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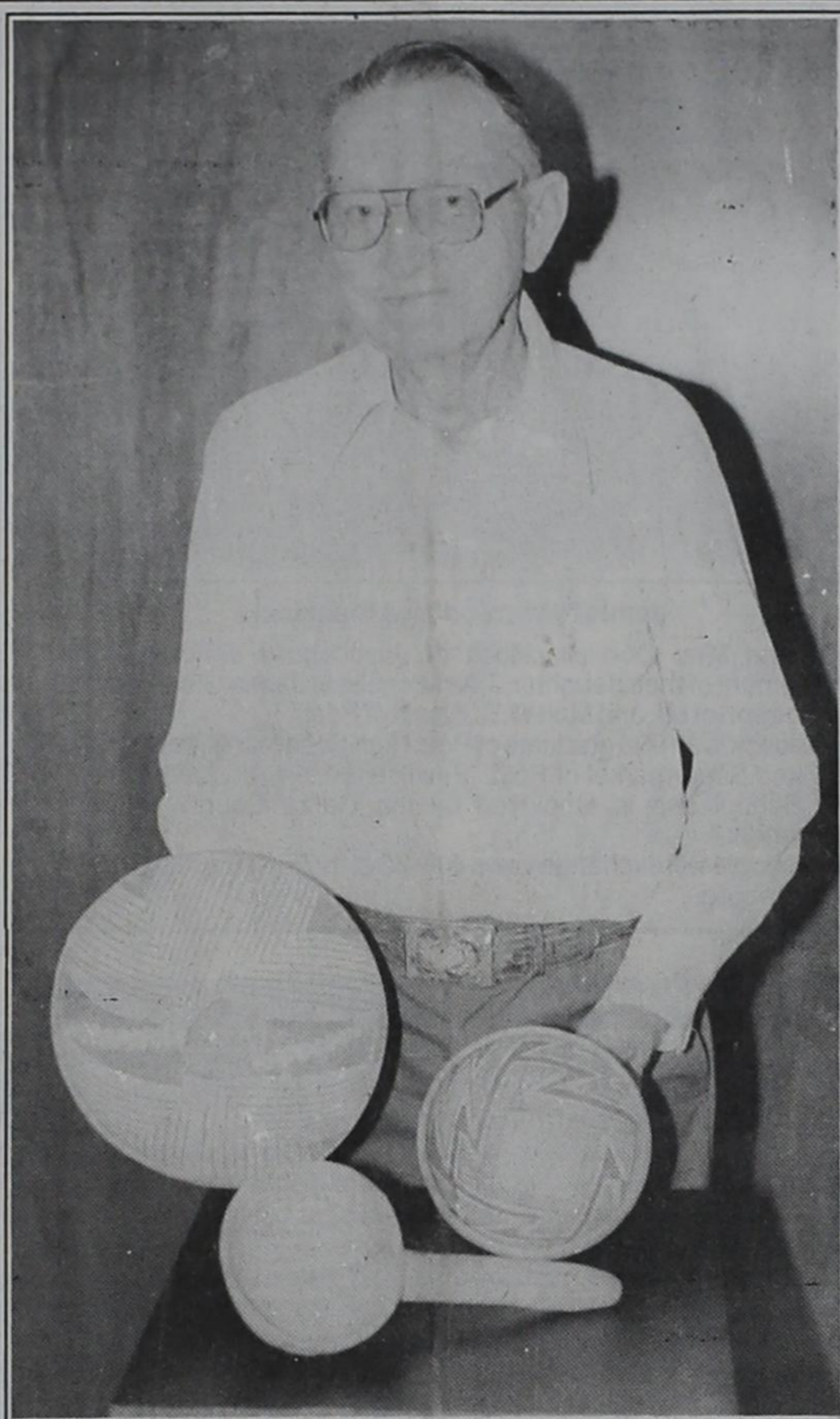
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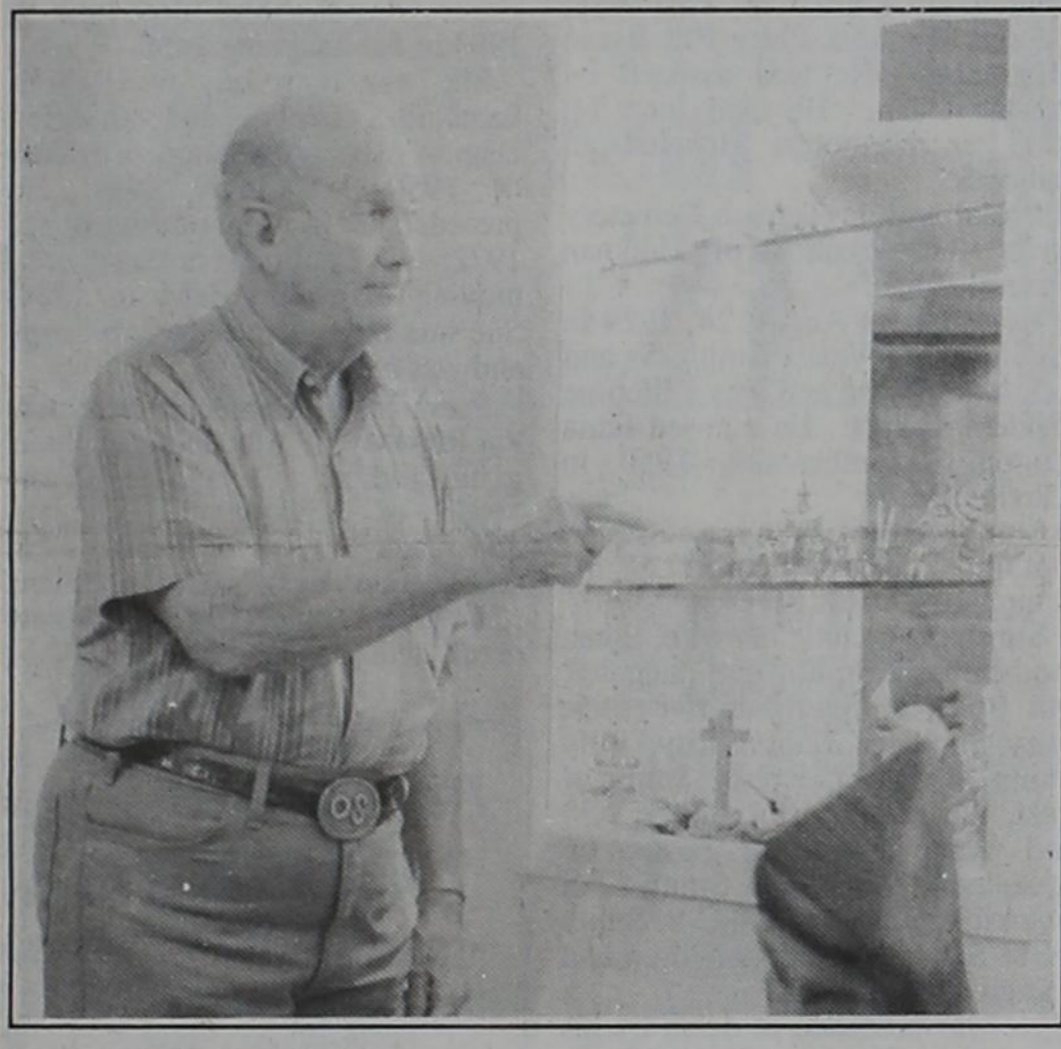


Dispatch Photos by John Cordson

Southwest exhibit ready to open at OS Ranch Museum

EXHIBITS like these shown by Chief Frank Runkles (top) and Giles McCrary (left two photos) will go on display Thursday, June 17 at the OS Ranch Museum. The exhibit will include a southwestern flavor as articles from the area will be put on display.

The exhibit featuring several pre-historic items from the collection of Chief Runkles is currently being mounted in the museum. Chief Runkles is holding pieces of pottery from the Mimbres culture from southwest New Mexico. The pieces are dated from around 1200 A.D.



Post ISD classified as a wealthy school district

District may have to share its wealth

by John Cordson

Guidelines established by the new school finance bill recently passed in Austin have included Post ISD in the group of wealthy districts across the state. If Post ISD remains in this group, it will have to share some of its wealth with poorer school districts. According to the law, wealthy school districts are defined as those having more than \$280,000 of taxable wealth per weighted average daily attendance (WADA) for the 1993-94 school year. Under a formula set forth in Senate Bill 7, Post's taxable wealth per WADA is \$287,800.

Nothing about this financing package is easy to understand. The method used to determine a school district's wealth is both complicated and controversial. This has caused concern for Post ISD superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain. He voiced these concerns at the school board's Tuesday, June 8 meeting.

Dr. Bain objected at the way Post's taxable wealth per student was figured. Lawmakers used projected WADA figures for the 1993-94 school year and actual 1992 county property valuations.

"Each district was requested in October 1992 to estimate the district's weighted average daily attendance for the 1993-94 school year," said Dr. Bain. "Our estimate was 1501." WADA is derived from the district's average daily attendance (the actual average number of students who attend school within the district) with several "weights" attached to students such as special education, vocational education, at risk students and low income students. Post ISD had an average daily attendance of 974 for the 1992-93 school year. Dr. Bain expects that when figures are returned from the state, Post's WADA for 1992-93 will be around 1560.

The value for 1992, (Garza County's valuation for 1992 was \$432 million) is then divided by the projected WADA to come up with the district's taxable wealth per student.

This mix of old and new data placing Post in the wealthy school district category is what caused Dr. Bain to protest.

"It's hard enough to estimate ADA much less Weighted ADA," said Dr. Bain. He argues that if districts have to use hard figures from existing valuations, why can't they use actual figures for WADA or use projected figures all the way around to come up the a district's taxable wealth.

Divide projection by projection or

actual by actual and either way, Post would fall below the wealthy category.

According to numbers Dr. Bain obtained from Billie Windham at the Garza County Appraisal District, the county's valuation for 1993-94 is projected to drop to \$403 million. Divide this by the estimated WADA and Post's taxable wealth is \$268,487. Go with hard figures and the district still comes in under the limit at \$276,923.

"I'm currently working with the state agency to get us below the \$280,000 figure," said Dr. Bain.

If his efforts are unsuccessful, Post will have to adopt one of five methods designated by the state to reduce its taxable wealth per student. These options include the district writing a check to the state to purchase student education credits; educating students from other districts; voluntary consolidation with neighboring school districts; consolidation of tax bases or the removal of property from the tax rolls which is then given to low-wealth districts.

District residents would go to the polls and vote on which option they want to use to bring their taxable wealth under the limit. The consolidation options scare Dr. Bain. He is concerned voters

won't understand the implications of each option and decide to consolidate.

"Districts that choose to use any of the consolidation options will never be able to get the property back once it is consolidated with another district," warns Dr. Bain.

According to Dr. Bain, Post's best option, should it become necessary, would be to write the state a check. This option could cost the school district a minimum of \$150,000.

Another aspect of this bill that drew the ire of Dr. Bain was lawmakers attitudes on districts that over or under estimate their WADA. He said in a recent trip to Austin he was told that if local districts overestimated their WADA, putting the district in line to receive payments or not make them, the state wanted to correct the figures. On the other hand, if a district like Post underestimated its WADA, the district was stuck with the estimate.

"Supposedly, if you estimated more than actual, you will have to pay back the money in September of 1994," said Dr. Bain. "If you estimated less than actual, then the state may or may not pay it back in September of 1994."

Even at \$150,000, Dr. Bain said Post is luckier than some districts across the state. As an example he said it looks like the Seminole School District will have to send approximately \$27 million to Austin. And some districts like Jayton would have to spend all the revenues from a \$1.50 tax just to get under the \$280,000 ceiling.

"This is a crazy bill that appears to have no flexibility," said Dr. Bain.

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Dr. Bobby Bain

Commissioners approve 9-1-1 grant application

by John Cordson

Garza County Commissioners Court approved a resolution asking for a grant to further upgrade the county's 9-1-1 emergency telephone system. The commissioners passed the resolution asking for the \$5,000 grant after hearing from SPAG (South Plains Area Government) representative Ella O'Neal at the court's Monday, June 14 meeting. The grant will be used for

rural addressing that will allow the 9-1-1 system to be upgraded to include an automatic location option.

To claim the money made available by a grant from several private companies, the commissioners court had to act before July 30 so the application could be processed by the grant's September 1 deadline.

"If not claimed, the moneys are put back into a pool and redistributed

across the state," said O'Neal. If additional money is made available, O'Neal said Garza County may receive more funds for the project.

According to an estimate provided by O'Neal, for the county to change addresses in rural areas will cost approximately \$42,000. This included mapping, cataloging and street and road signs. The cost of the rural addressing project estimate also includes a 25 percent in-kind contribution by the county. This could include work provided by volunteers and others acting on the county's behalf.

The County sponsored summer food program for school age children is more than meeting expectations. According to figures provided program coordinator Mikki Miller, 1058 children were fed through the program in its first week that began June 7.

"The program started out where it peaked last year," commented Garza County Judge Giles Dalby.

Every day, over 100 children take advantage of the breakfasts and lunches served in the Post Elementary lunchroom. With a high of 177 on June 10, the lunch meal draws the largest number each day. The highest number to come for the 7:30 breakfast has been 98 on two different days.

Friday was the slowest day with just over 100 being served between the two meals. This was expected since the education and recreation program

that is being held at the schools this summer do not meet this day.

One of the county's architects for the courthouse project, Jay Shinn, was on hand to provide the commissioners with more information on placing an elevator in the current courthouse versus the proposed annex.

Shinn's visit was a follow up to a request made by Gerron Hite from the Texas Historical Commission. Hite wrote the commissioners court a letter requesting they look further into the option of putting an elevator in the current courthouse instead of building the proposed annex.

Installing an elevator in the courthouse and making the restrooms handicap accessible would cost a little over \$295,000 according to Shinn's estimate. It would also eliminate approximately 10 percent of the existing floor space in the courthouse.

Hardest hit would be the county clerk's office on the first floor. All of the record storage and work space in the southwest portion of the floor currently utilized by clerk Sonny Gosset would be lost to the elevator and restrooms.

Shinn said his estimate is close to actual costs "Assuming we don't run into any unexpected problems," he said. "There's just no telling what we will find in the floor spaces and there are no major structural problems."

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Cultural planning meeting June 26

Citizens are urged to attend a special open meeting June 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algeria Art Center. The meeting concerns the Community Cultural Plan. Public input is needed on the plan which is designed to give direction, guidelines, goals and time schedules for future development of Post's arts and cultural industry.

According to organizers, the plan will not only benefit the arts and cultural industry, it will also provide useful resources to other governing bodies as well as other arts and civic development groups in Garza County.

Peter Fox, president of the Texas Arts Council and Emma Burnett, the TAC's project director, will be in Post prior to the public meeting preparing and gathering data that will be helpful in the development of the cultural plan. The two will be interviewing citizens June 23 through 25. The team will then compile the information in the plan to be included in the city's plan.

"While city plans are generally impersonal, dealing with roads, trash, water, population figures, etc, the

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Post sophomores score well in TAAS testing

by John Cordson

Preliminary TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) test results are in and Post students improved in some areas and surpassed the state average in others. The Post ISD School board reviewed the TAAS results during its Tuesday, June 8 meeting.

"These are preliminary results, but we are assured they will remain basically the same once they get back from the state," said instructor Pat Thompson during her presentation of the results to the board. Post fourth, eighth and 10th grade students took the tests.

The results showed Post 10th graders who are taking the exit level test for the first time far exceed the state average in all three categories tested. Post had 93 percent meeting minimum expectations in writing as compared to 80 percent for the state. In reading, Post 10th graders had 80 percent meet the minimum expectations while the state average was 70 percent. And in math, 70 percent of Post 10th graders met the minimum easily surpassing the 55 percent state average.

"We're significantly above the state

average in all areas," noted Post ISD superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain. "We're not totally pleased with the test results but we are improving."

The tests were taken in two parts with the writing part completed in March and the reading and math taken in May. This was also the first year for Post 10th graders to take the TAAS. By taking the test their sophomore year, students passing all areas of the test don't have to worry about the test anymore.

"One good point of putting it in the 10th grade is that it removes some of the pressure," said Dr. Bain.

Another positive of having sophomores take the TAAS is that it gives those failing the test five chances to pass the exam before they are eligible for graduation. A plus since all seniors in Texas must pass TAAS before they can graduate.

The eighth grade students as a whole, while scoring at or below the state average in all three tests, still showed signs for optimism. This same group took the TAAS last year as seventh graders. Test scores their second time around showed improvement in both

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Family gives thanks to Children's Miracle network

Little Ana Christina Aguilar has plenty of reason to thank the people of Post who donated money for the Children's Miracle Network Telethon that was held June 5 and 6. Ana knows first hand the good that comes from programs such as the Miracle Network because she is a miracle child herself.

When she was five weeks old, she was diagnosed with Hepatoblastoma, a type of liver cancer. After numerous medical tests she underwent three surgeries, one to remove a tumor, one for exploratory purposes and the final one to remove a number of connections coming out of her little body.

According to her mother, Cindy Aguilar, Ana was only given a 30 percent chance of surviving following her first surgery. Thanks to the dedicated work and skill of her doctors, she now has the same chance as any other healthy pre-schooler.

"She is now a picture of an outgoing beautiful little girl who has been doing real well and now has a chance at a long life," said her mother.

Much of this life giving care was made possible because of programs like the Children's Miracle Network. A fact that is not lost on Mrs. Aguilar.

"Thanks to God who put these people, facilities and equipment on this Earth to help us," said Mrs. Aguilar. "There was first Dr. Jean Rankin who suspected the tumor, Dr. Jane Goldthorn for confirming the cancer and performing the surgeries, University Medical Center and their



Ana Christina Aguilar

wonderful caring staff and valuable equipment for all being there when we needed you most."

All of this takes money and caring people. This is where the people of Post come in to the picture. Thanks to the generosity of local people, Ana was able to hand deliver \$207.66 to the Children's Hospital at University Medical Center in Lubbock. This money, as well as all the other donations called in during the recent telethon help to improve the equipment and facilities to better treat children.

Mrs. Aguilar summed up her feelings by saying "Once again, thanks Post from the bottom of our hearts."



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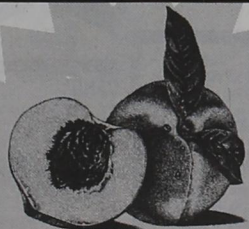
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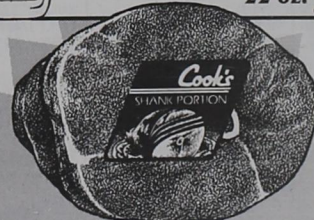
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Kylor Dunn

Dunn headed to national tournament

Kylor Dunn, grandson of Joe and Ruthell Stanley and great-grandson of Elsie Mae Jackson of Post, has recently earned a berth in the National Tae Kwon Do tournament scheduled for July 1-3 in Dayton, Ohio.

To earn his way to the national tournament, Dunn competed in the regional tournament held May 22 in Amarillo. There he placed first in sparring and second in form. From there he went to the state tournament in Dallas on June 5. His third place in form and sparring earned him the trip to Dayton and the national tournament.

Texas Cowboy Review open to the public

Cowboy Musicians will begin strumming around sundown, (approximately 9:00 p.m.) on Saturday, June 19 at the Rodeo Grounds. The public is invited to come on down and join in the fun, be sure and bring your lawn chairs. A contribution of \$5 will keep this ball going.

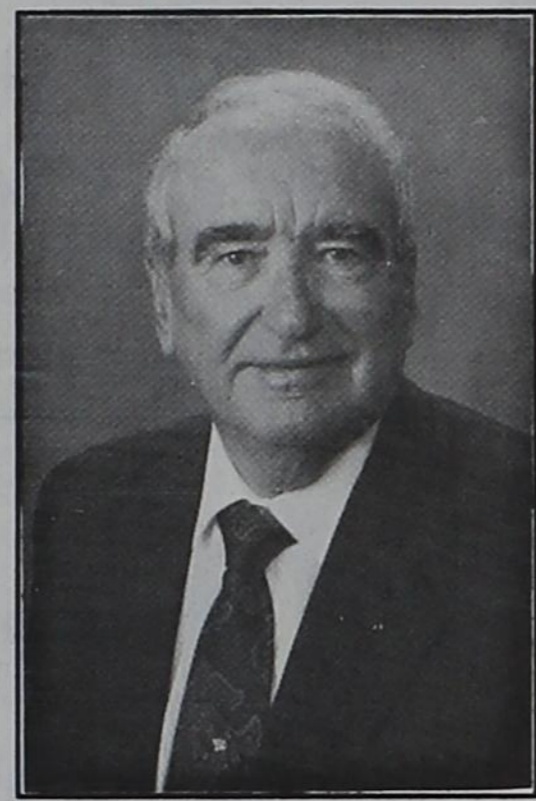
The 6 to 8 musicians in the Texas Cowboy Review are not tied down to any particular type of music. Their love of music is as varied as the backgrounds of each member. Just mention country, bluegrass, Texas sawing, pop, gospel, or cowboy and someone will grab an instrument and the fun begins.

The award winning woman's barbershop quartet, Chrystal Collections of Lubbock will be on the June 19 itinerary. The group won second place in regional competition of quartets from Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana. As members of Sweet Adelines, International (30,000 women from all over the world) and the Prairie Winds of Lubbock, LaRee Eckman, Marylyn Douthit, Andrea O'Neill and Becky Wilkins perform at meetings, parties, Lubbock Arts Festival and other events.

How good a musician can you be at 14? Real, real good, describes Ryan Toomire, the pride of Big Springs.

Noel White, local Post musician, loves old time Cowboy Music, strumming the guitar, singing with friends, and entertaining at banquets, meetings and area events. Noel and wife, Orabeth live in the Graham Community real close to Jane Mason, another Postite that loves to sing. We applauded her "Daisy Mae" act at the 1992 CCA Banquet. Jane entertains in many local affairs encouraged by her husband, Lewis.

The Caprock Cultural Association is proud to sponsor this Cowboy Entertainment.



L.J. Richardson

Former Post banker earns state honor

L. J. Richardson, a prominent West Texas banker, was honored with a Fifty Year Banker Award by the Texas Bankers Association at a luncheon during the 109th annual TBA convention held in early May in Austin.

Richardson, the CEO and Chairman of the Board at the First National Bank of Brownfield, entered the banking profession in October 1941 at the First National Bank of Post as a bookkeeper. His career was interrupted by World War II. Richardson served 37 months with the 11th Air Force.

He resumed his banking career back in Post. He continued with the First National Bank of Post until May of 1953 when he accepted a position as cashier at the Brownfield bank he leads now.

He married the former Nora Blacklock of Post in 1946. The couple have two children and four grandchildren. Richardson is also the brother of Faye Mathis and Floy Richardson, both of Post.

Exercise important for all ages

Exercise is important for all ages, but for older adults it can mean more than just staying in shape. It also can help mitigate disease and prolong life.

"Some 85 percent of older Americans with chronic diseases could benefit from exercise along with proper nutrition," according to Dr. Mary Kinney Bielamowicz, professor and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension at Texas A&M University.

"By increasing muscle strength through exercise, the percents of body fat associated with increased risk of chronic diseases such as diabetes or heart disease can be reduced," she said. "Physical activity greatly enhances the ability of insulin to metabolize glucose."

Also, high blood pressure is often aggravated by increased fat and inactivity, she said. Exercise plus weight loss increase the high-density lipoprotein or good cholesterol, exerting a protective effect against heart disease.

"No single feature of age-related decline can more dramatically alter caloric intake, overall nutrient intake or status, breathing, ambulation, mobility and independence as the decline in muscle mass," Bielamowicz said.

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Cosmetology exam June 23 at South Plains

A pre-entrance cosmetology exam is scheduled June 23 and July 14 for the fall quarter of cosmetology classes at South Plains College.

The exams are scheduled from 9-11 a.m. in the SPC Student Assistance Center on the third floor of the library. Fee is \$10.

The fall quarter begins September 1.

During the one-year program, students are taught the rules and regulations of the Texas Cosmetology Commissions and are exposed to the theory and skills of shampooing, hair and scalp treatment, hair cutting, chemical hair relaxing, hair styling and shaping, manicuring, cold waving, hair coloring and facials.

Students also are exposed to the knowledge, skills and experiences necessary to become licensed by the Texas Cosmetology Commission and the function as a cosmetologist in the State of Texas.

In addition to meeting the general admissions requirement of SPC, students who wish to enter the cosmetology program must make separate application to the program, satisfactory scores on a pre-entrance cosmetology exam and must interview with program faculty.

Once accepted into the cosmetology program, the student is also required to make application with the Texas Cosmetology Commission, pay a \$15 registration fee with the TCC and provide two photographs. Program faculty assist with the TCC registration process.

For more information, contact SPC at 806-894-9611, ext. 368 or 297.

Plan

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community plans will delve into personal concerns, likes and dislikes," explained CCA executive director JoAnn Mock. "It will emphasize visions and dreams of its citizens to improve the quality of life in the community. We know that there are some great ideas out there and we invite people to come and share them with us at the meeting."

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Swoopes to make special appearance at camp

Former South Plains College standout Sheryl Swoopes will make a special appearance during the Lady Texas Basketball Camp, which will be held July 18-23.

The camp, under the direction of South Plains College women's basketball coach Lyndon Hardin, is open to all girls in fifth grade through high school.

"We feel we have one of the better camps around," Hardin said. "We try to keep a small ratio between instructors and campers. It's a good environment to learn fundamentals."

The purpose of the camp is to provide an opportunity for girls an young women to improve their basketball skills in a fun environment. The fundamentals of basketball are stressed, with sportsmanship, team play and self-confidence emphasized as well.



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The Apostle Paul puts it this way, "for what agreement is there between the Temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.'" (1 Cor. 6:16)

Thus, all believers have become God's people. Several things happen to the people of God as they live for Him.

•First, God governs his people. God does this through his grace, through his goodness, through his kindness, and through his holiness. The Holy Bible teaches that Christians are sheep of his pasture. PSA. 23 teaches us that as he governs he meets every need that his people might have. What a wonderful thought and blessing.

•Second, God guides his people. God guides that Christian through difficult times, and through times of blessings, Jesus said that he would

never leave his people or forsake them.

• Third, God guards his people.

God guards his people from the wickedness and corruption that is in the world. This is illustrated by Lot and his family as they lived in the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. While there God guarded them and delivered them before destroying these sinful cities.

•Fourth, God gathers his people. One day God will gather his people to a place the Bible calls Heaven, the City of God. A place where streets are made of gold, gates made of pearls, walls made of jasper and precious stones. But most important, a place where there will be absolutely no sin and wickedness; a place where God has prepared a mansion for each of his people.

Jesus said in the Gospel of John, Chapter 14, that he goes to prepare a place for his people, and that if he prepares a place he will come again that where he is there his people may be also.

Friends, are you ready for that great gathering of God people in the sky? And as the Apostle Paul says, "so shall we ever be with the Lord." Being God's people. What a privilege.



Jim Graham

• Courthouse

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Possible structural problems are one reason the commissioners court is hesitant about adding an elevator to the courthouse.

"It scares me to death to think about tearing into the existing courthouse," said Judge Dalby.

After talking with Shinn and reviewing his drawings and cost estimates, the commissioners felt that pursuing the annex proposal was in

the county's best interest. They instructed county attorney Preston Poole to draft a letter to the Historical Commission explaining this and inviting someone from the Commission to attend the next public hearing on the project where they can hear first hand the reasoning behind the courts choice.

"It's not a workable idea," said commissioner Lee Norman about adding an elevator to the courthouse. "I don't think we should pursue it any further."

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
I consider myself both a citizen of Post and Lubbock.

Much of my business interest is in Garza County and my personal business and home are in Lubbock. I lived in Post in 1949-50 and know many of the people that lived there then and now. We have many friends, suppliers and employees that live in Post.

We participate in the civic affairs of both Lubbock and Post, contributing financially to almost every worthy cause in both cities.

We want to see both Post and Lubbock prosper and remain attractive places in which to live.

When either city suffers from any reason, it concerns me very much.

In my opinion, I think the recent awards for the Lake Alan Henry mineral rights was an unfair and crippling blow to the City of Lubbock. We operate in the area and have some knowledge of the value of the minerals there.

From what I can learn from my friends and associates in Post, the representatives of the City of Lubbock have handled this entire Lake Alan Henry project rather

poorly in dealing with the people of Garza County.

In my forty five years of dealing with the people of Garza County, I have found them to be fair and honest and pleasant to do business with when they felt they were being treated with respect and fairness.

I apologize to the Citizens of Garza County who feel that they have been injured or offended in their dealings with the representatives of my City of Lubbock.

I am sorry for my fellow citizens of Lubbock for the manner in which my friends in Garza County have expressed their anger and frustration in making what I consider an unjustified award based on the true market value of these leases.

I hope that in some manner the damage we have done to both our communities can be reversed and we can exist in mutual respect with a concern for the other.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Ray J. Diekemper, Jr.

Davenport, Teague announce engagement



Earnest Teague and Wendy Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Stelzer of Post and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davenport of Winnsboro announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Michelle Davenport to Earnest Dewayne Teague of San Angelo. Teague is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Teague of Lamesa.

Davenport is a graduate of Southland High School. She attended South Plains College and will be attending Angelo State University. Teague is a graduate of Lamesa High School. He attended South Plains College and will also be attending Angelo State University. He is employed by Texaco New Mexico Pipeline in San Angelo.

The couple will exchange wedding vows August 14, 1993 at the First Baptist Church in Post.

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reading and writing and improvement in certain areas of math. As seventh graders they had 51 percent meet minimums in writing, 42 percent in reading and 39 percent in math. The same group, taking the eighth grade level test had 66 percent meet minimums in writing, 61 percent in reading and 31 percent in math.

"If you compare this year's eighth grade scores with those from the same group last year there is remarkable improvement," said Dr. Bain.

Dr. Bain said a contributing factor in the lower eighth grade scores was apathy by the students.

"I still believe with the eighth grade test we can make some changes because I believe some of the kids aren't taking the test seriously. We need to take some positions and do some things to make those kids take this thing seriously."

Eighth grade students who fail any part of the TAAS are targeted for special help in those areas they did not pass.

Fourth grade students were near state averages in all three testing areas with 78 percent in writing, 57 percent in reading and 62 percent in math meeting minimum standards. State averages for the three tests were 81 percent in writing, 56 percent in reading and 59 percent in math.



Paige Tanner

Paige Tanner wins trip to Washington D.C.

Paige Tanner, the daughter of former Post resident Norman Tanner, is one of two Menard High School students winning trips to Washington D.C. this summer.

Tanner, a junior at Menard and sophomore Andy Heyman won the trips by writing two award winning essays in a contest sponsored by Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative of Eldorado. Tanner will be among 75 Texas youth to tour Washington D.C. this summer.

New composting rules released

The Texas Water Commission today issued a new enforcement policy that makes composting by small-scale, low-impact operations such as schools, apartment complexes and small businesses an important part of its overall recycling plan.

"Composting is one of the most cost-efficient ways to recycle," said TWC Chairman John Hall. Texans will save money by reducing the load on precious landfill space.

The new policy encourages the development of additional composting opportunities. Previously even the smallest composting operation not dealing with yard waste required either a TWC registration or permit.

The new enforcement policy includes the following categories:

*Homes, businesses and institutions utilizing "backyard composting," the composting of vegetative (fruit, vegetable or grain) food waste and yard waste generated on-site.

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Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA

IRS KEEPS CLOSE TABS ON SMALL CORPORATIONS

When General Motors determines its executive payroll, the compensation committee of the board of directors meets and someone takes minutes. When it comes to retaining earnings in the company's coffers, again there is documentation of the decision and what was behind it.

Trouble is, most small corporations don't keep such good records—but they should. In a small corporation, for instance, the Internal Revenue Service may fault an owner who takes a large salary instead of calling part of it a dividend—which gets taxed twice. It may be wise for the owner of a small company to tie compensation to revenues, or declare a larger salary from the start and then defer part of it.

Likewise, the IRS looks askance at the amount of earnings retained. Its general formula allows a company to keep enough money to finance one business cycle, a minimal amount. But the IRS will make allowances if a company's records indicate planned expansion. Again, good recordkeeping helps the business owner prove his case.

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Yesteryears

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by Deana Gunn
10 Years Ago
June 16, 1983

A site at the top of the cap, a landmark, an outlook, a former battleground, just north of what is now the city of Post, became a beautiful park for the residents of Post and passersby when N.C. Outlaw donated this to the state for that purpose a few years ago.

The 1983 Art Classic Juried Show was held in Lubbock at the Garden and Arts Center with 3 Post residents receiving recognition, Vicki Diggs, JoAnn Mock, and Arnold Sanderson.

Angie Castillo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Castillo and a high school senior, is among a group of 30 students and teacher leaders who participated in the People-to-People High School Students Ambassador program.

Jill Richardson was among those honored as Texas seventh graders in Duke University's 3rd annual search for mathematically and verbally brilliant students at a ceremony held at the University of Texas.

20 Years Ago
June 14, 1973

Ruth Young was one of a number of members of Garza County Historical Survey Commission who have written stories for "Wagon Wheels", a history of Garza County, which was delivered to publishers. Mrs. Young has written stories on Garza County oil, the history of dentistry in the county, John B. Slaughter, and other articles for the book.

Garza County Commissioners voted to up salaries for the first time in 8 years.

3 Post students were listed on the Honor Roll at Western Texas College in Snyder, William Roland Davis, Pam Petty, and Johnny Wallace.

Billy Max Gordon, a Post High School graduate, accepted a coaching

position at Hamilton High School where he did his student teaching this spring while attending Tarleton State College at Stephenville.

30 Years Ago
June 13, 1963

Oldtimers termed it the "the heaviest rain in the city's 56 year history, when cloudburst floods Post, with 5.5 inches of rain and hail in 75 minutes.

R.T. Smith, after 5 years as superintendent of Post schools, was released from further duties here by the school trustees. Smith wanted to devote his time to the promotion of his inventions.

James L. Bowen Jr. fireman, U.S. Navy, took part in a joint U.S.-French Military exercise in the Mediterranean while aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Springfield.

40 Years Ago
June 18, 1953

Post Stampede Cowboys are 2nd place winners in Crosbyton Rodeo parade, head parade for annual Brownfield Jaycee Rodeo.

Alane Norris, Sharon Jobe, Marca Dean Holland, and Sara Mills represented the local church at the annual Methodist Camp for both boys and girls at Ceta Canyon.

Jimmy Bird won 1st place in yearling tie-down at the 10th Annual Stephens County Rodeo in Breckenridge with a time of 39.9 seconds.

50 Years Ago
June 17, 1943

David (Buddy) Williams, who is stationed in Grand Rapids, MI visited parents, Dr. and Mrs. D.C. Williams. Mrs. James Minor accepted a position in the advertising department of radio station KFYO in Lubbock.

Miss Bonnie McMahan and Mrs. Avon Dunlap went to San Diego, CA, to visit Dunlap, who is in the Navy. Shoe departments in all Post stores continued to do a booming business as the deadline approached for use of War Ration Stamp number 17.

Gov. Richards signs livestock predator bill

Governor Ann Richards signed into law a bill that will assist livestock producers in overcoming their problems with predatory animals.

"Livestock losses caused by an increase in predators are putting some Texans out of business," stated Governor Richards. "It's time we take action to protect our livestock and their livelihood."

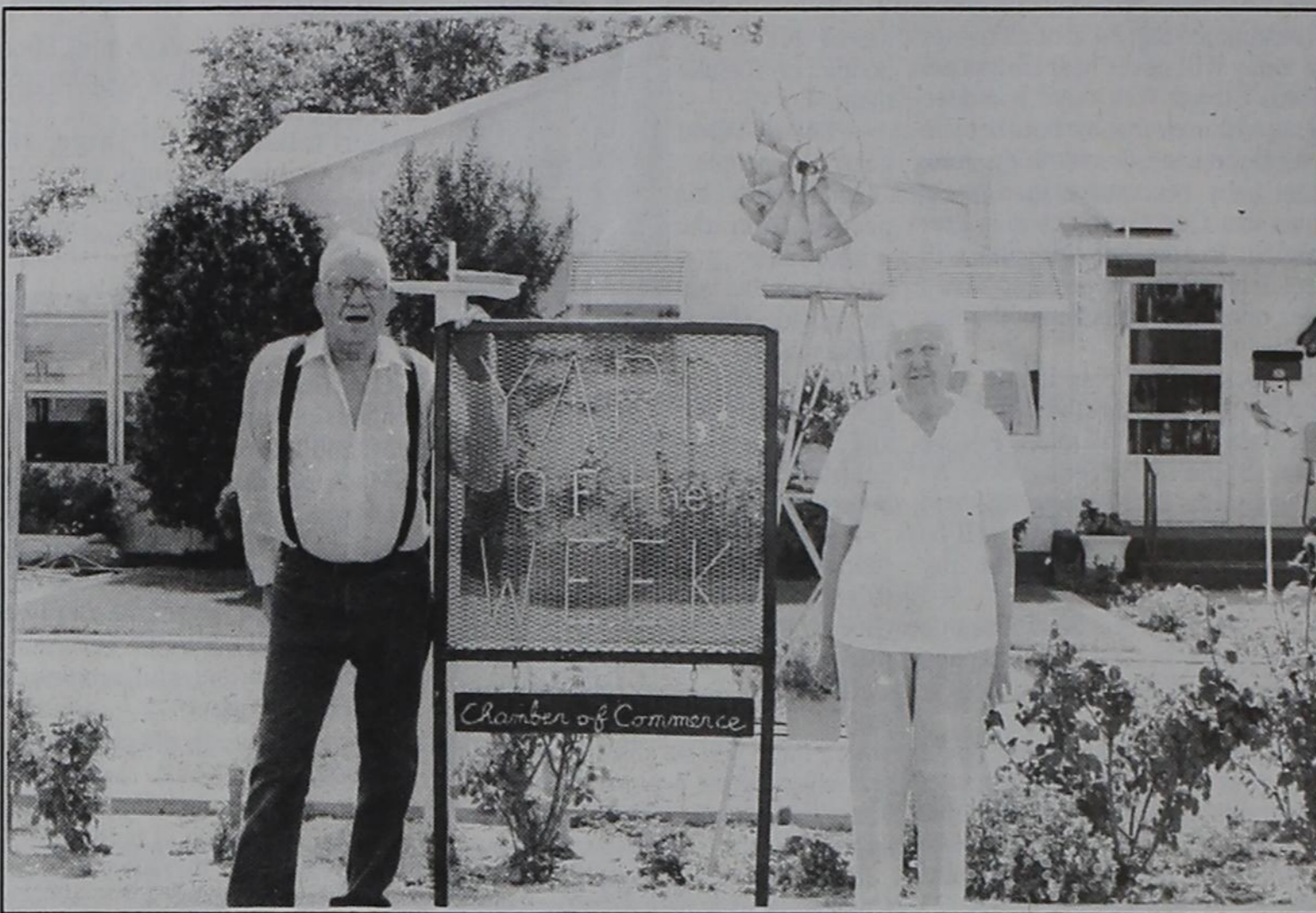
The bill, sponsored by Rep. Steve Holzhauser (R-Victoria) and Sen. Bill Sims (D-San Angelo), allows county commissioner courts, if they so choose, to augment the federal trapping program by increasing the bounty for predatory animals. The legislation changes the current capped amount of five dollars to \$20, unless the Parks and Wildlife Commission approves a higher figure. The bill also prevents the payment of any bounty on animals that appear on any state or federal protected species list.

Rep. Holzhauser explained that the legislation was needed due to the limitations of the federal trapper program. This program allows counties to participate on a limited basis if they pay part of the expense of providing a federal trapper to protect livestock in the county from predators. However, Holzhauser noted, "The limited availability of federal trappers doesn't allow many counties to address the predatory problem to the extent livestock producers feel is necessary."

The bill provides the opportunity to address this problem that is a

Yard of the Week

Rankins win chamber honor



Mr. and Mrs. Howard "Mutt" Rankin are the winners of this week's "Yard of the Week" contest sponsored by the Post Chamber of Commerce. The winning home is at 515 W. 8th.

Dispatch Photo by John Cordsen

great concern to many Texas, especially those involved with raising and producing livestock. While it does not require any county to participate, it offers county commissioner's courts the option if they believe the livestock in their county is at significant risk. In addition, this bill allows the county commissioner courts to determine which animals pose a particular risk to the county, rather than limiting the scope to specific animals as the old law did.

Sen. Sims comments, "This is a

good bill because it gives counties the authority to do what is necessary if they have a problem with a particular predatory animal. It offers more local control, which is needed."

Consultation with environmental and wildlife specialists helps commissioners courts produce an

accurate assessment of the conditions in each county.

Geraldine Butler will teach classes in pottery at the Algerita Art Center.

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Doctors say stretch before exercising

To guard against muscle, tendon and ligament strains and tears during exercise, it's important to warm-up and stretch before and after every workout. An exercise program should begin with a warm-up period to raise the body temperature and increase the blood flow to muscles. Warm muscles are more supple and easier to stretch. Typical warm-ups include walking while swinging the arms back and forth, or some other type of full body movement.

Once blood flow to the muscles has increased through warming up, stretching can begin. According to Sharon Salem-Kinney, fitness specialist and aerobics coordinator at Methodist Hospital's LifeStyle Centre, individuals should isolate the muscles to be stretched by using movements that are specific to that muscle and joint.

"At the LifeStyle Centre we use Aaron Matte's Flexibility Method which pushes the movement or stretch until the muscle is extended," she said. "Then we attempt to push the muscle a little farther to the point of light discomfort for one to two seconds and release back to the starting position, repeating the stretch several times. The release portion of the stretch is important because it prevents the muscle from contracting on its own."

A stretching program should emphasize the major muscles groups - back, abdomen, legs, arms and chest - as well as the muscles that will be worked most vigorously during exercise.

The following stretches are

recommended by American College of Sports Medicine:

•**Calves** - Lean against a wall with the arms slightly bent and one foot slightly behind the other. Bend the knee of the front foot while keeping the back heel on the ground, the foot turned inward slightly. Repeat with the other leg.

•**Thighs** - Stand upright with the left hand on the back of a chair for balance, then reach behind and grasp the right foot with the right hand. Pull the foot toward the buttocks. Repeat with the other leg.

•**Hamstrings** - Stand with the feet shoulder width apart, one leg about 3 to 4 inches in front of the other, knee slightly bent. Place both hands on the knee of the rear leg and stretch the front leg by keeping the heel on the ground. Repeat with the other leg.

•**Hips** - Lie on the back with the legs straight out. Lift one knee at a time, then both, with the hands under the thighs and the knees tucked up to the chest.

•**Back** - Sitting on the ground, stretch the right leg straight out. Then take the left leg and cross it over the right leg, placing the left foot flat on the ground. Now twist the upper body so the right elbow is pressing against the outside of the left knee. Repeat with the opposite arm leg.

After a workout, it's important to cool down slowly to bring the heart rate, breathing and body temperature gradually back to normal. For example, you might slow from a run to a jog to a walk over three to five minutes.

After cooling down, repeat the stretching exercises to minimize the chance of injury, maintain flexibility and ensure a full range of motion.



Kathy Gerner

Kathy Gerner wins national recognition

Post Middle School student Kathy Gerner has won recognition from the United States Achievement Academy for her achievement in mathematics.

She was nominated for the award by her middle school math teacher Tammy Ayala. Her picture will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official yearbook which is published nationally.

Criteria for selection to the Academy include the student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and the recommendation from a teacher or director.

Kathy is the daughter of Jerry and Helen Gerner and the granddaughter of Lorine Gerner and Buddy and Hazel Stowers



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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

Weevils offer some help with puncturevine

'Tis' the time of year for bare feet and yard work! As you well know some of the joys of summer are found outside. However, some of those joyous things can come to an abrupt halt should your barefoot stroll land you in a sticker patch. One of the most common "stickers" in Garza is the puncturevine, otherwise known as goathead.

Goathead grows in patches that may range in size from a few inches to square yards in diameter. The five-point stickers are no stranger to folks in west Texas and often controlling them in yards or fields is difficult due to injury of desirable plants.

One possible alternative to achieving control of goatheads may be Puncturevine (Goathead) Weevils. A few years ago the Plains Cotton Growers released a number of weevils in plains cotton fields with good results. Since that time, weevil numbers have decreased due to natural mortality and a halt in the stocking program. Now, folks have a way to order and release weevils on an individual basis.

The weevils can be ordered by individuals or through our office. Our office will be placing an order for folks wanting to be included on June 25. If you want to be included on this list, you need to call our office at 495-2050 no later than June 24.

The weevils are shipped in cartons of

approximately 250 and the cost of each carton is \$12 for orders of 1,000 or more and a \$15 per carton for orders of less than 1,000. My understanding is that the weevils are shipped express mail and a bill will accompany each order. If I recall from last year's conversation with the grower, who lives in California, two types of weevils come in each carton. One type eats

John Senter
Garza
County
Extension
Agent



primarily the stickers on the plant while the other eats the vines. As you can imagine from an insect this small, progress is steady but slow. Therefore, you will probably not see any great decrease in your sticker population until next summer.

Some of these weevils were stocked in county cotton fields last year and they appear to hold promise for both homeowners and farmers with a goathead problem.

If you would like more information, wish to be placed on the order from our office or would like the name and address to make your own order, feel free to call our office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the number listed earlier.

Gossett and Fields married in double-ring ceremony

In a double ring ceremony on May 7, 1993 at 8:00 p.m. Sonja Gossett and John David Fields exchanged wedding vows in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Gossett. Dr. James Bell officiated.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Fields of Post.

The bride was escorted by her brother, Edwin Gossett to the music of the traditional wedding march. She wore a white satin dress with a shirred drop waist. The double puffed, off the shoulder sleeves accented the sweetheart neckline adorned with pearls and sequins atop the tapered double flounced ankle length skirt.

The bride's cascading bouquet of white silk roses highlighted by several teal roses, small burgundy and teal tea roses, white baby's breath with white, burgundy and teal ribbons was a beautiful tribute made by her aunt Wyanza Mock of Slaton, who also designed the other corsages and floral decorations.

Andrea Wallace served as the matron of honor.

The groom wore a teal shirt and navy Wranglers.

Best man was Russel Benham. Serving as ushers were Eric Pearson, Lee Allen Gossett, and Robby Gossett.

The three tiered white wedding cake, which was a gift from her uncle, Robert Lee Mock, was topped with a ceramic bride and cowboy groom, and was surrounded by a good luck horseshoe and teal netting. Burgundy colored punch, nuts and mints topped the table decorated with a teal lace tablecloth, burgundy napkins, a centerpiece of the brides bouquet, and teal candles on



Mr. and Mrs. John Fields
crystal candle holders. The grooms table held a german chocolate cake shaped as a cowboy boot and coffee served from antique heirloom cups.
The couple now reside in Post after a wedding trip to Colorado Springs, CO. The bride is a graduate of Post High School. The groom is also a graduate of Post High School and attended South Plains College. He is employed by H & M Dirt Contractors.

ASCS appointment welcome to high plains cotton growers

Announcement of the Chairman and member of the Texas State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) Committee June 2 was welcome news for High Plains cotton producers.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) the selection of Ray Joe Riley, of Hart, as Chairman of the State ASCS

committee bodes well for the future.

Riley, who grows cotton and a number of other crops, farms in Castro, Deaf Smith and Lamb counties. His extensive experience includes farming, serving for many years as a member of the PCG Board of Directors and as President of PCG as well as being involved in a number of other agricultural

and civic organizations.

"PCG believes Ray Joe Riley's selection as Chairman of the State ASCS Committee will serve the High Plains cotton producers well in the years to come," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "His prior experience as a member of the State ASCS Committee combined with his knowledge of federal farm programs

makes him an excellent choice for this position."

In addition to Riley, the four other members of the State ASCS Committee are Ed Lehman of Vernon, Raul Tijerina of Brownsville, Vera Harrington of Sulphur Springs, and Gerald Clark of Edna. In a previous announcement Harold Bob Bennett was named ASCS State Executive Director.

Looking for an adjective to describe the start of the 1993 crop isn't easy according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG).

Spotted, spotted, spotted was one description that came out of a bi-weekly meeting of High Plains crop watchers June 4. The meeting was held at PCG's Lubbock office and is designed to help provide a comprehensive report on the status of the area's cotton crop and coordinate recommendations to producers.

The general feeling after the meeting was that the biggest need at the moment is a general rain across the area to offset the dry conditions that exist around the area. This comes as no surprise to area producers that have planted as much as 85 percent of the 3.2 million acres expected to go into cotton in 1993.

Garza Theatre to present Harley Sadler Show beginning July 1

In a salute to one of West Texas' most popular personalities, the beloved tent show entertainer, Harley Sadler, this summer the Garza Theatre in Post, Texas will offer "A Harley Sadler Show" 20 times, Thursday thru Sunday, beginning July 1, 1993 continuing through August 1, 1993.

"A Harley Sadler Show" features the three act comedy, "Natalie Needs a Nightie" by Neil and Caroline Schaffner. It's a fast-

paced family comedy which was performed a number of times on the tent show circuit. Although Harley Sadler's shows were presented in tents, we once again recreate the old-fashioned "under the canvas" atmosphere within the Garza Theatre building.

Starring in the show will be area favorite performers: Jon Steele, David Weaver, Jr, Rick Fay, Charles Somerville, Alison Hoefler, Raina Kennedy, and Don Evelyn

Fondy. Evening performances begin promptly at 7:45 p.m. and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 p.m. The fun begins one-half hour before showtime with a musical concert inside the theatre, featuring our own live "The Musical Gray's Stock Company" band.

During the first intermission, Harley Sadler's traditional candy sale will be recreated. Each candy package will include "West Texas salt-water taffy" with prizes in many of the packages. Also, during the first and second intermissions, the band will continue its concert and accompany the on-stage vaudeville acts.

There will also be a Benefit Show on July 10, 1993 beginning at 2 p.m. with a \$5 admission fee, which will include "The Musical Gray's Stock Company" band and a variety of vaudeville acts, such as "Toby Goes to the Crazy House" and "I'm Herbert". This performance will be different from the one that evening, so come and spend the day in Post and enjoy both performances.

Call the Garza Theatre box office at 1-800-846-3706 or (806) 495-4005 for information and reservations. The box office is opened Monday thru Friday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. and on "show" Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to showtime. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$4 for students ages 6-12. Ask about our special rates for groups of 12 or more.

Confusing legal language target of Texas Bar committee

Say what?

If that's ever been your reaction after reading a legal contract, procedural rule of brief, then you're not alone. The State Bar of Texas Plain Language Committee is sponsoring the third annual Legaldegoon competition, a showcase of seriously silly samples of lengthy legal language, to focus attention on the problem of excessive "legalese."

"It has been said that lawyers are to the English language what vandals are to great public building," said Bryan A. Garner who chairs the committee. "One of our goals is to encourage future generations of lawyers to relearn the mother tongue after unlearning it in law school. The chief aim of the novice law student is to acquire the highfalutin language of the law; the chief aim of the seasoned lawyer is to shed it."

Garner said entries for the 1993 legaldegoon competition must be submitted by July 31, be no more than 10 years old and may come from anywhere in the United States. The committee's mission is to promote the use of plain language among member of the bench and the bar, and last year's winners demonstrate that the group has some hard work ahead.

One entry won the "Groaning Tree Award" for "wasting paper, for a sentence that used 468 words to say what could have been said in 19. the "Uninviting Invitation Award" bestowed for being "the invitation least

likely to be accepted gleefully" for language such as, "Accordingly, I would now respectfully request your consideration with respect to an appearance...."

The winner of "The She-Sells-Seashells" award for "lilting legislative alliteration," shows that even lawmakers can't avoid sounding silly: "Shucking of shellfish - Shellfish shall not be subjected to contamination while being held or processed. Shellstock to be shucked shall be stored...in such locations that contamination from standing water or splash from foot traffic does not occur....Only safe and wholesome shellfish shall be shucked."

Dallas lawyer Harriet Miers, president of the State Bar, endorses the committee's efforts to encourage simplified language through humor. "We have an obligation to attempt to make legal documents and pleadings understandable to the clients we serve as well as to the public," she said. "If our profession continues to narrow the communicative gulf between lawyer and nonlawyer, all of society will benefit."

Legaldegoon winners for 1993 will be announced in October at the Bar's Public Affair Conference in Austin. Entries should be sent by July 31 to: Bryan A. Garner, c/o LawProse, Inc. 5949 Sherry Lane, Suite 1280, L.B. 115, Dallas, Texas 75225-8008. For more information call Garner at (214) 691-8588.

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Notice of Public Meeting of the Appraisal Review Board:

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Appraisal Review Board of the Garza County Appraisal District will convene at 9 a.m. on June 17, 1993, at the Garza County Appraisal District office at 124 East Main, Post, Texas, and will continue in session at that time and place on hearings on the appraisal of property values for the Garza County Appraisal District.

The board will examine and equalize the appraisal records of the chief appraiser, and will hear and determine taxpayer and taxing unit appeals on all matters permitted by TEX. PROPERTY TAX CODE Chapter 41.

The Appraisal Review board will be in session on other days, notice for which will be duly posted, until all tax appraisals have been equalized and approved and all timely filed appeals heard and resolved.

This notice is given pursuant to TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. Art. 6252.17.

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