

WINTERS SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Thursday, May 5, 2016

Briefly

Mayfest this Saturday

The Winters Chamber of Commerce will holding the annual Mayfest event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday in Downtown Winters. There will be games, arts and crafts and good food. Harvey McFadden will perform from 10 a.m. to noon and DJ and Karaoke will be from noon to 3 p.m. Those who wish to sign up for the bake off call Maegan Schwartz at 325-365-6426 or Donna Bredemeyer at 325-365-6006. The event is hosted by Winters Area Chamber of Commerce. The Winters Volunteer Fire Department will be cooking hamburgers at the fire station and the Winters Public Library will be hosting a silent auction at the library.

Family Land Heritage

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is in the final stages of collecting applications for our 2016 Family Land Heritage (FLH) registry. FLH pays tribute to families who have kept their land in continuous agricultural production for at least 100 years. It is truly an honor for TDA to recognize these Texas farmers and ranchers for their dedication to making our state's agriculture industry a powerhouse. In 2015 Droll Farms in Runnels County was honored by the program.

Applications are due by Tuesday, May 31. The members of the registry for 2016 will be honored at an event in Austin Nov. 15, 2016.

ON THE NET: http://texasagriculture. gov/NewsEvents/Family-

LandHeritage.aspx

The last drop

More rain fell on Runnels County last week adding some additional moisture to the area. Ballinger tallied .30 inches of precipitation while Wingate received 1.34 inches of rain according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo reported.

After the cold front that brought rains to the area on Monday, sunny skies emerged and a warming trend prevailed with temperatures reaching the low 80s Wednesday. Thursday the forecast for Runnels County calls for sunny and dry conditions with a high of 84 and a low of 58. More of the same is in the forecast Friday with rain chances returning Saturday. A 30 percent chance of rain is in the forecast for Sunday increasing to 40 percent overnight.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 7.94 inches of rainfall, with 8.25 reported in Wingate and 9.23 inches received in San Angelo. ON THE NET:

http://www.srh.noaa. gov/sjt/

Winters Public Library receives Tocker Grant

The Winters Public Library received a \$7,026 from the Tocker Foundation last month. This brings the total of \$88,290 that the library has received over the years from the foundation.

The grant was written by Sally Spill who serves on the WPL board of direc-

"With this money we were able to buy two new computers and non-fiction books for both young readers and adults," said

WPL Volunteer Joyce Carbery.
The two new computers

are installed and ready to be used now, she said. "We are waiting for our June delivery of 175

books for the young readers and 150 for the adults," Carbery contin-She encouraged all

library patrons to check in to see what books have been received and what programs may be of interest to them.

"The Winters Public Library wishes to express our sincere thanks to Sally Spill for her hard work and desire to write this Tocker Grant," Carbery said.

"We appreciate her accomplishment," Carbery continued. We sincerely thank the Tocker Foundation for this Grant to help our library to be more effective to the community," she said.

The Tocker Foundation was established in 1964 to implement the philanthropic interests of Phillip and Olive Tocker. The Tockers endowed the foundation with their

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Winters Public Library recently received more than \$7,000 for a grant from the Tocker Foundation. The grant paid for children and adult books and two computers.



Team competes in state robotics contest

SPECIAL TO THE **WINTERS ENTERPRISE**

he Winters Junior High robotics team sent four students to the Texas Computer **Educators Association** State Robotics contest in Hutto on Saturday April 30, 2016. The students were all 7th graders and included Megan Tarr, Mara Mostad, Cecille "Sugar" Hunter, and Shyla Seaney.

These students made history with an eighth place finish. This is the highest finish ever in the intermediate division of the Winters Robotics program.

The field consisted of 58 first and second place teams from 20 regions across the state of Texas. The students competed against all schools in divisions 1A-6A. The girls first competed in the Area 15 competition in January held in Ballinger, and

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MAIN: The Winters Junior High robotics team sent four students to the Texas Computer Educators Association State Robotics contest in Hutto, Texas on Saturday April 30, 2016. The 7th grade team included (from left to right) Megan Tarr, Shyla Seaney, Mara Mostad and Cecille "Sugar" Hunter. TOP: The Winters Junior High Robotics Team watches the scoreboard during the Texas Computer Educators Association State Robotics Contest Saturday, April 30, 2016.

Lady Blizzards take on tournament play

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The Winters Lady Blizzards have been on the softball field the last week playing in Hermleigh, Rotan and finally two games in Eldorado. Their final district record is 4-3, according to Coach Becky Airhart.

The Lady Blizzards racked up five hits, but it wasn't enough, as they were defeated 12-2 on Thursday at the hands of Eldorado at Grape Creek. The Lady Blizzards would go on to lose 14-3 to Eldorado on Friday. But the week started well, with the Lady Blizzards taking a 15-10 win over Rotan Tuesday during tournament

During Thursday's game Eldorado easily handled the Lady Blizzards pitching as six hitters combined for 12 hits, eight RBIs and 11 runs scored.

The top of the third saw the Lady Blizzards take an early lead, 2-0. Justine Garcia kicked things off for the team with a single. A stolen base then moved Garcia from second to third. Brooklyn Gallaway singled, scoring Garcia.

Eldorado quickly matched the Lady Blizzards' strong

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The Winters Lady Blizzards are 4-3 in district play. They recently participated in tournament play playing against Hermleigh, Rotan and Eldorado.



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H.M. 'Jiggs' Nichols

H.M. "Jiggs" Nichols, 97, of Winters, died April 28, 2016. He was born November 28, 1918 in Horn Hill, Texas. At the age of 10 he moved with his family to Sudan where he graduated high school in 1937. He served in the United States Army Air Corps in North Africa and Italy during World War 2. He married Ouida Rogers February 8, 1947 in Sudan. They moved to Winters in 1952. He farmed and was office manager for Winters



Construction and later served as Winters Post Master for a number of years. He was a long time member of the Winters Country Club and Winters Lions Club. In 2104 he was recipient of the Winters I.S.D. Patriot Award. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years: Ouida Nichols of Winters. 2 sons: Roger "Rusty" Nichols of Austin and Noel "Dusty" Nichols of Richmond, Virginia. 2 grandchildren: Travis Nichols and wife Karina, Brady Sloane and husband Sam and their Jennifer Nichols. 1 great-grandchild: Greyson Jiggs Sloane. 2 sisters-in-law: Wanda Rogers and Patsy Rogers. 5 nephews: Charlie Nichols, Mike Rogers, Don Rogers, Doug Rogers and Mark Rogers. Funeral service will be 2:00 P.M. Sunday May 1, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Northview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, your church or the Winters Public Library.

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WEDDINGS



Haley Kaczyk and Ryan Beck

Kaczyk, Beck plan June Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kaczyk of Winters are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Haley Jean Kaczyk, to Ryan Kristofer Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Beck of Beeville. She is also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Connie MacGibes of Winters.

The bride-elect graduated from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Nutrition. She is employed at Fit 24 Gym in Kingsville.

The prospective groom is a senior at Texas A & M University- Kingsville, majoring in Natural Gas Engineering. A June Wedding is planned at Vista on Leward Hill in Austin.

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CORRECTION NOTICE

The list of donations from the Runnels County Aging Program published in the April 28, 2016 issue of the Ballinger Ledger and the Winters Enterprise incorrectly listed one donation. The corrected donation should read: In Memory of Mary Beth Amarine Granger from Janice Amarine and Janette Amarine Bradshaw.

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Salvador T. Esquivel

Salvador T. Esquivel, 87, of Winters passed away on April 30, 2016. He was born November 9, 1938 in Runnels County, Texas and grew up in and around Winters, Texas. He married Beatriz C. Esquivel January 1, 1956 in Eagle Pass, Texas. He worked for Spill Brothers Furniture Company for 11 years and John's International for 23 years where he retired. He was an umpire for the Winters Little League Baseball for over 25 years. He was a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Survivors are his six children: Salvador Esquivel, Jr. and

wife Frances of San Angelo, Steve Esquivel of Winters, David Esquivel and wife Sarah of Ballinger, Ruben Esquivel and wife Mary of Winters, Lucy Rodriguez and husband Eddie of Winters and Louis Esquivel and wife Jesusa of Hobbs, New Mexico. 24 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren He was preceded in death by his wife Beatriz C. Esquivel and 1 daughter Carmen C. Esquivel

Rosary will be at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday May 3, 2016 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10:30 A.M. Thursday May 4, 2016 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church with burial in Northview Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home., 87, of Winters passed away on April 30, 2016. He was born November 9, 1938 in Runnels County, Texas and grew up in and around Winters, Texas. He married Beatriz C. Esquivel January 1, 1956 in Eagle Pass, Texas. He worked for Spill Brothers Furniture Company for 11 years and John's International for 23 years



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Saundra Mayo

Saundra (Snipes) Mayo was born May 5, 1937 in Brownwood, Texas to Worth and Ileta Snipes. She was born again trusting Jesus as her personal Savior at the age of 9 and baptized at Jones Chapel Baptist Church, just outside of Brownwood in the Early community. She was a faithful member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Cedar Hill, Texas.

·Saundra was an outstanding basketball player for Early High School. She met the love of her life, Benny, a student at

Howard Payne University, her senior year at Early (1955) at Melwood Baptist Church in Brownwood. Benny and Saundra were married at Melwood Baptist Church, March 16, 1956 and had 60 wonderful years together.

Saundra attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary while her husband was a student.

Saundra loved sports and encouraged her husband when he was a coach in Comanche following college graduation. She worked with youth in churches where her husband

served as Minister of Education and Youth. She was great in counseling youth at her home and taking them to camp.

Saundra was a gifted decorator for party events and banquets and her sense of humor brought smiles and laughter to those she was around. She had a compassion for giving a witness for Christ. Her favorite scripture was Proverbs

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Benny; children, Penny Varian and her husband, Lee, Kitty Yntema and her husband, Howard; brothers, Weyland Snipes and wife Patti, Jack Snipes and wife Brenda; grandchildren, Charis Robison and her husband, Jacob; Austen Varian and his wife, Ashley; Hannah Hughes and her husband, Rick; Zachary Foster, Nathan Foster, Ben Foster, Owen and Ethan Yntema; great grandchildren, Rhett and Ladd Robison, Colton Varian, Sadie Beyers and Harrison Hughes; aunt, Mickey Mathis; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Saundra was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Wynell (Snipes) Winslett and brother, Tommy Snipes.

A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday, May 3, at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 265 W. Pleasant Run Road in Cedar Hill, Texas. A visitation with the family will begin at 10:00 a.m., prior to the service.

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Just Around the Corner

Mothers Day memories

months,

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When I think of my mother, I think of beauty, charm, strength, grace, elegance and intelligence — and as Mother's Day approaches, I remember the special bond that belongs to mothers and their children.

In October of 2010, my mother Judy Hawkins, a lifelong educator, loving wife and wonderful mom, was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, in June of 2011, I moved home to Odessa to be with her. On Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, at the young age of 74, she lost a valiant fight with this horrible disease and we have all missed her terribly since.

A beloved Spanish and French teacher, she touched thousands of lives during the more than 40 years that she taught in Ector County Independent School District. But we remember her for what meant most to her, being a mother.

Her favorite quote was "Yesterday is history, tomorrow's a mystery, today is the present, so treat it as a gift." And we did.



Celinda Hawkins

that my sister and I will cherish the most because then we began to experience every living breathing moment with her — it was truly a gift as a friend once told me. She would spend the first six months with my sister, while she was undergoing the initial treatments,

to come home," to Odessa. There were many precious moments filled with laughter, tears, conversation and music. And those precious memories are like snuggly blankets that comfort us when thoughts of her cross our minds.

then she said she "wanted

It has been exactly five years since I traveled to Odessa to interview for

the city editor's job at the Odessa American and to spend what I never dreamed days and would be the last Mother's Day with my mother. after her

On that day, in 2011, I rushed in from Abilene to meet the editor at the Barn Door. It wasn't long before I felt it — I would be coming home to be with Mother. It was a God thing.

After a two-and-a-half hour lunch, I headed to the car wash, and while waiting in line, I called her. When I heard her voice tears began rolling down my face. "Mom, it looks like I'm

coming home," I told her.

"Thank God! Our prayers have been answered," she said her voice breaking with emotion. We both cried it was a precious moment indeed.

Two days later on Mother's Day as we dined on pork tenderloin, we took a walk down memory lane.

She recalled one of her early jobs as my personal hair dresser. Every morning until she quit the job (when I was 14), it was routine for

me to sit down in front of the mirror and wait for her to fix my hair.

"You had to have your hair perfect," she told me.

And how, when we were sick, she would pick me or my sister up, dry our tears and give us "a spoon full of sugar," ala Mary Poppins, so "the medicine would go down."

And when I couldn't sleep because of the medicine, she brought in a deck of cards and taught me how to play Blackjack and Five Card Stud. Some folks may remember she had a way with a deck of cards, particularly around the bridge table.

to my little sister Susan, when she was in the hospital in Houston, recovering from open heart surgery — but still took the time to go out and buy me some fancy pajamas and read me a bedtime story.

How she lovingly tended

We laughed when we remembered my dad's love for his black Naugahyde

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My Mother Kept A Garden

My Mother kept a garden, a garden of the heart, She planted all the good things that gave my life it's start. She turned me to the sunshine and encouraged me to dream, Fostering and nurturing the seeds of self-esteem...

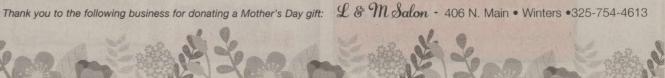
And when the winds and rain came, she protected me enough-But not too much because she knew

I'd need to stand up strong and tough.

Her constant good example always taught me right from wrong-Markers for my pathway that will last a lifetime long. I am my Mother's garden. I am her legacy-And I hope today she feels the love reflected back from me.



I love Rachel Trevino. My wife and mother. She is with God! A moment in our Arms. A lifetime in our Hearts. Pablo Trevino and Sons



Breakfast

Blueberry Muffin Cereal w/ Grahams Peaches Fruit Juice Choice of Milk

May 9 Pancake on a Stick Cereal w/Graham Pears Fruit Juice Choice of Milk

May 10 Donuts Eggs w/ Hash Brown Cereal w/Grahams Mixed Fruit Fruit Juice Choice of Milk

May 11 Sausage Roll **Bagels** Cereal w/Grahams Blizzard Berries Fruit Juice Choice of Milk

May 12 French Toast Yogurt Cereal w/Grahams Banana Fruit Juice

Lunch

May 6 Chef Salad Cheese Burger **Curly Fries**

Baked Beans Salad/Carrot Sticks Diced Pears Choice of Milk

May 9 Chef Salad Chicken Fried Steak w/ Gravy

Chicken Sandwich Italian Green Beans Salad/Carrot Sticks Pineapple Choice of Milk

May 10 Chef Salad Chicken Nuggets Nachos Corn Salad/Carrot Sticks Oranges Choice of Milk

May 11 Chef Salad BBQ/Bun Peanut Butter/Jelly

Sandwich Baked Beans Coleslaw Salad **Apple Slices** Goldfish

Choice of Milk

May 12 Chef Salad Steak Fingers/Sliced

Bread Grilled Cheese Sandwich Oven Fries Salad/Broccoli Fruit Cup Raisins Choice of Milk

West Texas Rehab Great Balls of Fire!

West Texas Rehab to host benefit June 18

SPECIAL TO THE BALLINGER LEDGER

West Texas Rehabilitation Center (WTRC) is hosting a benefit at the Ballinger High School Auditorium on June 18. The featured entertainer is Jason D. Williams, often referred to as the son of Jerry Lee Lewis. Jason D. Williams is a long-time rock-n-roll entertainer whose style and performance is reminiscent of 50s and 60s rock-n-roll. Jason brings his piano and travels with his band, and his 75-minute show will include his own songs and hits from legendary performer Jerry Lee Lewis. For more information, including videos, about Jason D. Williams visit www.rockinjasondwilliams.com

The benefit concert on June 18 will benefit WTRC. WTRC was founded in 1956 and provides extraordinary outpatient

services to 32 counties in the Concho Valley and the Big Country. Every day 500 patients walk through the doors of our centers in Abilene, San Angelo, and Ozona and they are taken care of, regardless of their ability to pay. WTRC's mission is to serve our family, friends, and neighbors with the best quality outpatient services that they can get. WTRC provides services to adults and children in the areas of: physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy,

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Friends meeting **Monday May 9** The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their monthly meeting at 6 p.m Monday. The meeting will beat the Gus Pruser agriculture Ex-

hibit 219 W. Dale in Winters. Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit is a group interested in preserving program or to register the agriculture heritage of Runnels County. The group works on tractors and other displays in the museum. For additional angelo.edu information contact John Long at 325-754-5389

Meeting at Rocksprings The 2016 Spring meeting of the Edwards Plateau Historical Association will convene in the Historic Ballentyne Hotel, 200 West Austin Street in Rocksprings at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7. The hotel is across the street from the courthouse.

orzihalemuseum@wtxs.

Four research papers of history of that area will be presented. The noon meal is \$15 per person and reservations must be made no later than Friday with Margaret Gaver, P. O. Box 243, Junction, Tx 76849-0243; telephone325/446-2477 or email fwyatt30@cebridge. net. A brief business session will be held during the noon break.

There will be some volumes of the Association's "Historian" for sale at the meeting, as well as books written by members and others in attendance.

Exploring E-Commerce The ASU-SBDC (Angelo State University Small Business Development Center) is excited to host the training event

"Exploring E-Commerce" at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 10th. The cost is \$20. At this training event, attendees will get the 411 on navigating the online sales industry. Please register in advance for this event so adequate seating and handouts may be provided for everyone. To find out more about this please call the ASU-SBDC at (325) 942-2098 or register online at www.sbdc.

Mommie and Me program at WPL

The Mommie and Me program at Winters Public Library is open to children 18 months to prekindergarten and will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 16. The event will include a story time, read by Holly Hubbard, a tea party and a coloring session. Moms, caretakers, all adults are invited to their special program while the children are enjoying themselves.During this session, Martha Crawford will demonstrate how to make candy and dip it in chocolate. Martha attended Trinity University in San Antonio and has been married to Jimmy, a horse shoer, for 46 years. They live in Ballinger. Martha serves as President of the TEEA club that is affiliated with the Runnels County Extension Office She also judges for the FHA activities in many areas.

This is a free program provided by the Winters **Public Library**

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.

AA meeting
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.

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. inWinters. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this group, call Martha at 365-3890 or

Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group

Judy at 754-5386.

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.



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recliner and how he even retrieved it from the alley when it mysteriously disappeared from the living room.

And how she felt when she held her first grandchild in her arms, and how proud she was of all four of them as they grew up. And how she loved to

play the guitar and sing, something our whole family loved to do with her — but she was always the shining She scoffed when I reminded her of the time she

performed "St. Louis Blues" at my sister's wedding with Long John Hunter and the Walking Catfish. We still love to watch the video people were standing on tables clapping for her. Then there was that

evening in November 2011 when time stopped as my sister and a friend joined Mother for a conga line through the house - dancing to Michael Buble another cherished moment and gift. Days later, she became too weak to walk. In March 2012, my sister

and I held hands and cried

Campbell, one of her favor-

ites, perform at the Wagner

Noël in Odessa. There were

as we listened to Glen

two empty seats - we imagined she was in one and my father was in the other. And I know she was watching over us all in May of 2013 as we watched my youngest daughter graduate

from Texas State University

with a dual degree in mass communication and French. Making it to her graduation was a goal Mom had something she had hoped

That October, in 2011, brought one of the sweetest memories — she performed for the last time with her only sibling, her brother Jack, with a tear-filled crowd looking on as the brothersister duo sang one of her favorite songs: "Satisfied Mind." When she got to this last verse, her chin quivered

and when she choked up

for a second her brother instinctively took over.

"...When my life has ended, And my time has run out My friends and my loved

ones, Will weep there's no doubt But there's one thing for

When it comes my time I'll leave this old world With a satisfied mind..."

And she did. Happy Mother's Day Mom, we love and miss you so.

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Damon B. Griffin

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theft of firearm

Dalton W. Graves 33 Coke county warrant theft

Coke Co. SO

Raul Lopez

Ray Vera

RCSO

Sabrina R. Oswalt

Kara N. Aguirre

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Disorderly conduct

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VETERANS CORNER

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently announced that it has identified

Sandra G. Van Zant

claim processing errors for more than 14,000 veterans and survivors. The VA's Beneficiary Fiduciary Field System has helped it to recognize claim processing mistakes on veterans' and survivors' claims that were initially filed over the course of many years. The errors concern cases in which VA had proposed that due to disability or age the beneficiary was unable to manage his or her VA benefits without assistance, but the action was not completed by transferring it within VA for appointment of a fiduciary.

VA's Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) has set up a team to immediately review the cases, notify beneficiaries, complete the claim processing steps, and appoint a fiduciary as quickly as possible. For more information, members can call the VA fiduciary line1-888-407-0144. For more information contact Sandra Van Zant at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call

> - Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer



Department of Public Safety

Beat the summer rush with online license, ID renewals

Customers can also take advantage of other technology options

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging residents to get a jump on their summer to-do lists by renewing their license or identification (ID) card early or online. The summer months tend to be one of the busiest times of the year at driver license offices, and many Texans are eligible to skip the trip to the office completely via online renewal of their license, identification card or change of address at Texas.gov.

"DPS offers a variety of

convenient options that allow eligible residents the opportunity to conduct Texas driver license or ID card transactions without coming into the office, and we encourage customers to take full advantage of these options - especially during the summer months," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "If an office visit is required, customers should visit offices that offer additional technology or capacity, if one is available near them.

Customers in the major metro areas who must vist it an office should conside eyesight can be tested. If er visiting mega centers in their area. Located in the Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas, driver license mega centers offer high-capacity facilities and technology designed to improve efficiency and customer service. Mega centers feature an innovative queuing system that offers customers the convenient option to reserve a spot in line before going to the office. Customers can virtually enter the line via cell phone, online or using a land line tele-

In addition, DPS encourages customers to take advantage of this same technology to get in line before arriving at an office, which is available at several other locations across the state. To find an office that offers this option, see http://dps. texas.gov/DriverLicense/ onlineScheduling.aspx.



Licenses must be renewed in person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and residents need to come into the office to renew, they can do so up to one year before the expiration date, which means they can pick a time that is convenient for their schedule.

In order for a customer to be eligible for online renewal, the card holder must be a U.S. citizen and the expiration date on the card must be within one year. When the card is renewed, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card's expiration date, whether customers renew early or not.

Additionally, in order to renew online, the card cannot have been expired for more than two years. Requirements for renewing online are available at Texas.gov, the official website of the State of Texas. Customers can also renew by phone at 1-866-357-3639. The eligibility requirements for phone

renewal are the same as for online renewal. The fee is the same for online, in-person and telephone renewals.

Customers may obtain a replacement driver license or identification card online if they are able to provide the 20-character code on the front of their current license or card.

Visit the DPS website to make sure you have the proper paperwork (including documents needed for residency requirements) before making the trip to the office: http://www. dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ApplyforLicense.

Many offices require online scheduling in order to obtain an appointment for a driving test. To see if an office near you offers online scheduling, visit http://dps.texas.gov/ administration/driver_licensing_control/Rolodex/ scheduleDriveTest.htm.

To find out more about online renewal services, visit: http://www.dps. texas.gov/DriverLicense/ OnlineServices.htm.

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"If not you, who? If not now, when?' - Eric Thomas

Three years ago when I started competing in paralympic sports I didn't look at it as something grand, I just really liked to get out and try my best against other people. When I started I was primarily competing against other veterans that had been injured or wounded. It was during this time I found out how much I enjoyed it and in some things how good I was.

Due to medical reasons I had to sit out last weekend. He is shown here in last year until I made the shot put competition. a trip to San Antonio

to compete in the Texas Regional Games. Competing in four events over the weekend I was able to have a great experience. My first time competing standing in shot put and javelin, as well as my first competitive run in the 100M dash. I

also competed in paralympic powerlifting. Everyone asks if I medaled, and although it is important, it isn't the most important thing. What's most important is your individual number and not so much the numbers of everyone else. Due to the nature of the events you never know who is going to show up where. The best people in your events might not be competing at Chad the same regional as you are.

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Ballinger grad and veteran Chad

McDuffee competed in the Texas

Regional Games in San Antonio

To put this into perspective I won the McDuffee gold medal in powerlifting last Friday, but my lift of 225 pounds is nothing when

at the world competition people in my weight class were bench pressing twice as much.

Being able to run competitively was such a rush. I wasn't even intending on doing it, because I don't really have what you would call a runner's body! Just being out there doing it was something I will treasure for a long time and I'm even considering adding the 200M dash just to push myself a little

My true highlight when competing seated and now standing is without a doubt the shot put. I don't even understand why I love the event as much as I do, but something about it speaks to me. Throughout my six throws I got better and better until on my last throw I had a great throw and hit 9.17meters. Putting a 6-kilogram(13 pound) shot is not a very easy task and I know I have a ways to go. 9.17meters was enough to get me the gold medal in San Antonio. More importantly it puts me close to the 10.3 meters needed to get an automatic invite to Nationals. Most importantly is that I currently sit at 13th in the world in my disability. This is a number that will

change as more people compete this year, but the best thing about it, is that it is mine, now. No one and no thing can take it from me. The best is yet to come.



estate in 1994 and 1993 respectively.

In 1992 the foundation board decided to focus grant distribution to small rural libraries serving a population of 12,000 or less. The direction is to assist libraries in making services more accessible to individuals who by reason of distance, residence, handicap, age, literacy level or other disadvantage are unable to receive the benefits of public library services.

Grants are distributed to assisting libraries to serve as community centers, information resources and provide literacy and bilingual programs. The foundation partners with community libraries to meet the particular needs of the community.

Grant applications are evaluated by a permanent committee of the Texas Library Association. Over the past years the board members have seen inroads made towards library automation, digitization of historical documents and computer access. Grants have been extended for outreach and "shut-in" programs, enhancement of services, adult reading classes, after school projects, bilingual material and many other projects initiated by the community public library.

ROBOTICS, from Page 1

qualified to the state tournament by virtue of their high

"It's a great honor to be invited to the state tournament," said Coach Monte Angel. "These four young ladies started the project last October, and have worked many hours to accomplish this task.'

They qualified to the state meet in 2015 as 6th graders, but were not as successful as they wanted to be. So the team persevered and decided then that they would come back and try again. The team name is M&MSS. It stands for Megan, Mara, Shyla, and Sugar.

Their logo, is the M&Ms.Their main goal this year was to get a perfect score. They accomplished this the second of three rounds.

ond of three rounds.

The final scoreboard shows the finish. Only a 20 point touch deduction separated the Winters team from the top qualifiers in the state.

The students and staff thanked Jeff and Sherry Tarr, Jodi Seaney and Mandy Mostad for being chaperones and and cheerleaders for the trip. The team also thanked Mr. Payne, Mr. Davis and the school board for their support.

Deb Pritchard contributed to this report.

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May 16 Texas Ag Forum to feature agricultural transportation issues

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AUSTIN — Agricultural transportation will be the focus of the 2016 Texas Ag Forum scheduled May 16 at the Hilton Austin Airport, organizers said.

The forum will feature presentations from transportation experts and farm group representatives.

"We thought it would be good to bring the agricultural and transportation experts together in one room to see where we are now and what the future holds," said Dr. Joe Outlaw, co-director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist in College Station. Agricultural transporta-

tion will be the focus of the 2016 Texas Ag Forum scheduled May 16 at the Hilton Austin Airport. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin)

Few people think about the transportation infrastructure that moves agricultural production to national and international markets and its economic impact, Outlaw said.

Texas' top agricultural exports are grain sorghum, beef and cotton," Outlaw said. "We are also a corn deficit-state, so we transport a lot of corn into Texas. It's critically important to the future of Texas agriculture that these products move smoothly and efficiently."

The Hilton Austin Airport is located at 9515 Hotel Drive in Austin. Advanced registration is \$125 through the Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council in Austin.

To register, call 512-450-0555 and ask for Christy Lewis. Same day registration is \$150. Seating is limited. Lunch and breaks will be provided.

The Texas Ag Forum is an association of agricultural leaders and representatives from across the Texas food and fiber industries. It was founded more than 20 years ago to provide a forum for open and public discussion of problems and emerging issues in agriculture. It is a stakeholder-driven program in partnership with AgriLife Extension.

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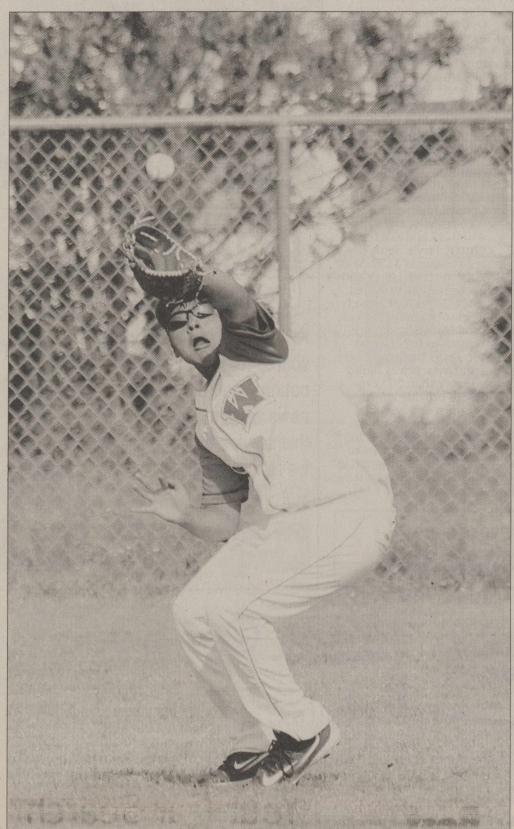
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BASEBALL — VS. SAN SABA



LEFT: Xavier Villareal catches a fly ball on the run in center field during the game against San Saba April 26, 2016.

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RIGHT: Brendon Mikeska tries to tag a runner on a pick off at first base during the game against San Saba, Tuesday, April 26, 2016.



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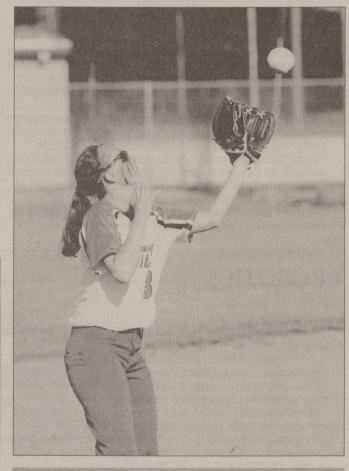
ABOVE: Samuel Reyes makes a catch in right field during the Winters game against San Saba Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

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ABOVE: Brooklyn Galloway slides in for a triple during and two RBIs during the game against Hermleigh, April 25, 2016. The Lady Blizzards were defeated by Hermleight 15-5.

RIGHT: Aimee Green catches a fly ball at the short stop during the game against Hermleigh on April 25, 2016.



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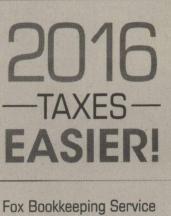
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ABOVE: Megan Ballard catches a high throw at first base during the Lady Blizzards game against Eldorado Thursday, April 28, 2016.

TOP RIGHT: Brooklyn Galloway catches an inside pitch during the Lady Blizzards game against Eldorado, Thursday, April 28, 2016.



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inning with a two-run inning of its own in the third. Eldorado scored on an RBI single by A Morris. The game's last lead went

to Eldorado thanks to a fourth inning rally that saw five runs cross the plate on three singles and a two-run triple by D Crowder. Eldorado tacked on an-

other five runs in the fifth. The inning got off to a hot start when S. Covarrubiaz doubled, plating M Villan-ueva. That was followed up by Crowder's double, plating Covarrubiaz and A. Narvaez.

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BELOW: Aimee Green catches a pop fly in the infield during the game with Eldorado Thursday, April 28, 2016.



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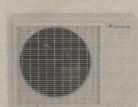
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