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Winters, Texas 75¢



PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Ty Cortez plows over the Haskell quarterback.

## Big win brings back hope for the Blizzards

**RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ** 

**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

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

Each one of Chris Gerhart, Ty Cortez and 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 Rip-ley 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 passes. Receiving Daryl Hagle captured two touchdown passes, for a total of 73 yards. Ripley caught one pass for 17 yards. Place kicker Justin

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| Anson                 | 21-20             | Forsan  |  |
| Winters               | 61-26             | Haskell |  |
| Standing              |                   |         |  |
| Standing              | 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     |  |
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| Week 10, I            | Nov. 8            |         |  |
| Stamford              | at                | Anson   |  |
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| Forsan                | at                | Winters |  |

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

Blizzard Stadium (Winters)

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 Cleghorn, Cory Pritchard and Ripley contributing with one interception, while Julian Soto and Ethan Bredemeyer tallied a sack

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** 

**BALLINGER- Chal**lenger 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.



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

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

#### WHS Football Sweetheart candidates

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

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 PLEASE CONTINUE PAGE 3

# It's now time to file for the **Primary Election**

**RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ** 

BALLINGER- With the Texas Constitutional Amendment Election left behind last Tuesday, the political calendar marks now the time for the March Primaries. The filing period for the March Primary in Texas will be from Saturday, November 9, 2013 until Monday, December 9, 2013.

In Runnels County local offices up for election in 2014 will be the County Judge, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer, two county commissioner seats and both Justices of the Peace. The Primary Election Day will be Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

Incumbents currently holding the positions up for election are: County Judge - Barry Hilliard, District Clerk - Tammy Burleson, County Clerk - Elesa Ocker, County Treasurer - Ann Strube, County Commissioner Precint No. 2 - Ronald Presley, County Commissioner Precint No. 4 - Ricky Strube, Justice of the Peace Precint No. 1 - Glenda Wood, Justice of the Peace Precint No. 2 - Richard Hamilton.

So far the only incumbent that has publicly disclosed her intentions to run or not to run is County Clerk Elesa Ocker; she will not be running for re-election.

The County Clerk stated that filing fees for the Primary Election will be \$750 for the position of County Judge, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer, and County Commissioner. Filing fee for the position

of Justice of the Peace will be \$375.
Candidates can alternatively submit a petition with signatures in lieu of the filing fee. Fifty-three signatures are required for the position of County Judge, District Clerk, County Clerk and County Treasurer. The number of signatures required for position for County Commissioner and Justice of the Peace is 50.

A candidate needs to obtain and file and "Appointment of Campaign Treasurer" form from the County Clerk's office before making a campaign expenditure

or accepting a campaign contribution.

To file with the Republican Party, a candidate needs to contact Charles Hensley, Runnels County Republican Chairman. Hensley he will be available from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on November 9, 2013 to accept candidate's ces on the Republican Primar will be at the Cook Professional Building 804 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, Texas. Candidates should bring completed, notarized applications to file. Candidates unable to meet on November 9 can contact Hensley at (325) 365 1082 to schedule an appointment to another time.

To file with the Democratic Party a candidate will need to contact Jane Jeschke, Runnels County temporary chairman at (325) 234 7727.

The deadline to file for the March 4 Primary Election is December 9, 2013.

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

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

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 AgriL-

ife 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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#### **FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES**

#### **Edith Maddox Rodgers**

Edith Maddox Rodgers 67 of Winters passed away on November 3, 2013 in Abilene Hendrix Hospice Care. She was born on April 20, 1946 to the parents of Allen and Corina Maddox. She was preceded in death by he parents. She is survived by daughter Tammy Rodgers of Seminole, Texas; brother Allen Maddox of Panama; sisters Elizabeth May of Augustine, Texas, Paula Walker Lake Jackson, Texas. She also has three grandchildren. A Memorial service is scheduled for November 7, 2013 at 3 p.m. in Heritage Family Funeral Home Chapel. Officiated by Marcy Grunn of Bluff Creek Cowboy Church. Services are entrusted to Heritage Family Funeral Home of Ballinger Texas.

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#### **Texas Winter Weather Awareness Day**

**WINTERS ENTERPRISE** 

SAN ANGELO- The National Weather Service in cooperation with the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Department of Public Safety, Wednesday reminded everyone that November 13, 2013, is designated as Winter Weather Awareness Day in the Lone Star State. Every Texan should take this opportunity to prepare for adverse winter weather.

Have a good plan of action when it comes to winter weather: 1) Check the weather forecast before you travel and have a way to receive NWS Winter Storm Warnings, 2) Monitor temperatures and visibilities 3) Drive according to the condition of the highway, 4) Practice safe fire prevention, 5) Assemble a disaster kit.

Each year Texans die from accidents caused by ice, snow, or fog. The Texas Department of Public Safety urges motorists to slow down to the conditions of the roadway. Motorists should not assume the speed limit is the safe speed. For road conditions, please go to the Texas Department of Transportation's website www. drivetexas.org call (800) 452 9292. Good winter weather safety tips are also included on the following page.

Information on winter weather safety can be also found at the following links: http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt/?n=2013winter http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/ThreatAwareness/ winterstorm.htm

Winter Vehicle Safety Tips during Winter Weather

- Plan your travel and check the latest weather reports to avoid a storm.
- Patchy freezing drizzle or rain is deadly. When the temperature falls below 32 degrees, even a little mist, drizzle, or frost can create slick bridges and roadways. Slow down especially on overpasses and bridges - When driving in low visibilities due to dense fog or
- snow, slow down and use your low beams. - Fully check and winterize your vehicle before you
- Keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank
- and fuel lines. - Avoid traveling alone. Always drive to the conditions
- of the highway. Let someone know your timetable and primary and

If you become stranded: Never leave the safety of your vehicle; run the motor about 10 minutes each hour for heat, open the window a little for fresh air to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning; be sure to keep your exhaust clear of snow as you're keeping warm in the car; turn on the dome light at night when running the engine; tie a colored cloth, preferably red, to your antenna or door; after snow stops falling, raise the hood to indicate you need help.

Fire Safety

Each year people die in house fires and from carbon monoxide poisoning because of faulty heating sources. Be sure to place your emergency heat sources (fireplaces, wood stoves, and space heaters) in a safe place away from curtains and combustible materials.

**Veterans Day Worship Service,** 

**FUMC, Winters** 

A special Veterans Day Worship Service

will be held at the Winters First United

Methodist Church at 10:45 a.m. Sunday,

Nov. 10th. This service will be a day that

honors and recognizes the veterans

in our community. Patriotic music

throughout the service is planned. All are

welcome to come share in this special

recognition of our veterans.

Veterans' Day worship service
Veterans' Day worship service to be held at Winters First United Methodist Church at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, November 10. All veterans in our community are invited and will be recognized during this special worship service. Patriotic music throughout the service is also planned. All are welcome.

Veteran's Day ceremony and parade
The VFW Post 9196 will host the Ceremony on Monday, November 11 at 10 a.m. at the Memorial on the Courthouse Square. The parade will start at the conclusion of the ceremony. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will provide cookies, water and coffee at the ceremony. Plan to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the parade. If you would like to enter the parade, just call Sandra at the Veteran's Service Office at 365 3612.

Winters Athletic Booster Club raffling a Kawasaki Mule The Winters Athletic Booster Club is raffling off a

2014 Kawasaki Mule. Drawing will be held at the November 8, 2013 Winters vs. Forsan football game. Tickets are available with the Booster Club members. All proceeds benefit student/athletes at Winters High School.

**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.

**NEWS NOTES** 

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

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.

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.

# From the Chief's Desk

Drug investigations

By Randall Davis Winters Chief of Police

I have been approached by numerous citizens concerning recent activity and arrests in the City of Winters for various drug offenses. Please understand I cannot discuss many aspects of these investigations including the who, the how, and wheres, since there are continued investigations in progress. The Winters Police Department has been working in conjunction with area agencies, sharing information and resources, regarding the manufacturing, selling and use of narcotics and prescription drugs. These efforts have been ongoing for several months and we are beginning to see dramatic results.

Police departments in smaller communities like our own rarely have the resources to effectively deal with extensive ongoing investigations by themselves. We are required to maintain a strong commitment to our goals, open lines of communication and sharing of information

along with interagency cooperation.

Recent narcotic and drug investigations have been the results of information being followed up on by officers at the Winters Police Department, Runnels County Sheriff's Department, Ballinger Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety and the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services resulting in the elimination of two separate meth labs in the City of Winters and police action being taken at several homes in the area where narcotic and drugs were frequently abused. Several arrests have been made by the various agencies with additional actions and arrests anticipated.

The City of Winters has been very fortunate to experience a low crime-rate with a higher than average crime solvability rate of theft and burglaries. While investigating various crimes such as burglaries and thefts, we have discovered they are generally associated with the illegal

drug trade. After all, the selling of stolen property, bought and paid for by hard working people, tends to be an efficient way to finance an illegal drug habit.

We have learned abandoned houses and structures in the area are serving as shelters for persons while smoking or consuming illegal drugs, and at times to conceal and store stolen merchandise to be sold for drugs.

Drug abuse in our neighborhoods does not just effect the user, but the entire community. The immediate family members of a drug abuser often receive the most direct effects of the abuse through the abuser committing repeated family violence and the abuser not being able to provide the essential necessities for the remainder of the family. Drug addiction often continues to younger generations in the family because children raised in any particular atmosphere will more than likely continue practices seen or learned through the actions of their parents and elders.

Drug abuse effects the remainder of the community by spreading the use of drugs and narcotics to others and the support and promotion of criminal activity to support the addiction itself. A drug

addiction renders a person to a degree on not caring about anything but feeding the addiction. As a result, family, friends, and community all come second place to the addiction. Nothing else matters.

Fighting drugs in our neighborhood is not just a matter for the police. I didn't grow up here in Winters, my parents nor grandparents didn't grow up here. I do not have the emotional, family, financial or historical ties to the City of Winters, or Runnels County as many of the fine people who live here do.

Crime is often fueled by drug and narcotic use and is a blight on our communities. It has to be approached from many different angles including the continued face to face confrontations of drug enforcement, to cleaning up our cities abandoned buildings, over grown vacant properties, to educating our children, lowering our crime rate and making our community less desirable for those choosing a life with drugs, or choosing to engage in the criminal activity associated

It can't be done by a police officer alone, it takes the community being responsible for our own, working together, being involved, police and

# High hog numbers prompt educational workshops

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

ELGIN- Escalating feral hog numbers have prompted the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to conduct educational workshops throughout the state. One of these feral hog

management workshops is set from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. November 15 at the Elgin VFW Hall, 118 Old Sayers Road in Elgin.

"We try to keep the topics of these workshops pertinent to a particular region by addressing issues specific to that area," said Jared Timmons, AgriLife Extension associate with the department of wildlife and fisheries sciences stationed at San Marcos. "This one is no different and should offer those in Bastrop and surrounding counties a good overview of where they stand feral hog-wise and what they can do about it."

Individual preregistration is \$20 by November 13 and \$30 thereafter. The fee includes a noon

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Call at (325) 365 3501 meal. For more information and to RSVP, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Bastrop County at 512-581-7186, bastrop-tx@ tamu.edu.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will available-three general, one integrated pest management and one laws and regulations.

Topics and speakers will include:

- Basic Biology of Feral Swine and Feral Hog Damage in Watersheds, Tim-

- Lower Colorado River Watershed, Bobby Humphrey, Lower Colorado River Authority natural resources conservation coordinator, Johnson City.

- Population Dynamics of Feral Hogs, Meredith Longoria, Texas Parks and

Wildlife Department biologist, Bastrop and Caldwell counties. - Laws and Regulations

for Hunting Feral Hogs, Kris Bishop, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game warden, Bastrop County.

- Agricultural Regulations Regarding Feral Hogs, Beau Whisenant, Texas Department of Agriculture regional education specialist, Leander.

Feral Hog Control, John Calentine, U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services federal troubleshooter, Seguin.

- Feral Hog Safety and Disease Concerns and Feral Hog Transportation Regulations, Dr. Tommy Barton, Texas Animal Health Commission veterinarian, Austin.

Feral Hog Research Update, Timmons.

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# Senior Night slated for Friday at WHS

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WINTERS- Several activities will take place Friday night in conjunction with Senior Night at Blizzard Stadium. Parents of senior football players, cheerleaders and band members will join their son or daughter for a recognition ceremony at 7 p.m. prior to the game. In halftime ceremonies the Blizzard football team will crown their 2013 Football Sweetheart.

Also, some time following halftime, the Winters Athletic Booster Club will have the drawing for the 2014 610 XC Kawasaki Mule they have been raffling off this season. Raffle tickets are still available this week from Booster Club members, J&T Hardware and Casa Cabana.

Chances will also be sold at the game through halftime. Winters fans, family and friends are encouraged to attend the Blizzard Pep Rally at 3 p.m. on Friday at the WHS old-New Gym (east end of cafeteria) and the game vs. Forsan at 7:30 p.m. In recognition of Senior Night, Winters High School will let the seniors return to their roots and time-honored Blizzard traditions by hosting their final regular season pep rally where they began their Blizzard journey a dozen years ago, in the old-New

Let's pack this gym one last time and wear blue and white, bring tons of noisemakers, signs, and good oldfashioned school spirit for lots of noise and electricity to support our Winters Blizzards prior to the Winters vs. Forsan district showdown; where they will battle for a post-season playoff berth. Fill the stands Friday night with that same spirit and show of support to cheer the Blizzards to a victory!

#### What a catch!



PHOTO: JOE GERHART

Daryl Hagel catches one of the two touchdown passes he got from quarterback Chris Gerhart at the Winters vs.

#### Football sweetheart: The candidates CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Lady Blizzard basketball and track teams and has been a Regional Qualifier in UIL Editorial Writing. She serves as vice-president of the WHS Student Council, WHS National Honor Society, and Senior Class of 2014. She was a class officer all four years of high school. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with family and friends and babysitting her nieces and nephews.

Senior Kara Kraatz is the daughter of Keith and Chrissy (WHS '90) Kraatz. Kara has served as WHS Student Council Historian and National Honor Society Retreat Chairperson. She is a WHS cheerleader and has participated in Lady Blizzard basketball, softball, golf and UIL Spelling. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her friends and family, shopping, reading and baking. Kara is escorted by her father Keith Kraatz.

Jaymee Pritchard is the daughter of Steve (WHS '78) and Penny Pritchard. She has participated in basketball and track at WHS and was a regional qualifier in the 100m and 300m hurdles last spring. She is a member of the Pride of West Texas Blizzard Marching Band where she serves as Captain of the Flag Corps. Jaymee is the treasurer for the WHS Chapter of the FFA and has held various offices in the Winters 4-H Club. She is a member of the WHS Student Council, a 2013 Homecoming Queen candidate and was also crowned the 2013 Glacier Queen. Jaymee is a barrel racer and member of both the Winters and Texas High School Rodeo Associations. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, hunting, shopping, practicing with her horses, going to rodeos all over the state of Texas, photography, and

#### Higginbotham Brothers Salutes the Player of the Week



Senior quarterback Chris Gerhart rushed three touchdowns and passed for two more in the Winters Blizzards win last Friday night over Haskell.

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Winters Blizzards senior football players Justin Ventress, Marcus Torres, Fermin Cruz, Chris Gerhart, Dusty Hines, Andrew New, Brendon Mikeska, Austin Green.

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CAFETERIA MENU

Nov. 11 - 15 Winters ISD **Breakfast Menu** Monday

Holiday Biscuit/Egg/Gravy or Cereal/Toast w/ Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk. Tuesday

Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk. Wednesday Sausage on Stick/Syrup or Cereal/Toast

French Toast/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/

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,

#### **Winters ISD Lunch Menu**

Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Monday

Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Pizza/Graham Cracker (H.S.) or Spaghetti/Bread Stick, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Pear, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday

Chef Salad or Steak Fingers/ Gravy/ Bread or Chicken Spaghetti/Bread Sticks, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday

Chef Salad or Frito Pie or Grilled Cheese Sandwich/Fish Bread (Elem., J.H.), Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Coleslaw, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Apple, Choice of Milk.

**Thursday** Chef Salad or Chicken Nuggets/

Gravy/Graham Cracker (H.S.), Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/ Cherry Tomato, Coleslaw, Peaches, Choice of Milk.

Friday

Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Fish/Graham Crackers, Curly Fries, Italian Green Beans, Tossed Salad/ Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Orange. Choice of Milk.

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#### GROSSWORD PUZZLE

"Joint Chiefs"

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1. Basket boundary 4. Unreleased, as

emotion 10. Start for a

playwright

14. Turkish title

15. Get excited 16. First word of two

Springsteen albums 17. Person who hauls

shrubbery? 19. "Beat it!"

20. Count \_\_\_ (jazz

great) 21. "Exodus" author

23. Ending for lemon or lime

24. Properly organized

27. Consoling one 29. Not nuts

30. Jamaican export

32. Boot the dictator 33. Just and

dandy 34. Sandwich shops 35. Federal money for

a project? 41. Lucy's sidekick

42. Falco of "Nurse Jackie"

43. Coral reefs 45. Nancy's husband

46. "Make a !" 50. Vote back into

office 52. "Desperately Seeking Susan" star

Arquette 54. Suffix with hobby or lobby

58. French 101 verb

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55. Campus quarters 57. Giant

6. Neither go-with 7. South African Peace Nobelist

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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company?

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63. Goblet feature

66. Little piggies

67. Nat Turner's

68. Not divisible by

65. Tiger Woods peg

8. Computer owners

BOGIEDAM

3. Vintner Paul 4. Acted nervously

1. Torah readers

2. Exotic pet

5. Baseball stat

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hang out?

38. Alternative to high water

60. Grab some market 9. Sentence stopper share from an auto

11. Pepsi rival

12. Swaps

18. Take on

22. Sister ("We Are Family" singers)

25. " go bragh!" 26. Ladder section

28. Copycat

31. Taxi equipment

33. Unavailable, as a

position 35. Most exhausted

36. Vouch for

37. Where loafers

39. Olfactory stimulus

40. Boy, in Bogotá 10. Crunch target 44. Checks (out)

46. Street urchin

47. Altogether 13. Money with a loan 48. Caught 49. Empty-

(having gained nothing)

51. Court proceeding 53. Program parts

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# The young county holds its appeal

**CONTRIBUTED BY RUTH COOPER** 

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.

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

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 breakneck 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 wound bled 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 freeholders 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 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.

#### **Veteran's Corner**

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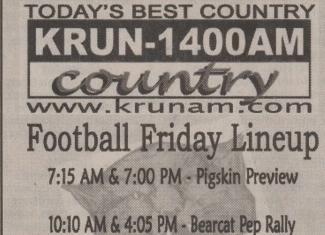
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|  | 4     | 4473   | The County of<br>Runnels, Texas<br>v Albert Wayne<br>Hagle, Jr.                   | 85' x 150' tract, more or less, out of Lots 1, 2<br>and 3, Block 10, Vancil Addition, City of Winters,<br>Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 256, Page 313),<br>Account #R000021838   |
|  | 5     | 4477   | The County of<br>Runnels, Texas v Jerry<br>L. Simmons                             | Part of Lots 4 and 5, Block 94, 1st RR Addition<br>to the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas<br>(Volume 343, Page 138), Account #R000009416  |
|  | 6     | 4492   | The County of<br>Runnels, Texas v Paul<br>C. Gerhardt et al                       | The East 50' of Lot 6, Block 4, Southside<br>Addition, City of Winters, Runels County,<br>Texas (Vol. 366, Page 502 of the Official Public<br>Records), Account #R000012844  |
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|  | 9     | 4516   | The County of<br>Runnels, Texas v Rosa<br>Perez et al                             | the South 1/2 of Block 8, Spill Addition, City of<br>Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume<br>205, Page 424 & Volume 237, Page 244, Deed<br>Records, Runnels County, Texas), Account<br>#R000012964   |
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|  | 17    | 4521   | The County of<br>Runnels, Texas v<br>Adam<br>Organ et al                          | Lot 5, Block 6, Guion Addition, City of Ballinger,<br>Runnels County, Texas (Vol. 161, Page 499,<br>Deed Records), Account #R000008381   |

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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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Katara Pena, Dylan Warren, Caine Guana.



Zeli Reyes, Zander Hadlock, Shyla Seaney.

Siah Joeris, Karmyn Perez, Alyssa Roman.

# 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.



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