abuse. See more about prevention events in your area on the Events Page of HelpandHope.org.

CPS investigated more than 176,868 allegations of child abuse or neglect in Texas last year. Tragically, 171 children died at the hands of a parent or other caregivers. Another 66,721 children and teens were victims of abuse or neglect and 17,151 were removed from their homes for their own protection.

"Parenting is hard and stressful, so it's crucial that we support parents in every way we can to help prevent abuse," said Judge John Specia, Commissioner of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. "But if you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, please report it so we can investigate to make sure the child is safe and parents get the help they need."

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Only God could create a character like the late Hal Rowe. During his 72-year earthly pilgrimage, his specialty was constantly helping others, always making them smile.

Consider his bungled marriage proposal to Joyce. She accepted—IF he'd place the ring on her OTHER hand. He blamed inexperience, asking, "Do you want to marry a 210-pound football player or a 130-pound poet?" The two would share life's "thick and thin" journey for a half-century.

Much of Hal's life elicited smiles, even at age 68, when he donated a kidney to an acquaintance with critical need. "They won't accept blood from persons on Alzheimer's medication, but kidneys are OK," he laughed.

Hal battled Alzheimer's for seven years, but "remembered" to insist on Blue Bell ice cream cup giveaways as folks exited his funeral.

Alzheimer's was one of Hal's many battles. Consider his struggle in 1986 when 20-year-old son Greg was killed in a collision with a drunken driver.

Kevin, the Rowe's other son, also was deeply grieved. Yet, he, too, forged on, finishing Lubbock Monterey High School a few days after Greg's funeral. The loss of his dad a quarter-century later was even greater; Hal was Kevin's best friend....

Between the two losses, Kevin opted for a four-year stint in the Navy, serving in the Persian Gulf War. He lost several buddies along the way.

Back home after discharge, he clung to his dad, mom and sister Melissa.

He then earned a degree at Howard Payne University, where I was president at the time. I will remember this student who said little, but blessed others with his

thoughtful manner and ready smile....

He valued family above all else.

Upon Hal's death in 2012, Kevin took over management of the family

's rental properties.

Renters compared him to his caring father. Hal, for many years a deacon and Sunday school teacher, radiated an ever-present spirit for others. Kevin, however, may have felt he didn't measure up. Or maybe life's "gut punches" became too many. Diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, he took his life on March 3. He was 47....

"The Lord prepares us for what lies ahead," Joyce said. "I hadn't heard from Kevin for two days, and was distressed to discover no activity on his credit card and phone," she said.

Attempts to nap were futile as she anticipated a visit by Dr. and Mrs. Larry Jones. Linda is her favorite cousin, and she hadn't seen them for almost a year. (They live some 300 miles from Lubbock.)

They insisted on taking her to dinner; she "had no appetite"....

On the way home, a neighbor called to tell her a policeman was at her house. "I knew Kevin was gone, and told him before he told me," she said, recognizing the officer, the son-in-law of her hairdresser.

Had she gone to Kevin's apartment at the time Larry and Linda reached Lubbock, her visit would have coincided with arrival of the medical examiner. She also was spared seeing an

unkempt apartment. Joyce later noticed, however, that his garage workshop was immaculate—just like his dad's.

"I was comforted by two treasured relatives, and within two hours, all ministers from my church—as well as dozens of members and the entire staff where I work—were at my side," Joyce recalls...

As was the case at Greg's and Hal's memorial services, several hundred gathered for Kevin's. Larry preached; Melissa's from-the-heart eulogy touched all.

Within a week, Joyce—once named "national teacher of the year" during her 24-year Lubbock Monterey High School career—was back at the Bacon Heights Baptist Church keyboard. Except for two moves from Lubbock totaling 15 months, she has served in that role for 49 years.

She has photographs, memories of her husband and two sons and the ever-growing love of a daughter, to keep her going....

The hymn fits: "Cheer up, my brother, live in the sunshine. We'll understand it, all by and by."

She's better equipped now to comfort others on life's jagged edges. So is Melissa, who also works at Lake Ridge Funeral Home.

"Melissa and I aren't going to ask the 'why us?' question. We're supportive partners, both at the funeral home and managing rental properties..."

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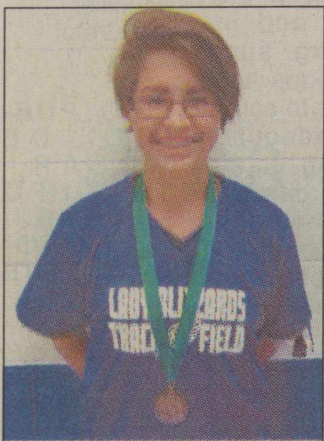
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**LEFT:** The Winters Blizzards played the Goldthwaite Eagles on April 5 at a conference away game. The Eagles won Tuesday's game against Winters by a score of 22-1. Here, David Fernandez tags out a runner at second base.

**RIGHT:** The Winters Blizzards baseball team played the Goldthwaite Eagles on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. The Eagles defeated the Blizzards 22-1. Here Joey Garcia catches a pop fly at second base.

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**ABOVE:** The Winters Lady Blizzards competed last week at the District 7-2A Track Meet at Hamlin. Justine Alvarado was the lone Lady Blizzard that will be advancing to the Area Meet this Friday in Abilene. She placed fourth in the 100m Hurdles. Also earning points at the district meet were: Justine Alvarado - 4x100m Relay (6th); Baily Knight - 400m Dash (5th), 4x100m Relay (6th); Cha-Cha Lovelace - 4x100m Relay (6th), 4x200m Relay (6th); Alia Renfro - 4x100m Relay (6th), 4x200m Relay (6th); Sonya Vasquez - 4x200m Relay (6th); Jenessa Wade - 4x200m Relay (6th).

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**LEFT:** K'Lee Lindley caught a pop fly in center field during Monday's game with Rotan. The Lady Blizzards defeated Rotan 12-9.

**RIGHT:** Megan Ballard winds up for a pitch during Monday's game with Rotan.

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with two more in the sixth. In the first, Lady Blizzards scored on an RBI single by Lindley, plating Garcia. Rotan got one-run boosts in each of the third, fourth and seventh. In the third, Rotan scored on a steal of home, bringing home Shelley.

After a quick strike from Rotan, Lady Blizzards responded with three runs in the third. Lady Blizzards scored on a sacrifice fly by Lindley, an RBI single by Magan Ballard, and an RBI double by Jessica Roman.

Lady Blizzards never surrendered the lead after the fourth inning. The runs piled on thanks to.

Two runs in the top of the sixth helped Rotan close its deficit to 10-8. A steal of home by Dunn and a steal of home by Garza triggered Rotan's comeback. Finally, Ballard induced an inning-ending fly out from Bowen.

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