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## Historical Commission presents annual report

The Runnels County Historical Commission presented its annual report last Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at the Commissioners' Court. Pictured here with County Judge Barry Hilliard are board members Linda Duggan, Beverly Teplicek and Chairperson Ruth Cooper.

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Council members René Woffenden, Lisa Yates, Brenda Briley, Mayor Lewis Bergman, City Attorney Ken Slimp, alderman Armando Tamez and (not pictured) Chris Bahlman at the City Council meeting.

## New member sworn in at City Council meeting

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
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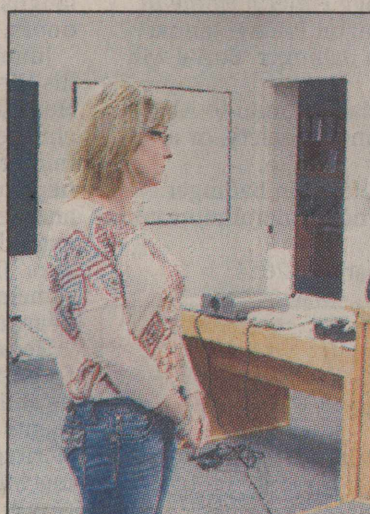
WINTERS- During their first meeting of the year, the Winters City Council voted to appoint a new member to fill in a vacant in the city governing body. With three votes for and one abstention a motion made by Brenda Briley seconded by René Woffenden was passed to appoint Lisa Yates as the new alderwoman.

Yates was sworn in and incorporated to the city council for the meeting.

Woffenden, Briley and Armando Tamez voted for the motion, while the abstention was recorded by alderman Chris Bahlman without further discussion.

Brenda Briley was appointed at the meeting as Mayor Pro-Temp, and a recognition was made to Tony Torres for his 25 years of service with the City of Winters.

Enprotec, Hibbs and Todd representative Sage Diller presented a status report for the water system improvements project funded by Rural Development and gave a status



Lisa Yates swearing in as the new city council member last Monday, January 27, 2014.

update for ongoing projects.

The council passed a motion to enter a contract with Carolyn Gully for the purchase of real estate for water exploration.

Discussion was made following a petition for the City to provide water and ground keeping services to the historical Blue Gap Post Office recently re-located to Main

Street, just north of the Winters Public Library. The agenda item was tabled until further information is provided by the petitioners.

The City Council also discussed an ordinance requiring annexation into the city limits for water and waste water service. No action was taken and the agenda item was tabled until the next council meeting.

Aldermen unanimously approved to increase the fee of the improved cabanas at the Winters lake from \$22 to \$25 per night.

The council passed a petition presented by the Winters Police Department for the sale of surplus office equipment and to take a vehicle to auction.

Monthly reports were presented by Mayor Lewis Bergman and the Winters Police Chief Randall Davis. According to Davis there are currently between six and eight properties in Winters ready to be bulldozed while 18 more waiting for action by the City Council.

Winters City Attorney Ken Slimp was also present at the council regular meeting.

## Closing strong



The Winters Blizzards Varsity basketball team secured a 54-46 win last Friday, January 24, 2014 in the District 8-1A Division I hoops vs. Ozona. Pending Tuesday night's results Winters improved its district record to 4-4, 6-10 overall and is third in the standing just behind the undefeated TLCA (8-0) and Christoval (6-1).

As of press time Tuesday night the Blizzards were playing at Eldorado, Irion County at Christoval, TLCA at Ozona and Miles had an open night. Pictured is Chris Gerhart driving in for a basket.

PHOTO: JOE GERHART

## Compton leads Enterprise

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
 STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- David Compton first had the opportunity to address his new staff on January 6. He used words such as pride, effort and world-class content / customer service to outline his expectations for the future of the Ballinger Ledger and Winters Enterprise. Many of the tactics he described probably sounded more like how you would motivate a football team, but to David winning anything takes the same core ingredients.

David explained, "I believe you achieve success by surrounding yourself with talented people that refuse to settle for mediocrity. Winning is never achieved by having the right furniture. It always comes down to having a great plan and talented, dedicated people around you."

His teams have certainly done well in recent years literally winning hundreds of state and national awards in Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, Connecticut, Ohio and Oklahoma. Included in that was the prestigious Inland Press Association's New Horizon's (National) Award for best overall online journalism in 2010 and Associated Press's (Ohio) columnist of the year for 2011 for his

personal work. He was also selected as the Young Business Professional of the Year in 2010 (Darke County, Ohio).

David claims to have got the "ink in his blood" at the early age of 11 when he sold his first newspaper ad to his dad for the school newspaper. However, it might have been even before that because if you dig further in his past you will find that he is a second-generation newspaperman. His father was a reporter in the United States Army for a number of years. He has been in newspapers ever since that early age and professionally for the better part of two decades.

Professionally he has led 26 newspapers, 10 shoppers, several monthly magazines, dozens of websites and specialty publications with combined circulations of over a half-million. His teams have always been particularly strong in product develop-

ment across multiple platforms, customer service and client/audience engagement.

"Newspapers are part of the fabric of any community. Like any good business model, we are evolving and the delivery of our message may be changing, but make no mistake community journalism is alive and well. We will continue the tradition of the Ledger / Enterprise and deliver a world-class product to this community," added Compton.

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David Compton



## Anson man killed in crash in Taylor County

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
 STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- An Anson resident was ejected from his car after overturning and striking a fence last Tuesday, January 21, 2014 on FM Road 707 in Taylor County, 2 miles north of Tye. David Reyes Rodriguez, 54, of Anson, was pronounced dead at 5:06 a.m. by Judge Dean Body and taken to Abilene Professional Services Funeral Home. Officials said that he was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the wreck.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety this is the most recent fatal crash in the area that stands out with one common theme, the driver was not wearing a seatbelt.

At 4:40 a.m. Rodriguez was driving a 2004 Toyota Tacoma southbound on FM 707 when his unit went off the west part of the roadway, overturned, and struck a fence. He was ejected and pronounced dead on scene.

The weather was cloudy and the road dry. Trooper Justin Tabor, of Tuscola is investigating this incident.

"It's common knowledge that it's the law in Texas to wear seatbelts. Seatbelts remain one of the most critical safety devices available to vehicle operators and passengers," stated Frederick Biddle, spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety for the Abilene area.

"So why do we have so many people refusing to wear them? Is it uncomfortable? Are we too busy to take the time to put them on? Are we so sure we are careful enough that it 'won't happen to me'? Those who don't wear them have their own reasons why; is it worth your life? No matter how good a driver we are, we don't have complete control of what's around the next curve. For the sake of you and your family, please wear your seatbelt," he added.

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**Marvin Kidwell Clark**

Marvin Kidwell Clark, 81, of Ballinger passed away Monday, January 27, 2014 at Ballinger Healthcare and Rehabilitation.

He was born on August 20, 1932 to Marvin L. and Mattie Faye (Corum) Clark in Ballinger. Marvin married Patsy Jo Canady on November 26, 1952 in Ballinger. They shared 45 years together before her passing on May 16, 1998. Marvin worked for Dry Manufacturing Company in Winters as a tool and die maker. He retired after 23 years of service. He and Patsy owned and operated Golfland Miniature Golf in the City Park in the 70s and the City Bakery in the 80s. They enjoyed archery, camping and were members of the 3 Rivers Good Sams Club. Marvin coached Little League baseball in Winters and girls softball in Ballinger. Marvin was an avid golfer who got his first hole-in-one on August 24, 2005 at the age of 73. He was a long time member of the First Baptist Church in Ballinger where he worked with youth participating in youth camps and was instrumental in conveying spiritual influence that led to the baptism of several people. He also participated in mission trips to other countries.

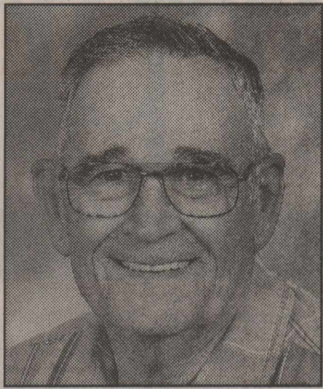
Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and brother; Buddy C. Clark and one great-granddaughter Catelynn Clark of Wylie.

He is survived by his three children, son, Marvin Lynn Clark and wife, Mary Jo of Ozona and his children; son, Russell Clark and wife Melissa of San Angelo and daughter, Amy Clark of San Angelo, Frankie Skinner Kay and husband Mitch; daughter, Mickie Marlene Clark Hallmark and husband, Danny of Ballinger and their children; son, Jason Hallmark and wife, Stefnie and daughter, Jessica Hallmark; son, John David Clark and wife, Natalie of Kyle and his sons, John Clark and wife Alisha and Carl Clark and wife Beri and daughter, Katha McAlister and husband Jamie, Patrick Nava and wife Katie, Alyssa Nava. Also surviving great-grandchildren; Austin Hallmark and Cheyenne Hallmark, Brayden Clark, Payton and Justice McAlister, Skyler, McKinzi, John Clark III, Kinley, Camden, Natalina, Nalani, Noel and Nili, Ian and Tana Clark; brothers, Larry Clark of San Angelo and Mike Clark of Galveston; Debbie Clark and Carol Clark.

Visitation for family and friends will be from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, January 30, 2014 at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 31, 2014 at First Baptist Church in Ballinger. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family requests that memorials be mad to Alzheimer Association, American Cancer Society, or a favorite charity.

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



**Ruby Nell Rougas**

Ruby Nell Rougas entered her heavenly home on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at Abilene Regional Hospital. She passed peacefully and was surrounded by her loving family.

Ruby Nell was born on September 14, 1928. She was raised by her Aunt Gertrude and uncle Press Edwards. Through years of love and encouragement she graduated from Winters High School at the age of 16. She went on to enter the Cadet Nurse Corps at Shannon Hospital from which she graduated in 1949 as a registered nurse.

Ruby Nell enjoyed a long successful career in nursing which ranged from teaching classes to LVN's, to holding the position of Director of Nurses at the Ballinger Hospital, to handling medical records. While doing medical records she became aware of the ever changing rules and regulations for Medicare patients, thus prompting her to work with the State Health Department to establish the Swing Bed Program, which allowed Medicare patients who met the criteria to have additional days of hospital care including physical therapy and nursing care. She retired from nursing at the age of 65, but stayed on as a medical records consultant for the next 11 years.

In 2004 she retired and moved to Abilene to spend time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children: Tony and his wife Suzanne, Kandace Chancey and Tye and his wife Gwen. Her sister: Betty Harville and her husband Clyde and her brother Foy Wilson and his wife Margie. Her grandchildren: Harrison, Porsha, Baylee, Angela, Dana, Brandi, Kevin and Staci. Her great-grandchildren: Jaya, Colton, Laurel, Dayton, Jaylie, Dakota and Sierra.

Services were held Sunday January 26, 2014 at The First United Methodist Church in Winters. Burial followed at Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to be made to Winters Meals on Wheels.

The family offers their gratitude for the outstanding job by the staff at Abilene Regional Hospital.

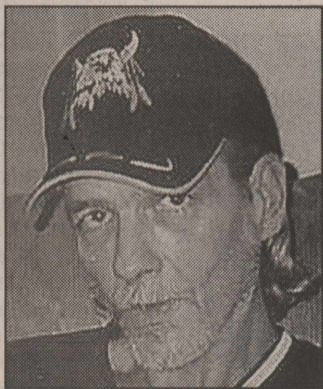
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**Jimmy Wayne Nesbit**

Jimmy Wayne Nesbit, age 57, passed away at home peacefully on Friday, January 24, 2014. Although he gave a good fight the Lord decided it was his time and took him home. He was a man with a large heart and many laughs. Jimmy loved fishing, hunting, camping, the outdoors, and nothing like a good ride through the country.

Jimmy lived most of his life in Winters, Texas. He will be missed by his children and grandchildren, numerous friends, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and several extended family members. Jimmy will always be remembered for his open heart and kind words.

He will be gone but never forgotten and in our hearts he will remain. Arrangements were made through Heritage Family Funeral Home in Ballinger, Texas. Viewing will be Friday January 31, 2014 from 5:30-7 p.m. Graveside service will be Saturday, February 1, 2014 at Wilmeth Cemetery in Wilmeth, Texas.



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Obituaries in The Winters Enterprise are also online, check out our webpage at [MyRunnelsCounty.com](http://MyRunnelsCounty.com)

**From the Chief's Desk**  
**Increased penalties**

Randall Davis  
Winters Chief of Police

Keeping with the continuation of updates and changes to the laws affecting our daily lives, one offense involving the safety of our children has been receiving an increase in complaints in recent months. The 83rd Texas Legislative Session has taken note of the severity of motorist passing school buses while loading or unloading children.

In the City of Winters, we have also encountered this issue. Coincidentally, when investigating allegations and talking with drivers of recent incidences, it seems the use of a cell phone by the offending driver was taking

place when the violation occurred.

Parents, especially during the morning hours are usually bombarded with a variety of responsibilities and issues of getting the kids up, fed, dressed, off the school, getting to work and planning multiple events of the developing day. These occurrences create an enormous amount of distractions at a critical time.

Compound these distractions with the use of a cell phone resulting in additional distractions of searching and dialing phone numbers, texting or even the mere elimination of mobility of the hand used to hold the cell phone. Within moments a person can be overwhelmed and the human mind tends to stray into a state of "Tunnel Vision".

Tunnel vision is a term describing an event when the mind is forced to focus its concentration on a single task, or reduced visualization of surrounding events often blocking out events a less preoccupied person would notice. We all experience it with many of us experiencing it repeatedly throughout the day with little or no notice. One can argue it would never happen to me, well, it does, as it happened recently as described above.

I truly believe drivers delivering their children have no willful intention of endangering their or other children by passing a school bus unloading children while displaying clearly visible flashing lights. These drivers are generally responsible parents with a deep concern regarding the safety of our children, business persons and one could easily argue they are highly respected and valued members of our community. But, sometimes, unexpected and or unintended things happen.

Taking into account the potentially tragic results of a distracted driver passing a stopped school bus and striking a child, Texas Lawmakers have elected to increase the penalties for this offense increasing the fine to a minimum of \$500 to \$1,250 for the first offense. The fine range for a second offense with a five year period increases to \$1,000 to \$2,000. This increase in fines and penalties are not intended as a means of collecting a greater amount of revenues but rather to provide a greater measure of safety for our children.

**Norton Lions Club Annual Chili Supper**

The Norton Lions Club will have its Annual Chili Supper Saturday, February 1, 2014 5:30-7 p.m. at the Norton Community Center, 210 Holloway Ave., Norton, Texas. Proceeds will be used for repairs at the Community Center. Carry outs available

**'Souper' Bowl Lunch in Miles**

The Miles United Methodist Church will be hosting a Souper Bowl Lunch on Sunday, February 2, 2014 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Weatherby Hall, Miles. Homemade stew, cornbread, dessert and tea are on the menu. Please come and enjoy a terrific meal!

**February 4 deadline for windbreak tree order**

Seedlings to create windbreaks, produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Idalou, are now available for order through the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District. Stock is limited and landowners are encouraged to order trees as soon as possible.

Deadline to order trees is Tuesday, February 4. Please call the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at (325) 365 3415 ext. 3 or come by 2000 Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger.

**Rock Hotel board meeting**

The Z.I. Hale Museum and Rock Hotel will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 30, at 5 p.m. John Long will present the program on the Gus Pruser Ag Museum. Other items to discuss are: repairs to buildings, Valentine's Dinner, and other up coming events. Visitors are welcome.

**Immunization clinics in Runnels Co.**

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be holding two immunization clinics in Runnels County. The first clinic will be in Winters from 1:30 to 5:30 Thursday, February 6, 2014, at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience please use rear entrance (Grant Street). Please schedule an appointment, if not answer, please leave a message.

The clinic in Ballinger will be Thursday February 13, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 600 Strong, (corner of Sixth and Strong).

Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid, please bring card. For more information, call (325) 754 4945.

**Nominations open for Man and Woman of the Year**

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is taking nominations for Man and Woman of the Year. If you would like to nominate someone, please send a brief letter with the name of the person you would like to nominate and the reasons you feel they deserve to be Man or Woman of the Year.

Please send nomination to: Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 662, Winters, Texas 79567

You can also drop off your nomination letter to Pam or Randal Barnes.

**SAAF scholarship application now available**

The San Angelo Area Foundation's 2014 scholarship application is now available through March 1, 2014, for students attending college in the fall of 2014. Interested students can apply at <http://www.saafound.org>, by clicking on the "Scholarships" tab. The San Angelo Area Foundation manages over 80 scholarship funds, created by generous donors for the benefit of students. The student need only complete one online application and each scholarship is awarded based on a variety of qualifications unique to each scholarship fund. Scholarship awards are announced in early May. If you have any questions during the application process, please contact our office either by email at [scholarship@saafound.org](mailto:scholarship@saafound.org) or by calling (325) 947 7071.

**Fundraiser for Chad McDuffee**

An account has been established at the First National Bank of Ballinger to accept donations or sponsorships for Chad McDuffee. McDuffee is a Ballinger native and veteran of the Iraq War. Chad lost most of the use of his right foot after sustaining an injury while on deployment in Iraq in 2006. Chad earned a bronze medal in the 2013 Valor Games Midwest in powerlifting and is currently trying to earn a spot on the U.S. Paralympic Team in time for the 2016 World Games in Brazil. Donations to the account will be used to help defray his travel expenses and purchase special equipment for training.

**Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings**

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m., first Thursday of the month at the Lone Star Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

**TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'**

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

**Winters Women's Club**

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Sylvia Wilson 754 4992 for additional information.

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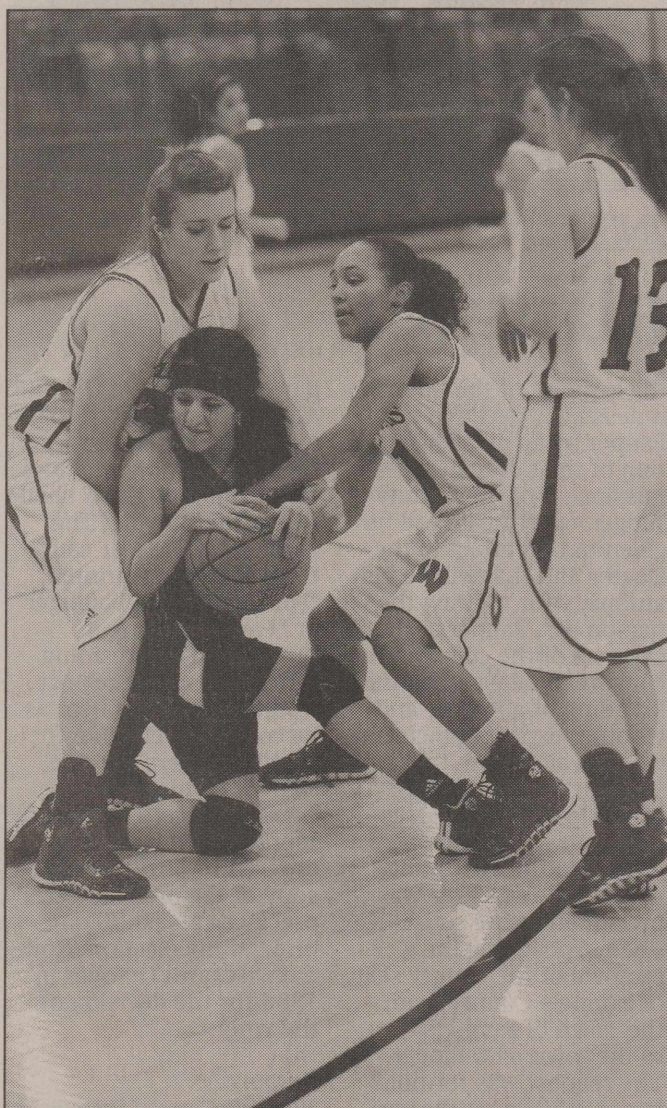
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# Playing tough



The Winters Lady Blizzards defeated Ozona Friday night, January 24, 2014 to better their record to 3-7, 9-15 overall in the girls District 8-1A Varsity basketball. Pending Tuesday night's results the Lady Blizzards were sixth in the standing, behind the undefeated leader Christoval (9-0), Miles (8-2), Irion County (6-4), Eldorado (4-5) and Ozona (3-6). Below Winters, at the bottom of the table is TLCA, team that so far has not won a game and accumulates nine defeats. As of press time Tuesday night Winters was playing at Eldorado, Irion County at Christoval, and TLCA at Ozona. Pictured here are Lady Blizzards Nina Mooney and Kalli Wilson playing tough against Ozona.

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## Compton: The most telling statement

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The most telling statement he made to his staff on that first day might have been when he described his landing spot by saying, "I'm home."

David is a native Texan raised in Vernon, Texas just up the road. While schooling (he attended Vincennes University (IN)) and his career have carried him around the nation, he has always taken great pride in his Texas heritage and knew this was home.

He went on the state, "Ballinger / Winters are thriving communities with tremendous possibilities. I'm proud to be here and can not wait to work with the community on many fronts."

His family has always worked hard to give back to their community and they plan to do the same here in Texas. David has always accepted and sought community-serving roles often leading groups like the Rotary Club, United Way, March of Dimes, local economic development and chamber boards.

David moves home with his wife, Brianne, 13-year-old son, Noah and mother, Pamela. They also have a 19-year-old son, William that recently passed away. The Compton's have been certified foster parents since 2009. His wife just recently accepted a position with Texas Bank. It looks like they are already busy planting roots.

David can be reached at david.compton@brownwood-bulletin.com.

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## NEWS NOTES

**AA Meetings**  
AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

**Ballinger Al-Anon meetings**  
Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

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## ATHLETIC REPORT

**WINTERS JUNIOR HIGH EIGHTH GRADE Boys Basketball**  
Winters 38 Christoval 24  
Hood 15, Diaz 8, Mendoza 4, Rodriguez 4, Ochoa 2, Donica 1  
Next game Saturday, Feb. 1, at Eldorado, District Tournament

## CAFETERIA MENU

*Subject to Change*

### Feb. 3 - 7 Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

- Monday**  
Holiday
- Tuesday**  
French Toast/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**  
Sausage on Stick/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Thursday**  
Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Friday**  
Cinnamon Roll or Cereal/Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

### Winters ISD Lunch Menu

- Monday**  
HOLIDAY
- Tuesday**  
Chef Salad (H.S. Only) or BBQ Rib/Bun or Chicken/Bun or Chicken Spaghetti/Bread Stick, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**  
Chef Salad or Taco Salad or Bean Chalupa, Corn, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Colelaw, Strawberry, Choice of Milk.
- Thursday**  
Chef Salad or Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy/Bread Stick or Chicken Pattie/Fish Bread (Elem., J.H.) Bun (H.S.)/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.), Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Pear, Choice of Milk.
- Friday**  
Chef Salad (H.S. Only) or Hamburger or Chicken Fritter/Gravy/Bread Stick, Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Lettuce/Pickles, Orange, Choice of Milk.  
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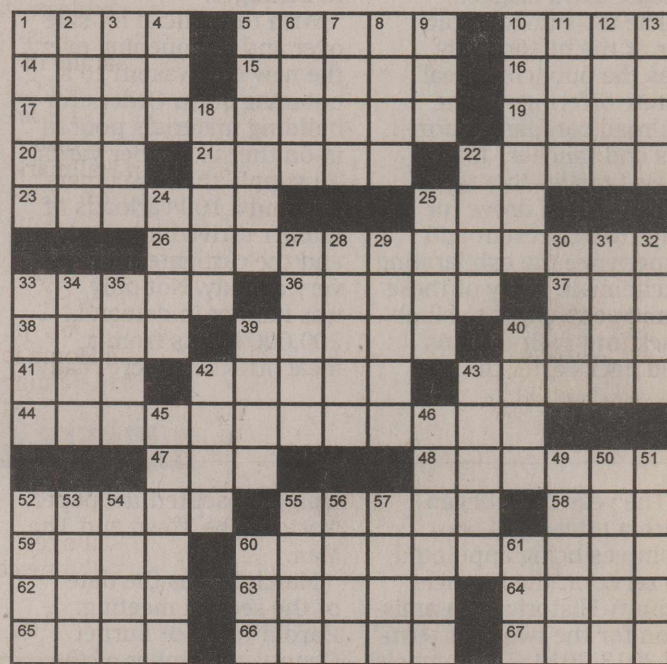
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<b>NINTH GRADE</b> "A" Honor Roll Grace Bryan  "A-B" Honor Roll Dylan Bryant Micah Drake Justine Garcia Mason Johnson Christy Kruse James Lange K'Lee Lindley Efrén Rodriguez Kamri Soto Angel Stratton Desiree Wilson Samuel Woodall  <b>TENTH GRADE</b> "A" Honor Roll Magan Ballard Bailee Busher Brady Calcote Michael Chavis Daniel Gerhart Brandon Mikeška Samuel Reyes Jonathan Sandoval  "A-B" Honor Roll Michael Aleman Joshua Coffman Cameron Cooper Sierra Ellis Chelsea Gray	Marissa Gray Gabriella Madrid Samantha Marrero George Reyna Julian Soto Shelbie Stokes  <b>ELEVENTH GRADE</b> "A-B" Honor Roll Shelton Bryan Allison Crook Kendall Ferguson Karl Fink Gabriela Jimenez Vikki Munoz Jimmy Ripley  <b>TWELFTH GRADE</b> "A" Honor Roll Ashlee Hollis  "A-B" Honor Roll Austen Green Dusty Hines Corey Pritchard Tamron Tamez Kalli Wilson Courtney Wyatt Kalli Wilson Courtney Wyatt

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### "Numbers Game"

- Across**
- Mascara target
  - Toronto \_\_\_ Leafs
  - Syllables from Santa
  - Swedish furniture store
  - Atlantic or Pacific
  - Each, casually
  - When most 6-Downs happen
  - Sister of Bart Simpson
  - Prefix with athlete
  - "\_\_\_ la vista, baby"
  - Strong metal
  - African vacation
  - Not he
  - Middle of a hockey game
  - "Nonsense!"
  - Shriver or Sharapova
  - \_\_\_ sauce (used in Chinese cooking)
  - Hit the mall
  - Matt of movies
  - Puzzle with a start and a finish
  - Tree gunk
  - Leonard or Sasha
  - Did some stitching
  - He guards against doubles down the line
  - Tiny
  - Blows, like a volcano
  - Coffee that won't keep you up
  - African nation whose capital is Accra
  - Fish eggs
  - Country bordering Iraq
  - Time to punt or kick a field goal
  - Care one way or the other
  - Not on shore
  - Iowa city



### Down

- Raises up
- "Rashomon" director
- Typographical flourish
- Possesses
- Artwork with tiles
- Untouched blasts, in tennis
- \_\_\_ Plus (shampoo brand)
- Mauna Loa outpouring
- Compass dir.
- Animal controller
- Mayberry kid
- Garden squirter
- October birthstone
- \_\_\_ precedent
- Taj \_\_\_
- Pineapple company
- Tossed
- Former stadium for the Mets
- Quickly
- Go around and around
- Largest city in Nebraska
- John, Jane, Steve, Alice, etc.
- Unmanned aircraft
- "\_\_\_ Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"
- Seep
- Turned hair a different color
- "Hey you!"
- Former Iranian leader
- Southwest Indian tribe
- "\_\_\_ quiet!" ("Stop talking!")
- What a waiter hands you
- B-G connectors
- Politician Palin
- "Hotel \_\_\_"
- Not physical
- Quick TV spot
- Item needed after a shower
- Get the feeling
- Lowers, as lights
- One of the Great Lakes
- Lacks the power
- "I've \_\_\_ bad feeling about this..."
- "Silence!"
- Section
- Relatives, casually
- Papa

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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## Weather Whys

**Q: Is an "ice storm" really a storm?**

**A:** Yes it is, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "An ice storm is a storm with large amounts of freezing rain that quickly coats trees, roadways, power lines, and other objects with ice," he confirms. "They result from the accumulation of freezing rain, which is rain that becomes supercooled and freezes upon impact with cold surfaces. Supercooled means that the rain must be in a liquid state at temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Water must have something to freeze onto when temperatures are below freezing. Once this rain—which is colder than 32 degrees—falls on an object that is below freezing, it will instantly freeze on that object and form a sheet of ice. As ice forms, it helps to freeze other raindrops that fall onto the sheet, and this process helps freezing rain accumulate quickly."

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## Runnels County

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### THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY

## The official opening of Ballinger

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WINTERS- The date had arrived, June 29, 1886. An estimated crowd of 6,000 eager lot-seekers as well as persons from all of the surrounding area and all along the railroad line were in Ballinger, Texas. They had come from all sections of the United States. This was an official opening of the town and was an event of some note in the area of West Texas and such an occasion was not likely to be repeated at any time in the foreseeable future. No one wanted to miss it. The carnival atmosphere in and around Ballinger drew people like a magnet.

The instrumental factor of the historic day was the publicized real estate offerings of the railroad company. Farmers and ranchers loaded their families in wagons or hacks and drove for days to be present and experience the exhilarating excitement. Many of these same people had to climb back into their wagons and hacks after the sale

and again drive until they reached their homes.

The lot sale itself began at 10 o'clock in the morning. A. B. Parrish bought the first lot and paid the highest price - \$1,070 because he had a good saloon building already on the lot. By nightfall, the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Company were \$106,000 richer on an investment of \$6,000 from the land they bought from the Rouths. The railroad company could well afford to offer all of the residents of Runnels City a free residence lot and free business lot if they would move their homes to Ballinger.

With the official lot sale over and the opening over, the new city was off to a booming start. Orders for building materials poured in on the six lumber yards. To supply the newcomers' demands, 100 carloads of lumber arrived in one day and the carpenters worked very quickly. Not only was lumber in demand, 200,000 bricks from a local brick kiln were ready

for the new homes.

The busiest people during this time were the contractors employed in moving houses and buildings from Runnels City to Ballinger. The railroad had aided and abetted this general move by offering the free lots. Some emigration had been in progress even before the town lot sale.

The dust raised by the thousands of people milling around at the lot sale had hardly settled when the question came up of moving the county seat. The Runnels City residents felt the county seat could be saved, that another railroad would possibly be secured. In the matter of voting, the majority of Ballinger's residents were not eligible to vote for or against anything.

The Runnels County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Term August 9, 1886 in the Town of Runnels City. The court paid some of their bills, appointed road viewers and reviewed a petition from qualified voters to lay out a first-class road

from the Town of Runnels City to Ballinger in Precinct 1. "The road would be from the public square in the Town of Ballinger to Hutchings Avenue to its intersection with Third Street, thence NW with Third Street to it terminus. Then crossing Elm Creek at a point just north above the Railroad Bridge; then in a northeasterly course intersecting the Runnels and Paint Rock Road at a point on the south boundary line of Section 175 of E.T.R.R. Co. near the SE corner of W. N. Copeland's position then to the said Runnels and Paint Rock Road to the Town of Runnels."

The Honorable Court ordered that a person who was destitute and sick or crippled without means of his own and without friends or relatives to aid him, one who is not able to support himself shall be defined and considered a Pauper. A Pauper who comes into this county shall be returned to the County from whence he came. A person shall not be treated by a Doctor at

the expense of the County unless he is declared a Pauper by an investigation of the County Commissioners or the County Judge. A certificate will be given to that effect to the Doctor and that will be his authority for treating the person as a Pauper at the expense of the county. The court then determined the boarding of a Pauper and all other expenses incurred when dealing with them.

A written application of not less than 100 free holders who were residents of Runnels County in the State of Texas was presented to the court. The purpose was the removal of the county seat of Runnels County from the Town of Runnels City to the town of Ballinger. The request was for holding an election at the various voting precincts over the county.

The election was desired no less than 30 days nor more than 60 days from the date of the order. The County Judge, C. H. Willingham, ordered an election be held on the ninth

day of October, A. D. 1886. All persons declared to be qualified electors under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas shall be entitled to vote. The voter shall write or cause to be written or printed, "For Removal to Ballinger" or "For Remaining in Runnels." The presiding officers of each precinct would conduct as near as he could like election for county officers and the returns be made to the County Judge. The Sheriff, John M. Formwalt, was ordered to post a certified copy of the order in each precinct at least 20 days prior to the election. Now, the wait until October 9, 1886 for the decision of the voters.

Resources:  
Runnels County Historical Commission Histories  
Runnels County Commissioners Court Minutes, August 9, A. D. 1886  
County Clerk's Records.  
A History of Runnels County, L. G. Smith  
Runnels is My County, Charlie Poe

### RUNNELS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2013 began with a total of 22 appointees being appointed to serve on the Runnels County Historical Commission for the two year term of 2013-2014. The Runnels County Historical Commission met January 12, 2013 at Casa Cabana for their first meeting of the year. The election of officers was held. The

following were elected to serve the two year term, 2013-2014. They were Chairperson - Ruth Cooper, Vice-Chairperson - Marilyn Egan, Secretary - Alton O'Neal, Treasurer - Anthony Lange, Reporter - Betty Thomason. For the first program, Anthony

Lange presented the paper, Norton, The Town and The Man.

March 9, was the date of the second meeting. Harold Jobs of Burnet County, a member of the Edwards Plateau Historical Association, presented the program about the Barbed Wire Wars in Runnels and surrounding counties.

The third meeting was held May 11, 2013 at the Carnegie Library with former Runnels County Judge, Retired Marilyn Egan presenting the program. She presented information about her time in office as the County Judge.

July 13, 2013, Betty Thomason presented the

program about Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. The Commission met at the Casa Cabana Restaurant in Winters, Texas.

September 14, 2013 was the fifth meeting at Casa Cabana Restaurant with Dr. James Hays of Early, Texas presenting the program. He has researched and documented history of his ancestors settling in the Southeast part of Runnels County before it was organized. His exhibit included firearms used in the 1880s.

November 9, 2013 was the sixth and our last scheduled meeting of 2013. The program was presented with a Power

Point presentation by Susan Conner, and the volunteers restoring the Blue Gap Post Office, Fred Watkins, Mike Kozelsky, Charles Brewer and Roger Stephenson. They explained the process they have gone through to restore the 136-year-old log cabin.

At the close of 2013, 100 percent of the appointees had completed the Open Meetings Training. We worked with the application for a historical marker for the Chick Inn Diner Site just south of Winters. It was approved January 25, 2013. September 28, 2013 was the date of the dedication to be held at the marker site. Due to the abundant rainfall, the event was moved to the Winters Cafeteria with a standing

room only crowd. Sunday afternoon, September 29, at 1:30 p.m., the unveiling of the marker took place with a group of people attending.

Two Historic Texas Cemetery dedications were held in 2013. The Crews dedication was held April 27, with 70 people attending. A former employee of the Texas Historical Commission History Programs Director, Retired, spoke about historic cemeteries and their care. July 27, 2013 was the date for the Pumphrey Cemetery Dedication as a Historic Texas Cemetery. After the dedication, the crowd went to the Rock Hotel for lunch

and visiting.

Five appointees of the Commission attended the Edwards Plateau Historical Association meeting May 4, 2013 in Camp Wood, Texas when they celebrated their 100th birthday of their county. Saturday, October 5, two appointees attended the Edwards Plateau Historical Association held in Junction, Texas.

One appointee took the online workshop training July 17, 2013 regarding marker applications. August 24, an oral history workshop was held at the Lawn Atlas Missile Base. It covered histories of the Cold War Period that began at the end of WWII and lasted through the Viet Nam War. Five appointees attended the workshop.

Four appointees spent several hours working at the office in the Courthouse Annex organizing the materials we have accumulated over the years and will continue to work to get the office organized.

We continue to work to get more cemeteries designated as Historic Texas Cemeteries and are working on Old Runnels Cemetery at the current time.

In June, several appointees met to begin restoring our historical markers. We restored a total of eight markers, Poe Chapel, Pumphrey, Drasco, Crews, Ranger Peak, Ranger Campsite and Cotton Production in Runnels County. The markers at the First

United Methodist Church, Winters FFA and the Dr. Robert Cooke, M.D. were all cleaned. Bluebonnets were sown where possible around the markers.

We located the six bridges that are being replaced in Runnels County and took pictures of them. TxDOT contacted us and we completed a report to them about the condition of the Colorado River Bridge, Elm Creek Bridge and South Orient Bridge and the historic significance that would be affected by any changes.

The commission met with the Commissioners' Court July 23, and received the Distinguished Service Award for 2012.

Two appointees attend the meeting at the San Angelo Art Museum in October. The invitation included a program by the Director of Museums from Washington, D.C. and a formal dinner at Miss Hatties' Restaurant.

The Runnels County Appraisal District called to get information regarding all of the cemeteries of the county. Research and documentation has been done and a list has been submitted to them and the Texas Historical Commission. There are a total of 45 known burial places in Runnels County, both public and private.

A summary of our year is as follows:

- Eight markers restored, three markers cleaned, and will continue with restoring more.
- Have researched all cemeteries, public and private, documented with addresses and contacts.
- There were six scheduled meetings all open to the public with a quorum at each.
- Appointees have a total of 2,356 volunteer-hours.
- A total of approximately 6,616 miles were recorded.
- One of our appointees, Noleta Rice passed away in October, we now have 21 appointees.
- 100 percent of the appointees have completed Open Meetings Training.
- Dedicated two cemeteries as Historic Texas Cemeteries.
- Dedicated one Historical Marker, Chick Inn Diner Site
- Have submitted an application and it is in the process for a marker for Winters, Texas.
- Continue the newspaper articles about the organization of Runnels County.
- Keep a scrapbook of the commissions ongoing activities.
- Are working on the rededication of the Blue Gap Post Office and the Winters Public Library open house to be held at the same time.
- Our annual report to the THC has been submitted.

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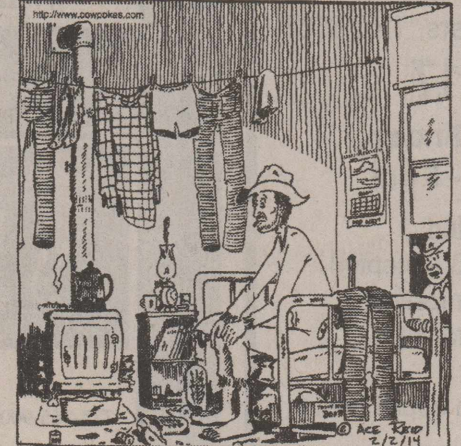
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## Old Texas Theater grand opening

Friday, January 17, 2014 the Old Texas Theater came back to life with a big bang, hosting a ribbon cutting, grand opening and featuring a live performance sponsored by several local businesses. City officials, Ballinger Chamber of Commerce representatives, business owners and more attended the ceremony, and enjoyed the fully renovated facility as well as the show by comedian and juggler Mark Angelo. The program also included a skit by local teens and a video presented by Ballinger High School graduate Evan Wilson. Pictured in the ribbon cutting is owner Paul Morrow, along with the Chamber of Commerce Red Coats, and Miss Ballinger and royalty. The theater was bought by its new owners in August of 2012, and the extensive remodeling included the seating, wiring, lighting, new tile in the lobby, all the woodwork, the place was also plaster-coated, and the walls were chipped off to reveal the stone underneath. The stage was extended and given a proscenium arch façade. An addition was made to the back of the building to accommodate storage, an office, dressing rooms and staff restrooms. The new theater has a rated capacity between 150 and 180, and is now open for fully business.



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED  
Top row left to right: Thomas Evans, Carrol Sessom, Mark Halfmann, Mary Ann Evans, and Kurt Wankowski. Bottom row: Andrew, Jasmine, Josh, James, and Ariel.

## CRMWD hosts second deer hunt of the season for kids

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- On January 18, 2014, the Colorado River Municipal Water District hosted its second deer hunt of the season for the kids from the South Texas Children's Ranch. Beautiful weather was the setting as two girls and three boys participated in the doe and spike hunt.

Each child received a participation gift card, plus five more were awarded for the best marksman, biggest spike, biggest doe, first deer harvested, and one random drawing.

The girls once again took the marksmanship prize, which was won by young lady hunter Jasmine after a very competitive shoot. The three boys were tied for first place and where discussing a shoot off when Jasmine stepped up to shoot. She ended that conversation with a score of "41", two points higher than the boys. The biggest doe was awarded to young hunter Josh, with a doe field dress weight of 60 lbs. Since there was no spiked harvest, Josh got two gift cards for the biggest doe. Andrew was awarded the prize for first deer harvested and it was a 58-pound doe that was 6-and-one-half years old. A random drawing prize was also given to young hunter James.

Sausage and biscuits were provided by Elm Creek Village of Lake Ivie, and a delicious lunch was provided at noon by the Concho Park Marina, also of Lake Ivie. David and Vicky Stewart of Voss, Texas provided soft drinks and breakfast pastries for all. After lunch, everyone enjoyed sweet treats baked-up by Noreen Jamison of Voss, and Carol Sessom of Millersview.

A program on Texas game laws was provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens Jacob Crumpton of Concho County and Lee Morrison of Coleman County, Texas. After a short time of rest and visiting, it was time for the evening hunt.

Debra Halfmann of Lake Ivie provided taco soup with fixings for a quick Saturday evening meal before hitting the road to return home.

Those assisting as hunting guides were Carol Sessom of Millersview; Thomas and Mary Ann Evans of Lake Ivie; Mark Halfmann of San Angelo; and Kurt Wankowski of Doole, Texas.

Deer corn was provided by the Jacoby's Feed and Seed of Melvin, Texas; Coleman Grain Inc; Ballinger Shoppin' Basket and Ballinger Feed and Seed.

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### Runnels Co. Jail Record

January 27, 2014		
Shawn R. Flowers	33	BPD
Assault causing bodily harm/ Family Violence		
Michael Noland	27	Concho
Possession of a controlled substance		
Nancy Contancia	56	Concho
Theft by check		
Javier Beltran	24	BPD
Interfered with an emergency call		
Karla Jo Poindexter	28	Tom Green
Fail to register as sex offender		
Bemmy R. Rogers	55	Concho
DWI with previous conviction		
Raul T. Ochoa Jr.	40	BPD
Possession of drug paraphernalia and warrant Taylor Co.		
Dalton D. Graves	30	Coke
Theft of Property		

## ASU Dean's List

Students achieving the Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester have been announced by Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full time at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Area students making the honor roll listed by their hometowns:

Ballinger: Samantha C. Baird, William J. Carson, Katherine P. Esquivel, Cristina A. Gentry, Reese Hallmark, Blake R. Holle, Travis H. Holle, Kassia B. Jaramillo, Trevor J. Lange, Jacob K. Mallory, Holly A. Miles, Tamara L. Simpson, and Whitney N. Worthington.

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Bronte: Katie L. Austin, Brooke T. Bedford, Boyd L. Burns, Cadye C. Cauley, Leah N. Jones, Kimberly M. Lee, Savannah S. Martinez, Arlis C. McMullan, Dakota L. Rawls, and Kerwin A. Rawls.

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Rowena: Shayann M. Matschek, Kirsten R. McCoy, Abbey M. Multer, and Paige N. Zentner.  
Tuscola: Ryan J. Frakes, Jacob K. Reicheneker, Cody E. Riddle, and Stephanie D. Sides.

Winters: Veronica M. Flores, Andy L. Garcia, Sarah B. Lara, Erica L. Lerma, Sean D. McGowan, Ryan E. Meyers, Alicia N. Reyes, Joshua A. Smith, and Brandon R. Willman.

The complete list of honorees by individual hometowns is accessible at the ASU website at [www.angelo.edu](http://www.angelo.edu).

## County, District clerks attend continuing education school

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Tammy Burleson, District Clerk and Amanda Collom Deputy County Clerk joined over 400 county and district clerks for the School for County and District Clerks at the Hilton College Station Hotel and Conference Center on January 13-16, 2014.

The annual Continuing Education School in College Station is sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. The institute provides elected county officials with information and technical assistance to help officials complete their state mandated, minimum continuing education requirements. The school offered 16.25 hours of credit to clerks attending all of the sessions.

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