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Ballinger resident wins cash with the SPRING SALES EVENT

BALLINGER— Monday, April 14, 2014 Virginia Wright (left), of Ballinger, Texas, received the \$100 cash prize of the Spring Sales Event contest, sponsored by the Ballinger Ledger, Winters Enterprise and partners: Bahlman Chevrolet, Agriplex Heating and Air Conditioning, Beefmaster Steakhouse, Old Texas Theater, Ballinger Healthcare and Rehab, Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs, and Personnel Services. Virginia found the hidden logos in the Spring Sales Event section and submitted her entry form to our offices at 806 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, Texas. Ballinger Ledger Office Assistant Bridgette Champion is pictured here presenting the prize to Virginia Wright. We appreciate our loyal customers and readers for participating in this contest! Stay tuned and keep on participating in future contests and promotions.

MEMORIES OF TIMES PAST SPRING FEST HELD IN WINTERS

Catching up with the past

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS— The Memories of Times Past spring fest was held last Saturday, April 12, 2014 in Winters, benefiting a new roof for the Rock Hotel and the Agricultural Exhibit at the Gus Pruser Ag Museum. The fest attracted hundreds to the historical building, and all enjoyed a good time with the host of activities in the program.

The antique car show took place in the 200 block of West Dale Street. Competitors were divided in four classes. Those claiming honors by "people's choice" were as follows: Antique or Classic 1945 and Before, first place and trophy for Jim Jordan, with his 1929 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan, and second place for Dick Dunlap, showing a 1937 MG. In Antique or Classic 1946 and after the first place was for Jerry Sims, with a 1967 Camaro, Paul Beck placed second with a 1967 Firebird, while the third place was for Jimmy White's 1972 Cadillac. In the Commercial Vehicle class first place honors were for Jim Jordan, with a 1935 Ford pickup, Robert Vivian placed second with a 1949 Willis Jeepster, while Joe Gerhart took third with a 1929 Ford Model A truck. In Special Interest vehicles claiming firsts was Bill Parsley's 1960 El Camino, second was for Mark Briley and his 1963 Chevy Nova, while Richard Hamilton got third with a 2004 Chevrolet SSR convertible.



PHOTOS: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
Carlton and Deloris Parks working steel tools in a vintage hand-operated forge.

A Motorcycle Display was also held on West Dale Street. Winners of the show were also selected by "people's choice." In the Cruiser class Stephen Roth, Elmer Buckelew and Robert Cook took the first three places. Earning honors in the Trike class were each one of Ronnie Davis, Jill Davis and Richard Hamilton. Vintage class honors were for Jackie Bean placing first, while Jerry Sims took second. The Best of Show trophy was for Stephen Roth. In the Fun Run placing first through third were Saam Geistmann, Jerry Sims and Bryan Davis. The first place trophy in the Fun Run games was for J.R. Lipke.

A tractor show and tractor olympics were held at the lot behind the Z.I. Hale Museum. Claiming first place honors and trophy by people's choice was Wes Hays and

his 60 Oliver, the second place ribbon went to Cassie Kendrick and Rylie Philpott with their Allis Chalmers, and third place honors were for Weldon Andrae and his Farmall M.

In the string olympics contestants demonstrated their skills driving antique tractors over a straight line, stopped as near as possible to a fence, and made their machines idle to be the slowest one in the race. First place in the String Olympics was for Jerry Holle, placing second was Allen Andrae, and the third place was for Weldon Andrae.

A photo contest was held in conjunction with Winters High School. In the Seniors division blue ribbon honors were for Mason Johnson, followed by George Reyes and Melissa Calcote. Macey Gerhart claimed first place in the Junior High class.

A quilt show with 73 beautifully crafted quilts was held all over the Rock Hotel. Quilts were displayed in each room of the historical building. The first place by people's choice was for Bobbie Davis, placing second was Judy Harrison, and third place honors went to Jackie Murray. Cheryl Bryan earned Best of Show honors with her piece "Rosette."

A 50" television, barbecue gas grill and Sun-bonnet Sue quilt were also raffled. Those with the lucky numbers were Raymond Jones, taking the TV; Mary Jo Tucker, winning the gas grill; and Sylvia Richie, winner of the quilt.

Entertainment was provided with live music, and to top it all out a street dance was held for everyone to enjoy.

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District Track Meet

Thursday, April 10, 2014 Winters High School hosted the District Track Meet. Pictured above is Jaymee Pritchard competing in hurdles. Pictured below is Athena Mata running the first leg of the mile relay, the team took second place in the competition.

PHOTOS: JOE GERHART



Not so fast... In this peculiar race the contestants show their skills behind the wheel by idling the tractor as slow as possible, in order to be the last one at the finish line.



Diana Rozmen, Marianne Ray and Judy Harrison, with the Friendly Neighbors, demonstrate how to make your own laundry detergent.

Winters Public Library receives collections grant

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS— The Texas Book Festival awarded the Winters Public Library a collections grant of \$2,500. The grant will be used to expand the children and young adult collections.

"We are extremely grateful to receive this grant," said Rhonda Neal, chair of the Library's Board. "The funds will enable us to purchase over 200 new children and youth books, scheduled to be on the shelves and ready for reading by the beginning of summer."

Every year public libraries across Texas apply to the Texas Book Festival to receive grant funds.

The grants are intended to help initiate or continue innovative literacy and technology programs and to update and increase book collections. This year, the festival is distributing grants up to \$5,000 to 19 libraries. Since its founding, the festival has contributed more than \$2.5 million in grants to over 600 Texas public libraries.

"Our public libraries provide invaluable services that advance the causes of literacy, education and life-long learning. We are committed to supporting the important work of Texas public libraries," said Lois Kim, Executive Director of the Texas Book Festival. "We

are proud that we can continue to help libraries meet the needs of their community."

The Texas Book Festival raises money for the grants from individual, corporate, and foundation sponsorships, the annual Gala, and from book sales at the annual festival. The 2014 Texas Book Festival is scheduled for October 25 and 26 in Austin.

The Texas Book Festival is a nonprofit organization that celebrates authors and their contributions to the culture of literacy, ideas and imagination. Founded in 1995 by Laura Bush and a group of interested volunteers, the annual Festival is held on the grounds

of the Texas Capitol. It features readings and discussions from more than 250 renowned Texas and national authors, entertaining and informing more than 40,000 adults and children alike, free of cost. TBF supports Texas public libraries and literacy through its Library Grants and Reading Rock Stars programs. TBF also hosts year-round literary events across the state. Become a member of TBF and receive invitations to exclusive author events, priority seating, the latest literary news and more. The 2014 Texas Book Festival is scheduled for October 25-26. For more information visit www.texasbookfestival.org

Saturday, a busy day for the Easter Bunny in Winters

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS— This weekend the Easter Bunny will be having a busy schedule with the celebration of Easter this upcoming Sunday. There are two events planned in Winters to celebrate with children and families from all over the area.

Saturday, April 19, 2014 the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an Easter Egg hunt at 10:30 a.m. at the City Park. The event is open for everyone to attend, the egg hunt is intended for children between the ages of newborn to fifth grade. The Easter Bunny will be on site taking pictures with children.

Also on Saturday, but at 2:30 p.m. there will be another Easter Egg hunt, this one at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home. This event was originally planned for April 18, on Good Friday, but due to school calendar plans have changed. Donations of candy wrapped candy for the egg hunt are being accepted.

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Louise Morrison Cecil

Louise Morrison Cecil, 85, of Winters, died Tuesday April 15, 2014 at a local hospital. She was born September 26, 1928 to Joseph and Matilda (Kincaid) Morrison in Crews, Texas, and was raised there and graduated from Crews High School. She moved to Corpus Christi and later to California before returning to Winters. She was a health care provider and a member of Drasco Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sisters: Ouita Foster of Winters, Lavora Berger of Kerville and Loveta Campbell and husband Harold of Bangs; three nieces, Beverly Donica of Winters, Deloris Parks of Glen Cove and Sherri Sheppard of Houston; one nephew, Jon Marc Campbell of Houston. Numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son Jerry Morrison and her brother Connie Morrison.

Graveside service will be 3 p.m. Thursday April 17, 2014 at Crews Cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Winters Enterprise, April 17, 2014

Winters Elem Pre-K and Kindergarten round-up

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

WINTERS- Enrollment for the 201-2015 school year for Pre-Kindergarten and those Kindergarteners who have not enrolled in school before, will be April 29, 2014 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Winters Elementary School Library.

Parents of children who will be four on or before September 1 must qualify for Pre-Kindergarten. All parents wishing to see if their child is eligible for Pre-Kindergarten must bring the following information to the meeting on round-up night: proof of income, birth certificate, shot record, Social Security card, proof of residence (ex. phone, water, electric or gas bill), driver license of person enrolling student, documentation of custodial rights if parents are separated or divorced.

Children who will be five on or before September 1 and are entering school for the first time as a kindergartner will need to pre-register. Please bring the following information to the meeting on the round-up night: birth certificate, shot record, Social Security card, proof of residence, driver license, legal documents proving custody of child belongs to person enrolling, documentation of custodial rights if parents are separated or divorced.

Only parents are needed at this meeting, no children, please.

Multi-county wheat tour to be held in Taylor Co

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

ABILENE- Several Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices will collaborate on the annual Multi-County Wheat Tour beginning at 8:30 a.m. May 2 at the Taylor County variety plots located off State Highway 351 on County Road 52,

also known as Mesquite Lane.

Participants will hear reviews on this season's planted varieties along with an overview of the current small grain situation, both offered by Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension small grains and oilseed specialist at College Station.

Easter egg hunt

Annual Easter Egg Hunt has been changed to 2:30 p.m. April 19, at Senior Citizens Nursing Home. It was originally planned for April 18, Good Friday, but due to it being a school day, plans have changed. Donations of candy wrapped candy for the egg hunt are being accepted.

Colorado River Bikefest

Saturday, April 26 the Ballinger Noon Lions Club will be hosting its 39th Annual Colorado River Bikefest. Race starts at 8:30 a.m. at the corner of Hutchings Ave. and Hwy 83, in Ballinger, Texas. 5K walk/run/ride, 30, 60 and 100K tours. Entry forms available at www.ballinger-noonlions.org FMI call at (325) 234 7842

Library to host Pinterest seminar

Join Rhea Parramore on April 29, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at your Winters Public Library, 120 N. Main Street, to learn all about Pinterest, a fun Internet-based way to find ideas for all your projects and interests. Bring your Ipad, laptop, or just come and enjoy the presentation and exploration. Free, no registration required.

Small Town ACTS Women's Retreat

Small Town ACTS Women's Retreat will conduct a retreat for women on June 19 thru June 22, 2014 at the Christ Retreat Center in San Angelo. Give yourself this gift of time with God and all denominations of ladies. It will be a weekend you will never forget. Cost of the retreat includes meals and lodging for the three days. Please do not keep the cost of the retreat keep you from going. Financial help is available for those who need help. A deposit is required to reserve your place with the balance due at the Thursday evening check-in.

For more information contact Gaye Pelzel (325) 468 3191, Carol Kozelsky (325) 754 4133, Rita Busenlehner (325) 468 2000. Applications can be picked up at the St. Mary's Catholic Church or download at <http://stmmarystarseballinger.org/>.

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.,

NEWS NOTES

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.

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.

City Council Meetings

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

WIC open to many incomes and families

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Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting

Masonic Lodge 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger, Texas. Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that Monday. For more information call (325) 365 3202.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, Texas Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754 2048.

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 meets the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

Passport fair to be held at Ballinger Post Office

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER- Saturday, April 26, 2014, the U.S. Postal Service will be holding a passport fair 8 a.m. through 1 p.m. at the Ballinger Post Office, 116 S Eighth Street, Ballinger, Texas.

Passport fee, payable to

the US Department of State by can be made by check or money order (\$110 adults/\$80 children under 16). A \$25 execution fee, payable to Postmaster by check, money order, cash, credit/debit card, will also be charged.

Those applying for a passport must present two forms of identification. Forms of identification accepted are proof of citizenship including: certified birth certificate, previous passport, or naturalization certificate), applicants will also be required to present a current driver's license or state ID card.

Pictures will be available on site for \$15. All applicants, including minors, must appear in person. For more information, please call at (877) 487 2778 or go to www.travel.state.gov

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District Track Meet

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100 M 1. Stephon Cleghorn 4. Daryl Hagle	110 HH 2. AJ Smith 5. Dylan Bryant 6. Drey Patton
400 M 1. Stephon Cleghorn	100 M 4. Mondo Rodriguez
200 M 5. Daryl Hagle	800 RELAY 4. Mondo Rodriguez, Brandon Reyna, Marcus Mostad, Jonathan Sandoval
1600 M 5. Tony Sanchez	400 M 4. Hunter Darnell
JUNIOR VARSITY	
TRIPLE JUMP 5. Jonathan Sandoval	300 IH 2. Dylan Bryant 3. Drey Patton
SHOT PUT 2. Brendan Mikeska 4. Mondo Rodriguez	1600 RELAY 3. Mondo Rodriguez, Dylan Bryant, Brandon Reyna, Hunter Darnell

VFW to observe National Day of Prayer

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

ROWENA- The annual National Day of Prayer will be held and hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Rowena Post 9196 and its Ladies Auxiliary at 7 p.m. and will be led by Miles Ministerial Group. The theme for this year's service is "Investing in Hope... Transforming our Nation through Prayer!"

This is a yearly event encouraging community, church, government, civil leaders, and all to come

together to pray for direction and guidance for our nation. The prayer service will be held and hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Rowena Post 9196 and its Ladies Auxiliary at 7 p.m. and will be led by Miles Ministerial Group. Area organizations, local churches, and the general public are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information call John Multer, Commander VFW 9196 at 658 1688.

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Helping a dream to take flight

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER— In May of 2005, the inaugural flight took place with six small planes taking off from Springfield, Ohio, with 12 World War II veterans aboard, they were bound to visit the memorial in Washington, D.C. in the first Honor Flight. By August the ever-expanding waiting list led to transition to commercial carriers. Today, two Runnels County veterans are on the list, and ready to take off.

Omer Halfmann, of Olfen, and Leroy Pelzel, of Miles, signed up for the Honor Flight through the Runnels County Veterans Services Office. The program, sponsored by The Honor Flight Network and conceived by Earl Morse, a retired Air Force Captain, takes WWII veterans to Washington D.C. to see the WWII Memorial.

Pelzel, who served with the Air Corps between October of 1944 and September of 1946, was an ambulance driver and medic. Halfmann served in the Navy as a Machinist's Mate, aboard the U.S.S. Escalante from October 1943 to 1946.

"This flight and the memorial give me something to look back on and give me more of an impression of what happened," said Pelzel.

For Halfmann the flight represents an opportunity to bring back memories of the battles fought in the Pacific, and is also a chance to remember his family. His father and two brothers also served in the armed forces.

Sandra Van Zant, Runnels County Veterans Services Officer, said that if these two veterans are selected for the flight, the tour will tentatively take place on September 10 through 12. Pelzel and Halfmann are on the waiting list through the Texas Permian Basin Honor Flight.

According to the net-

work's website, through the end of 2012 the Honor Flight Network transported more than 98,500 veterans to Washington, D.C. to see their memorial. The program presently has 127 hubs in 41 states.

Due to the senior age of WWII heroes, the program is committed to do all within its power to make their dream a reality.

Sandra Van Zant, Runnels Veterans Services Officer, said that the Honor Flight is free for all participating veterans, but each veteran must have a guardian with them. This guardian will assist the veteran with luggage, getting on and off planes and buses, and generally everything they need for a wonderful trip.

"We are trying to raise money for the guardians," said Van Zant. "Each one of the guardians must pay \$1,600. I am trying to raise the money to pay for the guardians to go on the flight. We must remember their sacrifice and honor these veterans," she added.

Van Zant started a fundraiser, taking donations from persons, churches, clubs and organizations to make the dream of these two veterans come true, and she is also selling cutoff stars from flags destined to be burned, and selling them among patriots and enthusiasts.

"If they are not selected, the donations will be returned to the original donor," Van Zant said. "All donations will be returned except for the stars, we are selling the stars for \$2 and they are too many to keep track of each one of them, the money will go to the Veterans Travel Fund."

So far some clubs and organizations have responded to the call. Last week the Ballinger Noon Lions Club donated \$500, while the VFW Post 9196 Rowena donated \$200 to this cause.

For more information on the Honor Flight Network

and donations please contact Runnels County Veterans Services Officer Sandra Van Zant, at P.O. Box 108 Ballinger, TX 76821 or call at (325) 365 3612.



On behalf of the Ballinger Noon Lions Club, club President Raymond Anderson presents a donation to Sandra Van Zant.

CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change*

April 21 - 25 Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

Monday
Breakfast Taco or Cereal/Toast w/ Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
Pancake/Syrup or Cereal/Toast w/ Jelly, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast Burrito/Salsa 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
Chef Salad or Lasagna/Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.) Bread Stick (H.S.) or Chicken Pattie/Bun, Peas & Carrots, Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Apple, Choice of Milk.

Tuesday
Chef Salad or Salisbury Steak/ Bread (Hot Roll or Chicken Tenders, Graham Cracker (Elem., J.H.) (H.S.) Bread Stick, Italian Green Beans, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Stick, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Blue Bell Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.

Wednesday
Chef Salad or Nachos or Chicken Fajita, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomatoes, Coleslaw, Strawberry, Choice of Milk.

Thursday
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Chicken Nugget/Gravy, Bread Stick or Meat Loaf/Hot Roll (oz.), Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Choice of Milk.

Friday
Chef Salad (H.S. only) or Hamburger or Chicken Bites/ Bread Stick, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Broccoli/Cherry Tomato, Lettuce/Pickles, Choice of Milk.

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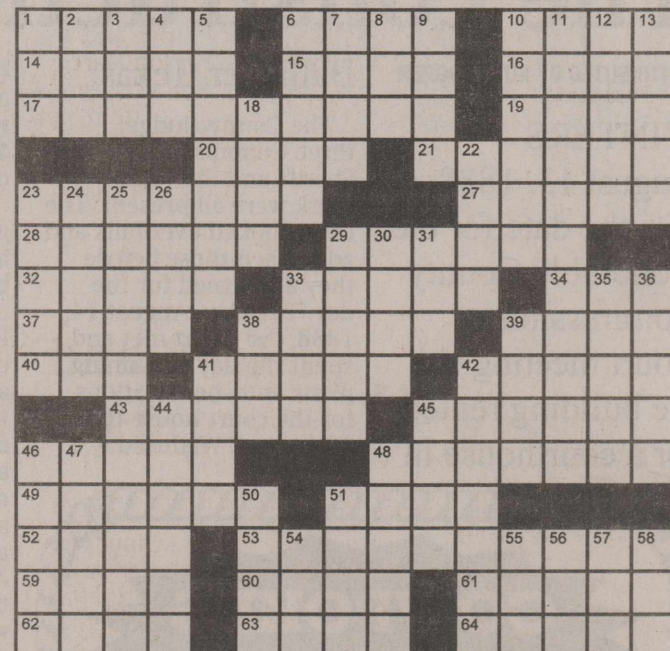
- 1 One of Obama's daughters
- 6 Earth
- 10 Train stops: abbr.
- 14 Excuse
- 15 Former science magazine
- 16 Goo Goo Dolls song "Livin' in ___"
- 17 You can take a trip down it while reminiscing
- 19 Person who saves the day
- 20 Squint
- 21 Person from Salt Lake City or Ogden
- 23 Happens to
- 27 Come up
- 28 Cat, dog or lion
- 29 It brews in a cup
- 32 Hubby's lady

- 33 Acrosses and (crossword entries)
- 34 "The Cat in the ___"
- 37 Back muscles, for short
- 38 Clay of "American Idol" fame
- 39 Elm or oak
- 40 Place to learn: abbr.
- 41 Kills, in the Bible
- 42 Coastline
- 43 Greek god for whom a theater in Harlem is named
- 45 Common ankle injury
- 46 Archenemy
- 48 Tricks
- 49 Fail to be
- 51 Cookie that can be twisted
- 52 Musical group
- 53 The good life
- 59 Light blue color

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- 61 "Cook-off" food in Texas
- 62 Even scores
- 63 Tactic
- 64 Goose sounds

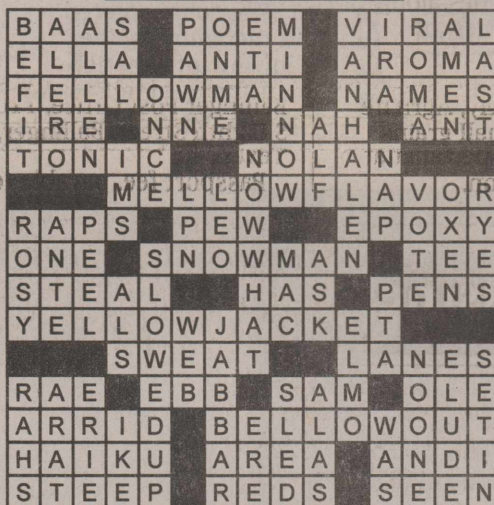
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- 1 Uncle ___
- 2 Ginger ___
- 3 ___ City (popular video game series)
- 4 "Girls" network
- 5 Time on the radio
- 6 Shoe parts
- 7 Actor Sharif
- 8 Holiday ___ (hotel chain)
- 9 In ___ of (replacing)
- 10 World's largest desert



- 11 You can "take it" by not getting involved in petty squabbles
- 12 Surrounding glows
- 13 Rock
- 18 Shout
- 22 Keep ___ on (watch closely)
- 23 Cries like a baby
- 24 Early computer, whose name spelled backwards is English actor Michael
- 25 Candy bar that doesn't require any travel
- 26 Iowa city
- 29 Japan's capital city
- 30 Sheepish ladies?
- 31 Landers of advice
- 33 Soap brand
- 35 Eagle's home
- 36 High school students, mostly
- 38 Every last bit
- 39 Drive-___ window
- 41 Musical piece for one
- 42 Blot of paint
- 44 Cute black-and-white animals
- 45 Gets an eyeful of
- 46 Morocco's capital
- 47 Person from Baghdad
- 48 In a sarcastic way, perhaps
- 50 Office worker just for a short time
- 51 Norway's capital
- 54 Be sick
- 55 Greek letter
- 56 A, in Germany
- 57 Moose's cousin
- 58 "___ the season..."

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID



Weather Whys

Q: Why does the sky sometimes look green during a thunderstorm?

A: It's a question that has been asked for centuries and is still not fully answered, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "We know the ancient Greeks reported seeing green skies during thunderstorms, and sailors for hundreds of years have written about green skies," McRoberts explains. "The most popular theory is that thunderstorms contain a lot of water - often in the form of hail - and this water or ice tends to scatter green light during the strong updrafts that occur in severe storms. That's why many people say the sky appears green right before a hailstorm."



Runnels County Veterans Services Officer Sandra Van Zant, Navy WWII veteran Omer Halfmann, Air Corps WWII veteran Leroy Pelzel, and Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard.

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The construction of the courthouse begins

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WINTERS—
August 13, 1888,
was the date for the
Honorable County
Commissioners
Court meeting in
the building rented
for a courthouse in

Ballinger, Texas.

The County Judge, three Commissioners, the Sheriff and the County Clerk were all present. The court looked over bills and addressed those before they adjourned for the day. Tuesday, August 14, 1888, the Court met and spent the day examining plans and specifications for the court house then adjourned. Wednesday,

the 15th, the court met and examined the quarterly reports and collected \$1985.08, money that was owed to the county.

The 16th day of August, the order of the day involved plans presented by Eugen T. Heiner, Architect for a Court House for Runnels County. The court adopted the plan and Heiner was ordered to make changes as were designated and prepare all necessary general and detailed drawings and specifications, then file all with the County Judge. As compensation for the services, "Mr. Heiner would receive the sum of 3½ percent upon the cost of the building - \$30,000 or less."

The orders further required Mr. Heiner to superintend the construction. Certificates of compensation would be issued to total 5 percent with 1½ to be paid on completion. Railroad fare would be paid for the architect during the construction. The court said "upon the architect of the court house filing the plans and specifications, the County Judge is authorized to advertise for proposals for the erection of the building." The court would act on Monday, September 24, 1888 with each bid to be accompanied with a certified check of \$500. The court adjourned for the day.

Thursday morning, August 16th, 1888, the Honorable Court met with all officers present. The court entered into the minutes, the following information about the funding for the court house to be build: "Whereas the county of

Runnels is about to erect a new courthouse and has at this term contracted for the plans of said building and the necessity exists to provide for the payment of the works of said Court House. Therefore, be it ordered by the Court of Commissioners of Runnels County a full board being present at the Regular August Term, that bonds of the denomination of (\$500) Five Hundred Dollars be issued in the sum of (\$30,000), Thirty Thousand Dollars according to and complying with all of the laws of the State of Texas, and that the tax of 15 cents on the (\$100) one hundred dollars taxable value heretofore levied according to the laws of the State of Texas at the February Term 1888 be and is hereby applied to the liquidation of the interest and principal of said bonds. And be further ordered that said bonds are to bear 6 per cent interest and that the County Judge be authorized to negotiate with the Comptroller of Texas for the investment of said bonds and to invest the same in the permanent School Fund of Texas and in case of failure, thereon to place said bonds at not less than par with any parties desiring the same in any amount. And be it further ordered that the County Clerk and Assessor prepare for the use of the County Judge all such statements as maybe necessary showing the taxable property according to the rolls, all indebtedness and all orders or other information which may be necessary to carry out the effect of the foregoing order. And

be it further ordered that the County Judge procure from the Attorney General of the State of Texas, a certificate of the legality of said bonds and also to procure sufficient blank bonds according to the Laws of Texas, necessary for this loan. And be it further ordered that County Judge and County Clerk sign all orders and certificates and bonds necessary for the carrying out of this order and that the funds accruing from the sale of said bonds be placed in the custody of the Treasurer of Runnels County by time to be paid out upon the warrants of this Court for the works and material of the Runnels County Court House."

Ballinger's Post Office was established June 1, 1886. William A. Procter was the first Postmaster. With the railroad in Ballinger where the Colorado River and Elm Creek converge, the boom town atmosphere was continuing. During this period in time, not all people came by covered wagon. Some families came by train, shipping their possessions. It often took a lot of time for their possessions to arrive. During this waiting time, the women, girls and small children would stay at the hotel. The men and boys usually stayed at the wagon yard. There were those families where the men would send the women, girls and children by train while they brought all of their possessions by wagon.

There were no hospitals at this time in Runnels County or anywhere else. The wealthy ranchers would bring their family

that was sick to stay at the hotel. This way, they were close to the doctor of the town. Some of the ailing would stay for weeks and sometimes months.

People who became mentally ill were brought to the hotel in town and kept until they could be tried for insanity. After the trial, if they were pronounced insane, they would be kept at a hotel for a while until there was a vacancy at an asylum and they were admitted there.

Also, during this time at the hotel, the jury usually slept there while deliberating on a case when court was in session. The hotel in Ballinger was a popular place to have weddings. There were a lot of young men moving to the western country, and Runnels County looking to settle here. They were alone and upon arrival found the number of men outnumbered the ladies by several times. Some found work; some found the opportunity to buy cheap land or to go into business for themselves. With this case, sometimes the young men would send for his sweetheart back home to come and join him. When the ladies arrived, they were usually taken to the hotel to reside until they married.

Resources:

Runnels County Historical Commission Histories
Runnels County Commissioner's Court Minutes, August 1888.
Runnels County Clerk Records
The Pearce's Pioneering Days in Texas, Zelma (Hayley) Strom

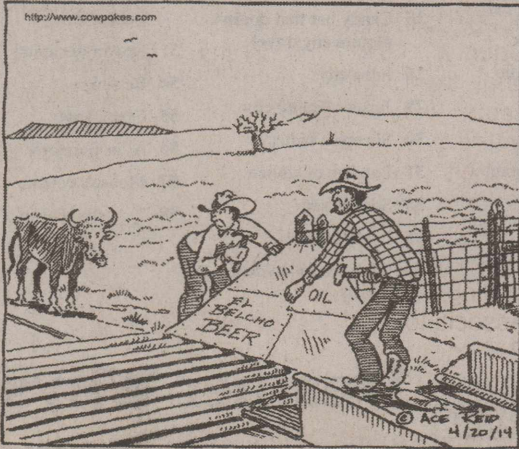
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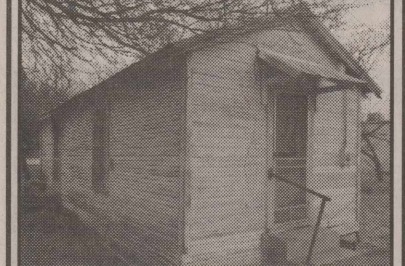
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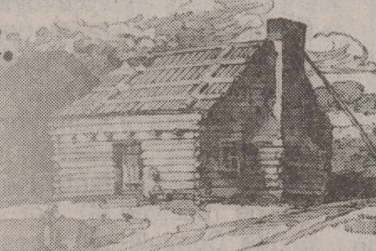
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RIGHT: Some of the motorcycles in the fun run here parked on West Dale Street.

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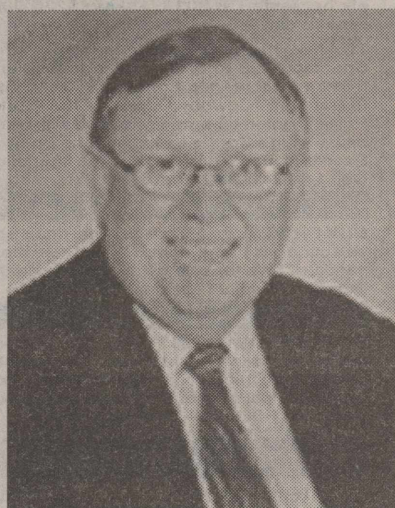
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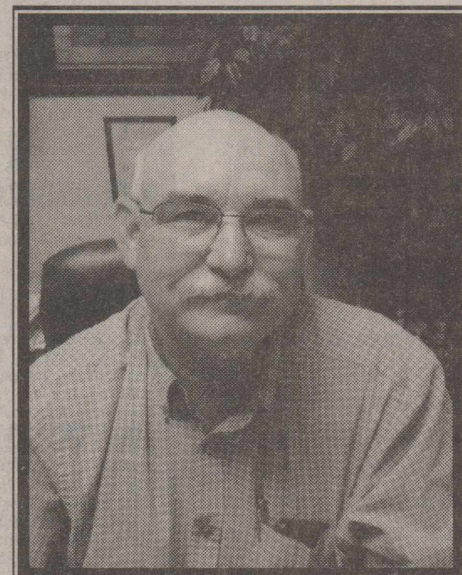
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