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PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Ty Cortez plows over the Haskell quarterback.

## Big win brings back hope for the Blizzards

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters Blizzards played their best game of the season scoring 35 points in the second quarter only, and secured a win against Haskell last Friday night, November 1, 2013, keeping their playoff hopes alive. Winters defeated Haskell by a score of 61-26.

Winters is now third in the Conference 4-1A Division I standing tied with Forsan, while Anson and Stamford lead the table with 3-0.

Each one of Chris Gerhart, Ty Cortez and Jimmy John Ripley rushed for over 100 yards. The victory was much needed for the Blizzards, and helps to keep Winters en route to the 2013 post season when there is

only one game left in the schedule.

Junior Jimmy John Ripley led the rushing game running for 190 yards in 10 carries, with two visits to the endzone. Senior quarterback Chris Gerhart added 116 yards in seven carries with three touchdowns, Ty Cortez ran for 102 yards in five rushes, Dusty Hines had 94 yards in 12 rushes with one touchdown, and Cameron Cooper had 18 yards in two carries with one visit to paydirt. Stephon Cleg-horn ran for 36 yards in nine rushes.

Gerhart completed 3 of 7 with two touchdown passes. Receiving Daryl Hagle captured two touchdown passes, for a total of 73 yards. Ripley caught one pass for 17 yards. Place kicker Justin

Conf. 4-1A Div. I					
Team	1	2	3	4	T
Winters	7	35	13	6	61
Haskell	6	7	13	0	26

Week 9, Nov. 1		
Anson	21-20	Forsan
Winters	61-26	Haskell

Team	District	Overall
Anson	3-0 (6-0)	9-0
Stamford	3-0 (5-1)	8-1
Forsan	1-2 (2-4)	3-6
Winters	1-2 (1-5)	2-7
Haskell	0-4 (2-4)	2-8

Week 10, Nov. 8		
Stamford	at	Anson
Tiger Stadium (Anson)		
Forsan	at	Winters
Blizzard Stadium (Winters)		

Ventress added all but two of the extra point kicks for a total of seven points. It was a great night for

the Blizzards, a team that is now reflecting the benefits of facing top-ranked teams such as Anson and Stamford. The defense also played a key role with each one of Cleg-horn, Cory Pritchard and Ripley contributing with one interception, while Julian Soto and Ethan Bredemeyer tallied a sack each.

Next week the Blizzards will be deciding their own fate, when they host Forsan at Blizzard Stadium for the last game of the regular season. The game promises a big showdown for the fans with two teams that will be fighting for all until the very last whistle. The winner will be going straight into the postseason while the loser will be staying home and waiting for a new chance next year.

## New Mayor elected in Miles

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ  
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- Challenger Sylvester Schwertner was elected Tuesday night, November 5, 2013 the new Mayor of the City of Miles in the only local election held in Runnels County.

Schwertner defeated incumbent Juan Ornelas, who has been in office since 2007. Once the ballots were tallied, Tuesday night, Schwertner received a total of 109 votes (76.22 percent) while Ornelas had 34 (23.78 percent).

Voters in Runnels County and Texas also voted on nine proposed constitutional amendments. Overall in Runnels County were casted a total of 635 votes out of 6,515 registered voters totaling 9.75 percent. The electoral calendar is now underway for the November 2014 General Election.



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Candidates are: Kara Kraatz, Missy Calcote, Jaymee Pritchard and Lauren Bredemeyer.

## WHS Football Sweetheart candidates

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- The WHS Blizzard football team will select the 2013 Football Sweetheart and crown her in halftime ceremonies on Friday evening during the Winters vs. Forsan district showdown. The team has nominated seniors Lauren Bredemeyer, Missy Calcote, Kara Kraatz and Jaymee Pritchard. Senior football players, cheerleaders and band members will be recognized, along

with their parents at 7 pm, prior to the game. Kick-off at Blizzard Stadium is set for 7:30 p.m.

Senior Lauren Bredemeyer is the daughter of Malcolm (WHS '77) and Sharen Bredemeyer. While at Winters High School, Lauren has participated in Student Council and serves as treasurer of the National Honor Society. As a Lady Blizzard basketball player she has been named First Team All-District, Firsty Team All-West Texas,

and Second Team All-Big Country. She has also participated in softball, golf, UIL and was a member of the Pride of West Texas Blizzard Marching Band. In her spare time she enjoys playing basketball, hunting, fishing, shopping and spending time with family and friends.

Senior Missy Calcote is the daughter of Mike (WHS '79) and Renee (WHS '80) Calcote. While at WHS she has been a member of the

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## 4-H Club holds District 7 Gold Star Banquet

WINTERS ENTERPRISE  
STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN- The annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet was held inside the Bill Franklin Center in Coleman, Texas on October 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. President Mark Swening and the Youth Activity Board prepared and served an outstanding meal. The program began with a welcome from President Shelby Graves who open the meeting followed by the 4-H motto, pledge, and Invocation. The Gold Star Award is the highest County Award provided by the Texas A&M Agri-life Extension Service.

There were 25 of the prestigious Gold Star awards presented to 4-H member honorees from 11 counties; Brown, Burnet, Coleman, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Taylor, and Tom Green counties were all present. It was inspiring to read and hear about the selfless accomplishments put forth by each of the honorees as they received

their Gold Star Award.

The 2013-2014 District 7 council officers were President Shelbi Greaves, Coleman County - 1st Vice-President; Devin Keese, McCulloch County - Second VP; Rachel Gibbs, Runnels County - Third VP; Ethan Bredemeyer, Runnels County - Secretary; Hadly Hatler, Runnels County - Information Officer; Cole Speck, McCulloch County and Parliamentarian Tyler Davidson, Irion County.

Special guest were Ms. Cheryl deCordova, District Director for State Representative Drew Darby, JoAnne Powell, Regional Director for Congressman Mike Conaway, Scott Ogden Branch President with Central Texas Farm Credit ACA, and Tony Williams representing Coleman County Electric Co-Op. Shelbi Greaves gave a special thanks to the sponsors of the banquet who were Big Country, Coleman County, Concho Valley, Central Texas, Hamilton County, Southwest Texas and Taylor County Electric Cooperatives.

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# ROUND-UP

## Runnels County

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### THE ORGANIZATION OF RUNNELS COUNTY

## The young county holds its appeal

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RCHC CHAIRPERSON

WINTERS- Runnels County was now a little more than 4 years old. The majority of settlers was Confederate veterans with their families and was moving into the young established county. Only the bravest, toughest and most courageous came, stayed long enough to establish ownership in the land and took shaky responsibility for the welfare of themselves and their families.

With fence cutting still a threat and the fences a problem for trail drivers, the young county continued to hold its appeal as well as challenges.

John Hittson and his son Jess hired 10 cow-

boys back in July of 1872. They pinned 700 head of free roaming cattle they had gathered from the surrounding counties in the only pens in Runnels County at a place called Pickettville. A few families had settled there and taken pickets to make a fence around the settlement.

The Hittsons divided their horses into three groups, drove each group to a different place and hobbled them for safety just in case the Comanche Indians decided to steal them that night as they slept. The cowboys awoke the next morning, July 11, 1872 to find two groups of horses missing.

They found a moccasin, some arrows and a bow

proving that Indians had been there. They left only the 11 animals from the third hobbled group of horses.

The cowboys encountered some 75 Indians about where the county seat would be a few years later when the county was formed. They knew they could not win a battle against that many Indians. Three of the cowboys decided to carry white flags and approach the Comanches. All seemed favorable for the confrontation until they came within about 300 yards of the Indians, when the chief let out a blood-curdling, banshee type war whoop. The Indians shouted ear-splitting yells and making a desperate charge to the cowboys.

They returned at break-neck speed to the wagon and took a stand with their Colt six-shooters and rifles to defend their post. In the battle, the Indian Chief was wounded, so the braves carried him away. The Indians were relentless with revenge.

The cowboys stayed the course and the fight raged on for three hours. The Indians drove the cattle north with the stolen Hittson horses. One of the injured cowboys woundled so profusely, the other cowboys took him to the creek and plastered his arm and leg with mud. The bleeding stopped and saved the cowboy's life. They returned to the Hittson headquarters as fast as their horses and wagon could travel.

Several years later John Hittson sued the government for the loss of his cattle and horses, but not a cowboy could be found as an eyewitness so the case was dismissed. All had moved away. Some 40 years later, he found out one of the cowboys was living in Austin. Mr. Hittson contacted him and again filed a legal suit against the United States. The cowboy gave eye witness testimony of the Indian incident. After sometime, Mr. Hittson received a settlement of \$14,900 in 1909 for his losses. He moved his cattle business to safer ground in Colorado.

The Runnels County Commissioners' Court met October 27, 1884 to begin a called term of the Honorable Court in the Town of Runnels City. The court ordered a third-class road be laid out that would start 2 miles southeast of the W. N. Copeland residence at a point on the present Paint Rock Road. The road would be laid out to the left of a chimney where Capt. Hutchinson formerly lived, then on to Walthall. The road would then go toward the Hightower place to the right then to Moon Crossing on the Colorado River; continuing through R.A. Smith's pasture to the traveled road then to the county line in the direction of the Concho River. The court appointed overseers of the road to work with the county surveyor. The road overseers would report

at the next regular term of court. The court paid the Tax Assessor, W.W. Odom his wage. With no further business the court adjourned until the next regular term.

The Honorable Court met in regular session November 10, 1884 in the Town of Runnels City. They proceeded to count and estimate the votes from the election returns of the General Election of November 4, A.D. 1884. Unable to complete the count and estimate, they adjourned until the next morning at 8 a.m. The following morning, November 11, 1884, the court met and proceeded with the estimates and counts — when after completing, they entered the results into the record by the County Clerk in the election book as required by law then proceeded with other business.

A petition of 23 free-holders and citizens of Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2 of Runnels County presented to the court an order of election to be made relative to hogs running at large in the precinct. The petition was duly considered by the court and ordered the election be held December 11, A.D. 1884 in compliance with the petition. Other business included a petition presented by Alfred A. Hanscomb, M.C. Bright and 20 other citizens and tax payers of the Content School District, having just been organized

to have an election for a tax for 20 cents per annum on the \$100 of property value for the purpose of canceling any debt, finish their school house and other school purposes. The court ordered three notices be posted and they include the metes and bounds of the Content School District.

Mr. H.A. Thomason resigned as sheep inspector and Mr. A.J. Nichols was appointed to take his place for a term of 2 years. The court then paid the bills which included payment to the Sheriff of Mitchell County for board of 11 prisoners. Fines were assessed on individuals for failing to work on the roads of the county.

A petition of free-holders was presented to order an election in Precinct No. 1 for determining if hogs, sheep and goats should or should not run at large within 1 mile from the public square in the Town of Runnels City. The election was ordered for December 11, 1884 with H.D. Pearce as the officer. After paying more bills and wages, the court adjourned until the next regular term in December of 1884.

Resources: Runnels County Historical Commission Histories History of Runnels County and Other Articles: A Collection, by Ruth Sellers, M. Ed. published by The Winters Enterprise and The Ballinger Ledger, September 2006 to March 2008.

## WINTERS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB Raffle

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### Veteran's Corner

VFW Post 9196, the American Legion Post 8, and the Veterans Service Office will be conducting the Veteran's Day Ceremonies on Monday, November 11. The ceremony will be at the World War II Memorial on the Courthouse Square at 10 a.m. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will

have cookies, coffee, and water. The parade will start at the conclusion of the ceremony. Plan to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the ceremony and parade. If you would like to be in the parade, just call me. For more information, contact Sandra at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave. or call 365 3612.

Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer.

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## Livestock supplemental feeding workshop

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Runnels County will host a Livestock Supplemental Feeding Workshop in Ballinger on Thursday, November 7 at 6 p.m. at the Extension office at 608 Sealy Ave.

The Workshop will feature guest speakers Dr Frank Craddock, AgriLife Sheep and Goat Specialist, and Kirby Vanover, Nutritionist with Angelo Pellets, who will discuss supplemental feeding requirements and options for livestock. Also during the program, information on balancing rations and using alternative feed sources will be provided.

Cost includes a complimentary meal, handout materials and one hour Continuing Education Units for licensed pesticide applicators in attendance. Please RSVP to the Runnels County Extension office at (325) 365 2219 by Wednesday, November 6.

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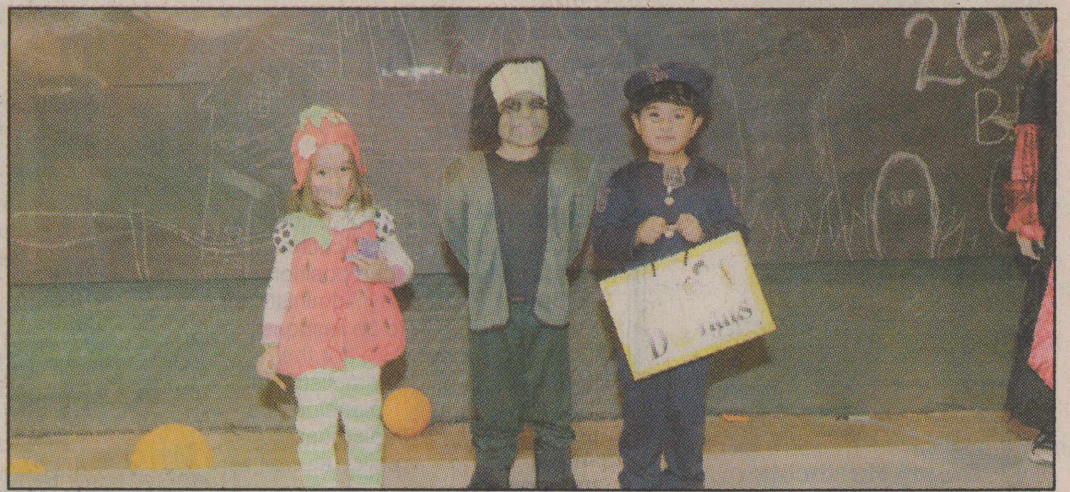
## Ghouls and goblins at the Winters Elementary Fall Carnival

The Blizzard Elementary Support Team held the annual Fall Carnival at Winters Elementary School. A Halloween Contest was held with age divisions from 0-3 years, 4 years-Second Grade and Third through Fifth Grade.

Costume contest winners are as follows: Ages 0-3: first place - Karmyn Perez, Siah Joeris 2nd, Alyssa Roman 3rd place. Ages 4 thru Second Grade: Katara Pena 1st place, Dylan Warren 2nd, Caine Guana 3rd place. Ages Third Grade through Fifth Grade: Zeli Reyes 1st place, Zander Hadlock 2nd place, Shyla Seaney 3rd place.



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## Amazing haunted maze

Last week was spooktacular at the Haunted Maze sponsored by REASON Animal Rescue. Lots of scares and laughs; all for a good cause. Dedicated volunteers at REASON help take stray and unwanted animals off the street and care for them until homes can be found for them. If you are looking for a pet or would like to donate to their non-profit organization, visit REASON Animal Rescue on Facebook. Thanks to all the brave souls who entered the haunted maze and a special thanks to all the volunteers who made it a-maze-ing.

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## On the Level Changing of the season

Charles Frerich

It's Halloween with all the little ghosts and goblins dressed in their costumes in search of the ultimate trick or treat candies. Plans are made days in advance with often meticulous detail to the costume. Halloween has definitely become big business with costumes and the wide assortment of treats available. Gone are the days of eyes and mouth cut into a sheet. The fact is, I remember getting pretty good treats with my cheap costumes.

Halloween is kind of like our landscape. The crops we planted in the spring have matured and the cotton is adorning itself in its ghostly white costume. Pumpkins have become the craft for the carving enthusiast. The trees are changing their leaves to the fall colors that blaze and will soon lose them to reveal scraggly monster like limbs under the harvest moon.

The sweet delicious treats we provide for our little dressed up characters, while enjoyed by all, may not be exactly what they need for the proper nourishment of their bodies. Fall usually means an application of fertilizer to help the plants build strong roots to survive the winter. As with Halloween candy just because it's good does not mean to over indulge is good for our bodies. Applying too much fertilizer to the yards and pastures will result in nutrients either leaching into the water table or running off. The proper amount that the plant needs is all that is needed. To insure you know what is needed, a good soils test will tell you what nutrients and how much is recommended. It's too bad we don't run a similar test to tell us the proper amount of candy to ingest. Of course the candy people would probably be against any type of test this would entail. Personally, that test would tell me to only sniff the candy!

Changes are ever occurring in our society and so called traditions fade and new practices evolve. Remember "cow tipping", the pushing over of a sleeping cow. Though I never did this I wondered if this really was possible. This must be from an older generation. But I do remember pushing cotton bales over when they were stored outside on the cotton yard in neat straight rows. Looking back now, in my mature state of mind, was all that work really worth it. OK, yes it was. Let me assure you nothing was destroyed and no one was injured. Technology is ever changing to make life easier, faster or more productive. Sometimes these changes, although good most of the time, lead us to a more hectic busier lifestyle. Remember life before cell phones. All things should be dealt with in moderation and that goes for all of life's indulgences with exception to one thing. We should remember that it is through Divine intervention that God provides for us and it is our choice as to what we do with it.

So as we see the mounds of Halloween candy that the little monsters have accumulated or see the left over candy for sale in the stores, it is our choice as to what we do with it. When feeding our plants remember because a little bit is good, a lot is not necessarily better. So see you next time "On the Level". For more information you can contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service or contact me at charles.frerich@tx.usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.