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# Incumbents re-elected in local primary

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

BALLINGER- All incumbents were re-elected in the Runnels County contested races after the March 4 Republican Primary unofficial results were released Tuesday night. In the only contested race were there was not an incumbent participating, County Judge Assistant Julia Miller defeated Assistant County Clerk Amanda Collom for Run-

nels County Clerk.

Miller will be replacing retiring County Clerk Elesa Ocker, who has been in office since 1998.

After the ballots were tallied Miller had a total of 913 votes, gathering a 54.3 percent of the 1,680 votes casted, while Amanda Collom received 767 votes, 45.7 percent.

In the race for County Commissioner Pct. No. 2 incumbent Ronald Presley got 243 votes (64.5

percent) by 134 (35.5 percent) of the challenger Dickie Clough.

Running for re-election Pct. 4 County Commissioner Ricky Strube defeated the challenger Romer Scott. Strube received 486 votes totaling 82.9 percent by 100 (17.1 percent) votes casted for Scott.

Both of the Runnels Co. Justices of the Peace ran in contested races. Precint No. 1 Judge Glenda Wood got 761 votes (67.9 percent) by 359 ( 32.1 percent) of challenger Steven Gray. In the Pct. No. 2 race Judge Richard Hamilton got 442 votes (78.4 percent) vs. 122 (32.1 percent) casted for challenger Louise Sumners.

Other local officials running unopposed on the Republican ballot were County Judge Barry Hilliard, District Clerk Tammy Burleson, County Treasurer Ann Strube, and Republican County Chairman Charles Hensley.

There were no candidates running for local elections in the Democratic Primary in Runnels Co.

Statewide in the Republican Primary and Democratic Primary were also up for election the tickets for Governor, U.S. Senator, District 11 U.S. Representative, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, District 72 State Representative, Agriculture Commissioner, Comptroller of Public Accounts and more.

BLUE GAP POST OFFICE RE-DEDI

## A look to the past aiming at the future

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Once an active building, part of a young nation's thriving communications network, the Blue Gap Post Office is back in service in Winters, now as an historical building erected on 120 North Main Street, to remind everyone of our past and inspire younger generations' future.

Saturday, March 1, 2014, 136 years after the post opened for the first time, a re-dedication ceremony was held at it's new location in Winters, Texas, just north of the Winters Public Library. The log cabin, which was in service from 1878 to 1882, was restored and rebuilt after being donated to the Z.I. Hale Museum in 2000.

Originally located in Coleman County, but found to be in Runnels by a survey made after the organization of the new county in 1880, the Blue Gap Post Office was 1878

lished February 14, 1878.

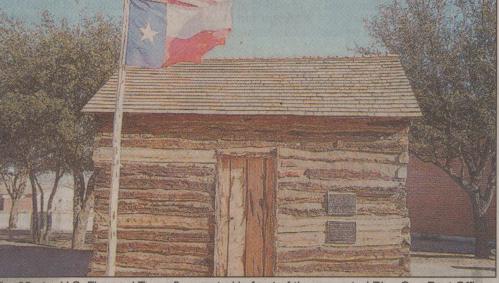
The original location was a little over 16 miles east of Winters. The post was named after the area — a scenic pass through the mountains about one and one-half miles away. It served as the stagecoach stop for the Round Rock

to Buffalo Gap stage line.
The post office, which received the Distinguished Medallion from the Texas Historical Commission in 1966 as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark Building, had been restored several decades ago, but over the years the elements took its toll and was partially collapsed.

The property owner donated the structure to the Z.I. Hale Museum and it was stored last year.

The late Mary Kurtz had been pushing for the rebuilding project for many years, which was spearheaded in 2013 by WABIC Economic Development Director Randall Conner. Conner recruited retired builders Fred Watkins, Roger Stephenson, Charles Brewer and Mike Kozelsky.

The construction crew volunteered hundreds of hours to the project following the Department of the Interior recommendations for the restoration of log cabins. The crew utilized the original materials but had to replace some of the logs, floor and shingles. Most of the logs in the walls and rafters



The 38-star U.S. Flag and Texas flag posted in front of the renovated Blue Gap Post Office.

#### Blue Gap Post Office

The Blue Gap Post Office was named for the gap in the Table Mountain. It was established February 14, 1878 and transferred in 1882 to the town of Content, two miles north.

The one-room structure has hand-hewn cedar rafters, cedar shingle roof, and walls of roughly heavy logs

of roughly hewn logs.
The cabin also served as a top on the Round Rock to Buffalo Gap stage route. It was recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1966.

The cabin was originally located 16 miles east of Winters, and was donated to the Z.I. Hale Museum in 2000.

The building was reconstructed in Winters in 2013 by a crew headed by Fred Watkins, Roger Stephenson, Charles Brewer and Mike Kozelsky.

Five postmasters served at the Blue Gap Post Office: James K. Paulk – Feb. 14, 1878; B.F. Sullivan – Sep. 16, 1878; J.J. Craig – Apr. 15, 1879; James K. Paulk – June 2, 1879; A.A. Hanscomb – Jan. 26, 1880.

were preserved, as were the rocks the cabin is set on.

Ruth Cooper, Runnels
County Historical Commission Chairperson served
as Mistress of Ceremonies
at the re-dedication ceremony. Wanda Brewer, Z.I.
Hale Museum President
welcomed the attendants,
and the invocation was
made by Alton O'Neal,

RCHC Secretary.
Anthony Lange led the



Winters Postmaster Arnulfo Gonzales, Blue Gap honorary Postmaster Ted Ahrens, Runnels County Historical Commission Chairperson Ruth Cooper and Z.I. Hale Museum board President Wanda Brewer.



Gene Wheat leads the attendants singing "God Bless

pledge to the U.S. flag and Texas flag, Gene Wheat led "God Bless America" and Fred Watkins presented short summary of the restoration project. WHS senior and 2013-2014 Homecoming Queen Alana Cooper read the inscriptions, Randall Conner made the closing remarks, and the benediction was made by Charles Brewer.

Ted Ahrens, U.S. Postal Service employee who retired a day earlier after almost four decades of service, was named honorary Postmaster of the Blue Gap Post Office.

Gap Post Office.

The Historical Commission and Winters community will be gathering again in the spring in the same spot, for the dedication of a historical marker recently approved to the City of Winters for its 125th anniversary.

The historical marker will be placed between the Blue Gap Post Office and the Winters Public

# HOOPS

Winters High School students named to the 8-1A All-District team. Photos by Joe Gerhart.



Jake Brock, Newcomer of the



Lukas Kraatz, Second Team Forward.



Daryl Hagle, Second Team



Julian Soto, Honorable Mention Guard.



Chris Gerhart, First Team Guard

# Future of Winters Club to have night of magic

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- On April 1, 2014 the Future of Winters Club will meet for the annual dinner and meeting at the Special Events Center of Winters Independent School District. Lonnie Chevrie, famed magician, will present sleight of hand acts and astonishing magical acts for the members.

Along with the entertainment, members will feast on a rib-eye dinner cooked by Archie Jobe and the Rehab Chuck Wagon gang.

The event is open to all who are willing to invest in the Future of Winters. The contribution entitles members to two dinners and the night of entertainment. The money is distributed to local charities and organizations the evening of the event and throughout the year as needs arise.

Money from the Future of Winters Club has gone to the Samaritan House, the Library, the Child Development Center, Winters and Wingate area fire departments, and the Z. I. Hale Museum.

The night of entertainment starts at 6 p.m. and the dress is casual. Tickets are available at Wheat Energy, J&T Hardware, Raymond's Clip Joint and the WABIC office.



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#### Louis Gonzales

Louis Gonzales, 72, of Winters, died Monday February 24, 2014. He was born November 28, 1941 in Wingate. He was raised in Gonzales and moved to Winters as a young man. He married Victoria Velasquez on November 21, 1958 in Ballinger. He was

an oilfield worker and worked for Gulf and Exxon for many years. He was owner of LG's Place for 24 years. He was member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife: Victoria Gonzales of Winters. Two daughters: Irma Brown and husband Keithel of Winters, and Irene Gonzales of Winters. One brother: Esidrio Gonzales of Abilene. Three grand-

children: Juanita Simpson of Corpus Christi, Vicki Madrid of Winters and Gabriella Madrid of Winters. Two great-grandchildren: Lexi Madrid and Valenciano Madrid. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Cecelio and Petra (Cardenas) Gonzales. Two brothers: Lee Gonzales and Fidencio Gonzales. And his sister Teresa

Rosary was recited Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service was Thursday, February 27, 2014 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. Burial followed at Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Winters Enterprise, March 6, 2014



During a time like this, we realize how much our family & friends really mean Special thanks to all who traveled far, Judge Hamilton, the motorcycle riders -lots of hugs for making Dad's last wish possible. To his wonderful nephews who were pallbearers - Lee Gonzales (Midland), James Gonzales (Abilene),

Gonzales (San Antonio), Moses Balobos (Brownwood), & Jesse Ortiz (Winters). Dad loved each one of you. To Nadine DeLaCruz, Mary Arrendondo, the ladies who prepared the dinner, Pioneer Church ladies, & Jack and Jill Donuts. To Tony Soto Sr. & the ladies from the Catholic Church Choir of Abilene, Sonny Santoya, & Lorena for the rosary service. Thanks to Hilda, Carmen, & Bros. Arnold Gonzales, Morton, Lackey, Powers, Taylor who brightened his day & lifted his spirits with prayer & songs when most needed.

Ernest Gonzales (Abilene), Simon

Thanks to Hendricks Medical Center, Dialysis Center, & the friends we met during the past 6 years. Danny Prado, Elma Castillo, Odela Escamia, and dieticians. Mike Meyer & staff for being kind & professional. Warm thanks to each one who sent food, prayers, flowers & plants, called or visited.

An emotional thanks to Anita Trevino, Sonia & Jesse Ortiz, Raul Trevino, Bro. Greg Taylor (Stamford) & Janis Lowacke (Morning Glory), & John Moreno & Juanita Simpson (Corpus Christi).

There are too many to name, but you know we love each and every

Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Louis Gonzales.

Gifted and Talented nominations being accepted Nominations are being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program, for First-Fourth grades. If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, we welcome your nomination. Nomination and parent permission for testing forms may be obtained at the Elementary Principal's office during normal working hours. All forms must be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by April 7, 2014.

Nominaciones para el programa de estudiantes dotados y con talentos especiales

La Escuela Elemental de Winters está recibiendo nominaciones para el programa de estudiantes dotados y con talentos especiales en los grados de primero a cuarto.

Los padres que desean nominar a un niño/niña pueden recoger una forma en la oficina de la escuela. Las formas deben entregarse antes del 7 de abril del 2014.

**Memories of Times Past Spring Fest** 

Memories of Times Past Spring Festival will be held Saturday, April 12, 2014, 9 a.m. though 5 p.m. antique tractor show, quilt show, vintage auto show, motorcycle show, photo contest, live music, food, raffle, games, blacksmith demonstration, soap making and more.

Abilene Aggie Mom's Club meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 the Abilene Area Aggie
Mom's Club will be holding a meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian and Mash Building 2500 S. Willis. Please join us for a light meal. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about Texas A&M and all of its traditions!

We meet the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:45 p.m. for refreshments and fun. If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, please contact Venita Teal (President) 669 0886 vltmini5@gmail. com or Kathy Hocke (Membership) 721-3131, hockeig@ camalott.com

Runnels County Retired School Employees will meet in Miles at the Miles Opera House on March 18, at 9:30 a.m. District President Lynn Granzin will be our program.

**World Day of Prayer** 

World Day of Prayer will be from 12 to 1 p.m. Friday, March 7. A salad lunch will be provided at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 104 W. Truett (on Main Street in Winters). Sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Alliance.

**Immunization clinics in Runnels Co** 

The Texas Department of State Health Services will have two immunization clinics in Runnels County. Thursday, March 6 the clinic will be held in Winters, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Professional Building, 110 South Main, Suite 108. For you convenience please use rear entrance (Grant Street). Call to schedule and appointment, if no answer leave a message.

A second clinic will be held in Ballinger, 10 to 12 and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Monday, March 17 (please note date change this month) at 600 Strong. Please bring child's immunization record. If child has Medicaid, please bring card. For more information call (325) 754 4945.

RCHC to meet on March 8

The Runnels County Historical Commission will meet March 8, 2014 at Casa Cabana Restaurant at 10:30 a.m. Dale Herring of Ballinger will present the program. All meetings of the commission are open to the public.

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.

**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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Karlee Busher

Hunter Duggan

Cody Johnson

Carmela Alfaro

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Skylar Lee

Peyton Anderson

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McKenzie McWhorta

Miranda Rodriguez

SEVENTH GRADE

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Abigail Killough

Gage McFadin

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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.

City Council Meetings
Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

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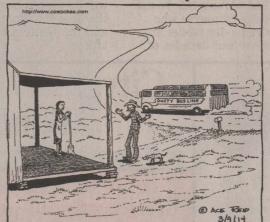
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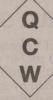
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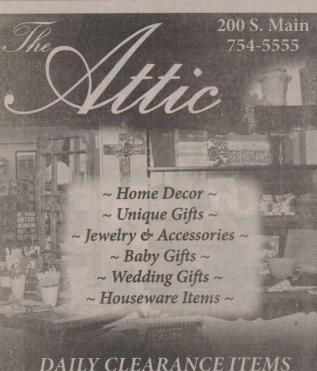
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Weather Whys

A: An anemometer is a meteorological instrument used for measuring wind speed, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Although many different kinds of anemometers exist, the most traditional one used is known as a cup anemometer," he explains. "Cup anemometers have three or four hemispherical cups attached to arms that meet at a center point on a swivel. The cups are spaced apart equally in distance and rotate at a speed proportional to the speed at which the wind is blowing. These cup anemometers, however, can only tell the speed of the wind but not its direction. By combining a propeller with a weathervane, windmill anemometers show the

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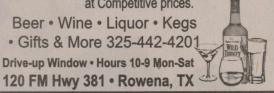
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# Runnels County Winters Enterprise Thursday, March 6, 2014

THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY

# Farmers and ranchers struggle with drought-stricken economy

Drought almost paralyzes the county's progress in 1886-1887

CONTRIBUTED BY RUTH COOPER

WINTERS- The drought of 1886 continued into 1887 and although it lasted less than two years, it almost paralyzed the county's progress. Immigration stopped, ranchers moved some cattle out of the county. Jim and Cora Johnson brought three children, boys, into the world.

"I have reared them all to know the ins and outs of the livestock industry, to profit by the mistakes I made and think and act for themselves. The result is that two of them are stepping right along in my tracks, I am glad to say missing one occasionally, when it wasn't much to my credit, but the third is a cotton buyer, says he had all of cattle prodding that he wanted when he was a kid.

Most residents of Runnels City left their former glorious city, some even leaving the county for more promising areas. At the time, the residents of Runnels County did not realize it, but the drought was a preview of the coming years. After a while, people began to recuperate from the droughts' effects and the campaign began to attract new settlers.

The Honorable Commissioners' Court began with a special term of the

Court and continued their meeting after counting the votes in the meeting held January 2, 1888. The meeting was at the Courthouse in Runnels City. Officers present were the Honorable County Judge Sylvester Adams, Commissioners, C.H. Willingham, E.M. Teel, George D. Cole, Sheriff John McEwen Formwalt, and County Clerk W.L. Towner. Order number one, Judge Sylvester Adams ordered John M. Formwalt, Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas at once proceed to move all the records of Runnels County, Texas to the Town of Ballinger "the elected and chosen county seat of Runnels County". (Runnels County Minutes, January 2, 1888, Page 490.

Order number two indicated the Commissioners' Court be adjourned to Ballinger, Texas.

January 3, A. D. 1888, the court met promptly at 9 a.m. at Ballinger, Texas. All officers were present as the day before. The next order of the court declared that the Sullivan two-story building rented for a period of one year to be used as the courthouse. The rent would be \$26 per month. The house would be fixed as agreed upon between the Commissioners' Court and the owner, Dan Sullivan. The court then revoked the order number three of the special term of September 1887. That order included specification for the Paint Rock Road and the level needed to divert the water into the creek. It was re-written in the January term of the

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Court. January 4, the court continued to meet and pay their bills.

Residents were working very diligently to set up businesses as well as build their homes in the railroad town on the river. Structures were built, a hotel, livery stables, carriage houses and barns. There were also bins for grain and hay where there would be plenty for horses. H.D. Pearce family had just bought new furnishings for the Brandt Hotel in Runnels City so those were loaded into wagons and placed in the new Pearce Hotel in Ballinger, Texas. The hotel provided a place for their customers they had in Runnels City.

Ballinger was a thriving town, the businesses were doing well and houses had been built or moved from Runnels City. Ballinger did not have a school but there were some that started gathering at the Presbyterian Church until a school could be built in Ballinger.

With the new town also came other changes like a new day for farming. The first bale of cotton was raised on the Muncy Farm in the fall of 1887. The bale was eventually brought to Ballinger and placed on the street corner to be viewed by all who came by. A cowboy named Hy Johnson roped it and drug it into the muddy street and said in explicit terms "so that's what is going to become of the county! Thousands of farmers will come in and ruin a beautiful country. W.C. Procter was the first Postmaster at Ballinger,

Texas and held the office

only one year. H.D. Pearce took the office and was the second Postmaster of Ballinger. He held the position only one year because so many of his various businesses needed his attention. With all of the Pearce enterprises in the new town, H.D. had more opportunities to meet Confederate veterans coming into town. They stayed at the wagon yard. With all of the people meeting there, someone in the group would begin singing and continue to lead. There was a fiddler in almost all groups, also a harp and a harmonica player. A trip to the wagon yard at night was much like going to a

In 1888, Pearce made a contract with the US Government to convey the mail from Ballinger to Hayrick. Hayrick had been designated the county seat of the newly organized County of Coke. Pearce was the mail contractor but did not actually make the deliveries. He hired drivers to carry the mail. Soon he had a contract to carry the mail from Ballinger to Abilene, then one to carry mail to Menardville.

Resources:
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The Pearces Pioneering
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(Haley)Strom
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March 1976, The Cattle

#### Public Record Kenneth Ray Lowrey and Maria I. Vasquez Freddy Brown and Latasha Love Moore Joe Eddy Martinez and Martha Ray Martinez Fabian Ortiz and Heather Ortiz Feb. 25 Runnels Co Jail Record March 4, 2014 Agency RCSO Clyde D. Escobai RCSO Caleb T. Pringle Possession drug paraphernalia RCSO Concho Cameron M. McCowi Concho Eric Hernandez Concho Charles B. Watson Coleman Blue warrant Stacy L. Martin BPD Cedric D. Hearvey BPD Mark Maialca Assault causing bodily harm/ Family Violence (warrant)

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The Winters High School Varsity girls earned 48 points in the team competition. Other schools participating in the meet were Ballinger, Blackwell,

Bronte, Clyde, Grape Creek High School, Jim Ned High School, Merkel High School, TLCA, and Wall High School.

Those earning individual top honors for the Varsity girls were Jamie Pritchard, gold in 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles, while Kalli Wilson placed second in 400-meter dash.

For the Varsity boys Luke Kraatz in 110-meter hurdles and Daryl Hagle in 200-meter dash reached the podium, both of them placing third.

In the Junior Varsity division Brendan Mikeska placed second with a 35' shot put, while Dylan Bryant was third in the 300-meter hurdles.

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100 M Hurdles Athlete Jamie Prichard Justine Garcia Micah Drake	School WHS WHS WHS	Time 16.93 19.31 19.65	Place 1st 5th 6th		
300 M Hurdles Athlete Jamie Prichard	School WHS	Time 52.43	Place 1st		
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Ballinger High Sch	nool 2nd	145	
Grape Creek High	School 3rd	99	
TLCA	4th	54	
WHS	5th	48	
Merkel High School	ol 6th	41	
Bronte High School	ol 7th	24	
Albany High Scho	ol 8th	14	
Jim Ned High Sch	ool 9th	8	
Blackwell High Sc	hool 10th	2	
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Athlete	School	Time	Place	Wall High School	
Daryl Hagle	WHS	23.66	3rd	Jim Ned High Sch	ool
Stephon Cleghorn	WHS	24.15	5th	Clyde High School Merkel High School	
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800 M Run Athlete Jonathan Sando	School val WHS	Time 2:29.19	Place 5th
3200 M Run Athlete Darnell Hunter	School WHS	Time 13:24.25	Place 6th
110 M Hurdles Athlete Drey Patton Dylan Bryant	School WHS WHS	Time 20.24 20.40	Place 4th 5th
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Shot Put			
Athlete	School	Best Distance	Place
Brendan Mikeska	WHS	35'-0"	2nd

Athlete School	l Bes	t Distance	
Brendan Mikeska WHS		35'-0"	
Team competition			
School	Place	Points	
Wall High School	1st	158.5	
Jim Ned High School	2nd	106	
Clyde High School	3rd	105	
Merkel High School	4th	65	
Ballinger High School	5th	62	
Grape Creek High School	6th	56.5	
WHS	7th	41	
TLCA	8th	16	
Bronte High School	9th	10	
Albany High School	10th	0	



Andrew Sanchez gets ready to throw iin the discus competition.



Tony Sanchez competing in the



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#### Lady Blizzards outlast TLCA in high-scoring affair

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WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters Lady Blizzards softball team outscored TLCA 12-11 in an eight-inning showdown held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014. The teams combined for 15 hits, including eight extra base hits.

The game was backand-forth heading into the eighth, with 11 lead

Winters managed to grab the lead after a strong eighth inning. A steal of

home by Tamron Tamez gave the Lady Blizzards the lead for good.

Tamron, Marissa Gray, Courtney Wyatt and Ashley Guy helped lead the Lady Blizzards combining for four hits and three RBIs.

As of press time the Lady Blizzards were playing at Miles Tuesday night, and their next game will be hosting Eden on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 2 p.m.

Boys get third win of the season

Chris Gerhart struck out 10 in five innings, to pave the way for the third win of the season for the Winters Blizzard baseball team. The Blizzards defeated Roby by a score of 13-3 last Saturday, March 1, 2014 in six innings.

Winters rallied six in the fourth on a hit-by-pitch, a two-run single by Justin Ventress, a wild pitch, and a two-run double by Jimmy John Ripley.

Winters is now 3-6. Next game will be on Thursday, March 13, at Goldthwaite.





Thank you

Clarisa and I salute every citizen who voted in this election. Voter participation is the foundation of a healthy democracy.



We also express our warmest gratitude to our wonderful staff, volunteers, contributors, family, and friends who assisted us throughout the campaign. You lifted us up every day. We truly appreciate your support.

