



Getting ready to open this evening at the Garza Theatre are "Harley Sadler Show" cast members (back row, left to right) Mitchel Britton, Lori Britton, Jon Steele, Bill Gray, Rick Fay, Linda Ellis, Bill Lyons, Christy Morris, (middle row) Cheri Brooks, Jay Fox and (front) Jeremy Danial. The popular "Sputters" performance will highlight this year's production, which continues on weekends through July 30. (Photo by Charles Wallace)

Food, music, swimming, fireworks highlight the 4th

Food booth reservations are still being accepted by the Post Chamber of Commerce for the July 4th at the park celebration.

Those organizations interested in renting space should contact Mitchell at the Chamber of Commerce office, 495-3461. "The charge of youth groups is \$10, \$25 for booths without electricity and \$35 for booths with electricity," she adds.

"Proceeds from space rentals will be used to help defray the expense of the fireworks show," Mitchell says. The annual fireworks show will begin after dark on Tuesday, July 4.

Musical entertainment will be provided by "Better than Nothing," a local group of talented musicians.

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Post Notes

Monday deadline for Post Dispatch

Because July 4 comes on a Tuesday this year, The Post Dispatch will set a Monday at 5 p.m. deadline next week only. All advertising and news will need to be submitted no later than Monday at 5 p.m. in order for the Dispatch to meet its Wednesday printing deadline.

VFW bake sale Saturday, July 8

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW will hold a bake sale, Saturday July 8 at United Supermarket from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds from the sale will go to assist Mrs. Doyle Fry with medical expenses.

Liberty Forum tackles taxes July 17

The monthly Liberty Forum, to be held Monday, July 17 at 7 p.m. at the Chaparral Restaurant, will include discussion about recent court decisions concerning income taxes and various congressional tax reform proposals. The forum is open to the public and includes a "round table" format with an atmosphere of congeniality and courtesy for open discussion. For more information contact Wes Burnett at 495-3884. The Liberty Forum is hosted by the Garza County Libertarian Party.

Pets get dipping and vaccinations

The Post Rotary Club is again this year sponsoring a "dog dipping and vaccination" clinic for the public. The event will be held Saturday, July 16 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the volunteer fire department station. There will be a \$5 fee for dipping and \$6.50 for vaccination.

Bingo July 4 begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Post Chamber of Commerce sponsored bingo will be held Tuesday, July 4 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The new time is set so that bingo players may attend the fireworks display at the park.

Post EMTs seek volunteers

A training class for potential emergency medical technicians (EMT) will be held in Post if there is enough interest. Anyone interested in attending the EMT course should contact Debbie Jenkins at 495-2828 or John Redman at 495-2370.

Crochet table cloth to be raffled

The Garza County Trail Blazers will raffle a handmade crochet table cloth, with the drawing set for September 1. Tickets are available at the Trail Blazers or by calling Mary Cade at 495-2118; Nell Matthews, 495-3284 or Gene Tipton, 495-2529. The tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Mary Cade handcrafted the crochet table cloth, which may be seen in the window display at Manna Square.

Adult leaders needed for Explorer post

A new Explorer Boy Scout Post is forming for youth interested in law enforcement. The Explorer Post is seeking adult leaders to assist in the program. Those interested should call the Garza County Sheriff's Department at 495-3595.

PHS gym, weight room open

The Post High School gym and weight room will be open from 5 to 10 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The facilities are open to the public.

Day care sets registration deadline

"My Special Place" is holding registration for pre-school four year olds. Classes will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and lunch will be served. Registration is limited. Call 495-3446 for additional information.

Another big increase in sales tax rebate signals strong economy here

The latest sales tax rebate to the City of Post signals continued economic strength here with a 24.52 percent increase for the April period. The \$11,974.40 check this year compared to \$9,615.76 for the same period last year. The year-to-date increase is 14.28 percent at \$99,975.85, compared to \$87,477.71 for 1994.

The rebate is for sales in April and reported in May by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

The state wide average increase in rebates for this period was 8.7 percent. The quarterly sales and use tax showed a .1 percent increase from 1993 to 1994. The report is for the fourth quarter 1994, showing 189 reporting outlets, compared to 110 the same period in 1993.

The 189 outlets showed gross sales of \$6,691,443, compared to \$6,684,954 for 1993.

One arrested for felony DWI during quiet week at sheriff's office

by Becky Warren
 Sunday afternoon Deputy Memo Ortiz and reserve deputy Bobby Dean arrested 30 year old Andrew Nino, Jr for driving while intoxicated (DWI). The subject also was driving with a suspended license. He is currently still being held in Garza County jail.

It has been a quiet week for the office receiving only 57 calls. On June 19, a 33 year old female was arrested for a DWI commitment. She is currently serving her time. Also a 42 year old male was arrested for a DWI commitment. He laid and paid his fine.

On June 22, a 48 year old male was arrested for DPS warrants. He was released after fines were collected by Irving, Texas DL office.

On June 24, a 47 year old male was arrested for DWI commitment. He is still being held. Also a 25 year old male was arrested for DWI. He was released after posting a \$1,500 bond.

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Garza County water district formed, elections set for fall

by Wes Burnett

The Texas Legislature approved the creation of the Garza County Underground and Fresh Water District in the recent session. Among the water district's potential purposes could be the development of the long-proposed Post Lake, on the North Fork of the Double Mountain Branch of the Brazos River approximately five miles east of Post.

The water district and its organization was discussed at the regular court meeting last Monday. The court had appointed a temporary water district board two years ago in preparation for the legislative approval. Current board members are Albert Stone, Ferrell Wheeler, Ronald Thuett, Bill Carlisle and Lester Josey.

Judge Giles Dalby, who was instrumental in securing the legislative action, informed commissioners that the temporary board will call for an election sometime after the September 1, 1995 implementation date. The newly elected board would then set goals and policies. The water district does not include any property or citizens in the limits of the City of Post.

Development of the Post Lake would require the water district to make an application with the Texas Water Commission for a permit, which has been held by the White River Municipal Water District for the past 20 years.

In other action at the Monday meeting, commissioners accepted the low bid from Vance Rural Electric for installation of conduit for the soon to be installed new telephone system. Vance bid \$5,800 and Starkey Electric submitted a bid of \$6,400.

The court heard a glowing report from Summer Recreation project coordinator Stephanie McKay, who informed commissioners that 305 youth had registered Monday. "It has been by far the best summer yet," she emphasized.

McKay particularly praised the work and effort of older youth employed

through the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). "Unfortunately," she said, "we don't think this program will be around next year." The discussion centered around possible funding sources to keep it going.

Judge Dalby and commissioners praised McKay and the program, and gave their unqualified support for continuing the community service project. "We will just have to get with the other government units and see what we can do," Dalby added. There was also discussion concerning private funding to assist.

Attending the meeting were commissioners Royce Josey, John Valdez, Mason McClellan, Lee Norman, Judge Dalby, clerk Sonny Gossett and treasurer Ruth Ann Young.

Thousands of visitors expected in Post for Old Mill Trade Days

The monthly Old Mill Trade Days opens tomorrow (Friday) for the three day pre-July 4th event. Based on previous records, attendance is expected to exceed 1995 traffic. "Especially with this being a long holiday weekend for a lot of people," Sheree Butler commented, "we expect a really good turnout."

There are more than 500 vendors signed up and setting up booths. "Actually, we've been working since the first week of this month getting ready," Marvin Butler added.

Saturday visitors will be treated to "Magic of Montgomery" with Monty Holder providing two shows, one at 12:30 p.m. and another at 1:30 p.m.

"Wandering Minstrels" will entertain visitors with Larry Buchanan's unique banjo style. Sunday morning worship services will begin at 8 a.m. and include gospel music.

Old Mill Trade Days is a monthly event held at the Old Postex Mill on Friday, Saturday and Sunday before the "First Monday" of each month.

The park is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and features a large variety of independent vendors offering a wide variety of merchandise, including antiques and collectibles, new items and handcrafted specialties.

Since its opening in April 1994, Old Mill Trade Days has doubled in size with an average attendance of 5,000 visitors and more than 500 vendors and workers per event.

Set in the historic Old Postex Mill complex, the trade days epitomizes the entrepreneurial spirit of C.W. Post, the founder of Post, Texas.

Thornberry to hold town hall meeting in Post July 6th

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry will meet with residents of the 13th District in a town hall meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 6.

The meeting will be in the Citizens Bank community room located at 210 North Broadway.

"Congress is considering many bills that will impact the 13th District," Thornberry said. "I need to hear what Garza County residents think about the job we are doing, and how they believe we can balance the budget by the year 2002. I welcome any comments or suggestions my constituents might have."

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Little League All-Stars headed for competition Monday in Lubbock are (back row) coach Larry Scrivner, manager Gary Blevins, (middle row, left to right) Michael Huff, Sean Leary, Brandon Perez, Ricky Halford, Martin Garza Jr., Barrett Scrivner, Jeremy Baker, (front row) Ross Babb, Justin Norman, Rowland Castaneda, Casey Short, Brooks Conner and Scotty Gaydos. Not available for photo Ryan Wulfjen. (Photo by Becky Warren)



Senior League All-Stars will compete Saturday in Lubbock at Dixie Field beginning at 6 p.m. Team members are (back row, left to right) coach Steve Gonzales, Sam Woods, Orlando Castillo, Jamie Hernandez, Anthony Flores, Luis Leos, Bryan Navarro, manager Frank Flores, (front row) T.J. Gaydos, Colt Miller, Raymond Perez, Roy Soto, Braden Conner, Clell Knight and Ricky Quinonez. (Photo by Becky Warren)

Former Post student graduates Canadian High

Chad Hart, formerly of Post, graduated from Canadian High School in May. He is the son of David and Marsha Hart. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Boy Hart of Post and Mrs. Robert E. Arhelger of Kerrville, also formerly of Post.

While in High School Chad was very active in many clubs and organizations receiving many honors and achievements. Some of his highlights were All-State Band Qualifier, UIL Regional Qualifier in One-Act Play, UIL Scholar Award, Canadian Honor Award for being ranked #5 in his class, and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Chad will be attending West Texas A&M University next fall where he will pursue a major in Music Business. After completing his Bachelor's degree, he plans to attend the University of Michigan where he will obtain his Master's degree in either Music or Business.



Chad Hart

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Mr and Mrs Terry Hill

Up and Down Main Street

by Wanda Mitchell, Post Chamber of Commerce

I have talked so much about tourism and the impact it has and is still having on Post, Texas. I have also talked about the "hospitality training". Since this month will probably be our biggest tourist month, I thought I would touch on that subject again. Hospitality has long been a Texas tradition.



From the first explorers and settlers to the present day business and recreational travelers, Texans have opened their homes and businesses to people from all over the world. In fact the word "Texas" means "friendly". The heritage we continue to share is friendliness. That long standing tradition of hospitality now has become the base for one of the state's largest industries - tourism. In 1992 tourism generated over \$17 billion in total expenditures for the Texas economy. State and local revenues brought in \$1,032 million - a great savings to local taxpayers. In addition, tourism and travel-related industries added support and stability to local and state economy by creating over 311,000 jobs. State leaders recognized the impact of tourism on the state's economy and have allocated substantial budget support to promote tourism in the state. This support will provide a variety of resources to attract tourists of all kinds to Texas.

However, as valuable as these dollars are to the tourism industry, their effects will not be realized unless individual business owners and managers are prepared to deliver the quality of service demanded by today's tourists. As increasing numbers of communities market their regional and local assets, travelers have more options for spending their time and money. More importantly, it is becoming obvious that these options are beginning to be more and more alike in the marketplace.

The quality of the service accompanying these options and supports the product offered will be the critical difference in developing the service and tourism industry in any community. If service is so important, why do we often do such a poor job of delivering it? Because we try to manage the delivery of service in the same way we manage our operations and commodities.

MANAGING SERVICE IS FAR DIFFERENT THAN MANAGING A PRODUCT. Whether the product is a hotel room, a meal, a tank of gas, a ticket to an attraction or a souvenir T-shirt, what will build your business, what will make the difference in the long run is the care and service delivered to customers or guests each and every time they patronize your business.

The average bus tour group of 40 people spending a day and night in a community, will spend \$3500 as figures from the National Tour Association indicate. If every visitor to Texas spent just one extra day, they would bring an additional \$2.5 billion into the state. Can you imagine what these visitors would spend if they received superior customer service? What makes people decide to stay or leave?

In his book, "How to Win Customers and Keep Them for Life", Michael LeBoeuf found the following from a survey on why customer quit: 3% move away, 5% develop other friendships, 9% leave for competitive reasons, 14% are dissatisfied with the product, 68% quit because of an attitude of indifference toward the customer by the owner, manager or some employee.

This information clearly shows that the primary competitor of any service-oriented business is not the store down the street. Rather it is poorly trained or uncaring employees and unresponsive managers and owners.

Businesses with low service quality average only 1% return on sales and lose market share at the rate of 2% per year. On the reverse side businesses with high service quality average a 12% return on sales and gain market share at the rate of 6% per year, even if they charge significantly higher prices. By making improvements in service, the community shows its concern for visitors, businesses show that they care about their customers and the results are powerful.

Customers and visitors will stay longer and spend more, employee turnover will decrease, the community develops a positive word-of-mouth reputation and businesses gain a significant return on the bottom line. If the business and service people in Post keep these things in mind when in contact with a tourist, the sky's the limit for us. Have a great 4th of July.

We hope to see everyone at the City Park for food, fun and games. Don't forget the fireworks display at dark on the 4th and remember to always TAKE PRIDE AND TAKE PART IN POST!

Women's Division Post Chamber of Commerce

by Dianna Collier

The Women's Chamber of Commerce met for their monthly meeting at 12 noon June 21st at the Chaparral Steak House. A donation was made to the Sheriff's department for special olympics. The minutes were read and approved and also the treasurer's report was approved.

Inquiries were made to see if the Women's division might use the old depot for meetings. It is still pending. Rick Hannah was contacted by Marie Neff concerning the trees in the city park. There was also a discussion on planting trees in the cemetery as well as benches, tables and other things.

The committee for the membership drive was appointed with Gladys Blair as chairman; Betty Posey, Nell Matthews, and Joyce Strubhart committee members.

Plans for the garage sale are still pending. Announcements were made about the June 29th Grand opening of the Garza County museum, and the O.S. museum will be featuring Ace Reid Cartoons (cowpokes). Mrs. Ace Reid will be present. The next meeting will be held July 19th. With no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Fun Time Club reports summer fun

The Fun Time club met June 26th at the Trail Blazers. Hostess for the meeting was Ruth Martin for a night of good time and meal.

Those who attended were: Faye Ramsey, Trudy Schuknecht, Fay Melton, Jean Tipton, Nona Lusk, Marietta Pruitt, Inez Smith, Hooter Terry, Inez Ritchie, Johnnie Francis, Ruby Carpenter, Pansy Smith, Helen Jones, Doris Riddle, Jewell White, Velta King, and Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hahn celebrate 50th wedding anniversary Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hahn will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, July 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Room at Norwest Bank in Post.

The event will be hosted by their children and grandchildren. Your presence is the only gift requested.

The couple were married on July 7, 1945 at the home of the Reverend Porter Arnold in Spur, Texas.

Births

Caden Dale Dean

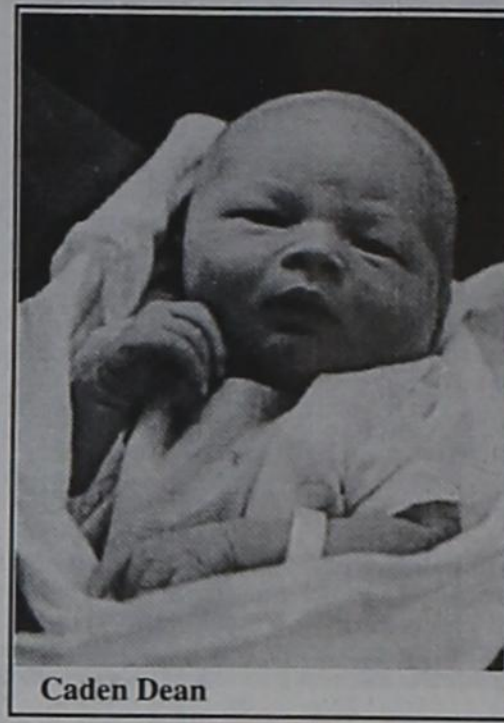
David and Lisa Dean are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Caden Dale Dean. He is welcomed home by his big brother, Cody. Caden was born May 8, 1995 in Methodist Hospital in Levelland.

Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Cindy Taylor of Post and paternal grandparents are Bobby and Janet Dean also of Post.

Maternal great-grandparents are Peggy Altman of Slaton, and Amos and Melba Taylor of Morton.

Paternal great-grandparents are Rusty and Juanita Dean and Dale and Jane Hair, all of Post.

Great-great-grandparents are Betty Pierce of Post and Frances Sargent of Slaton.



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Rachel Perez, John Brown engagement announced

Lupe and Rosie Perez are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rachel to John Brown of Lubbock. John is the son of John and Erma Brown of Lubbock.

Rachel is a Senior at Post High School and John is a former graduate of Post High School and is currently employed in Lubbock.

The couple plan a July 22 wedding at Templo Bautista Church in Post with the Pastor Carlos Martinez officiating.

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Local youth compete in High Plains Junior Rodeo held June 15-17 in Post

by Julie Hudman
Thanks to the Post F.F.A. sponsors and volunteer parents and to the Post E.M.T.'s, another High Plains Junior Rodeo enjoyed success for three nights at the Post Stampede Arena.
Caprock weather smiled on the rodeo crowd as some 450 entrants competed over the June 15-17 weekend. This large junior rodeo association always compliments the facility and the extraordinary help from this community in putting on three outstanding performances every year.
Johnny Kemp has been the announcer for these sometimes marathon performances, and Jess Blackwell has traveled the high plains area as the junior stock producer.
The competitors come from all over the western half of Texas as well as eastern and central New Mexico. Their ages range from six or seven to nineteen years. It is a family endeavor in which the camaraderie is great among rodeo fans across the Southwest.
Post has several hometown youngsters who compete weekly in rodeo events. For this local rodeo their results were:
8 & Under Boys
Trent McDonald - 1st in goat tying

and 2nd in calf riding. Also competing but not placing was Sterling Smith in goat tying.
9 - 12 Girls
Emily Smith - 2nd in barrel racing, 3rd in pole bending & 6th in breakaway roping. Camie Payne placed 7th in barrel racing. Also competing but not placing was Erica Schooler in barrel racing and pole bending and Paige Lott in barrel racing, pole bending and goat tying.
9 - 12 Boys
Casey Short - 2nd in steer riding. Also competing but not placing was Clint Johnson in steer stopping, Wacey Moore in steer stopping, Ryan Wulfjen in steer stopping and Kevin Hart in steer stopping.
13 - 15 Girls
Talina Bird placed 1st in barrel racing and pole bending. Also competing were Cassie Short in barrel racing, pole bending, breakaway roping and goat tying and Monica Schooler in barrel racing and pole bending.
13 - 15 Boys
Clay Johnson competed in team roping.
16 - 19 Girls
Lori Hudman - 1st in barrel racing, 6th in pole bending, 7th in breakaway

roping and 6th in goat tying.
16 - 19 Boys
Sky Moore - 10th in tie-down calf roping. Also competing was Casey Hart in team roping.
Contestants from Fluvanna were Cody Cox. He placed 1st in 16-19 boys bronc riding and 10th in chute dogging. Carey Cox competed in the 13-15 girls barrel racing and goat tying.
Post and Snyder donors of the all-around buckles to winners in each age group were H & M Dirt Contractors, Davis Transport, Longhorn Beverage Store, Citizens Bank, Ben Murphy CPA, Jimmy Redman Redi-Mix, Dale

Redman and Reef Chemical, Curtis and Julie Hudman, Larry Mills, DVM, and Urda and Dwainna Wulfjen in memory of Heather Wulfjen.
These buckles were awarded to the following all-around champions at the Post Rodeo: Paige Davis, Amarillo, 8 & Under Girls; Grady Herrera, Tatum, N.M., 8 & Under Boys; Raquel Davis, Amarillo, 9 - 12 Girls; Shank Edwards, San Angelo, 9 - 12 Boys; Tibba Smith, Hobbs, N.M., 13 - 15 Girls; Trey Dove, Seminole, 13 - 15 boys; Lori Hudman, Post, 16 - 19 Girls and Ty Wheeler, Lovington, N.M., 16 - 19 Boys.

Grandparents' Corner

Henrietta Thomas is enjoying the company of her first great-grandchild, Alex Redman. Alex is the daughter of Henrietta's first grandchild, Ricky of Amarillo and Terry Redman of Lubbock. Ricky is the son of Henrietta's daughter, Sherry Redman of Amarillo. Ricky and daughter Alex affectionately call Henrietta their "Nana."

Bring your favorite grandparent photo to The Post Dispatch to be included in this weekly feature. Photos will be published "first come, first served."

Stockman featured at Libertarian state conference

U.S. Representative Steve Stockman (R-Tex) is scheduled to speak Sat., July 1 at the Libertarian Party of Texas State Conference in Houston at the Doubletree Guest Suites in the Galleria area.
Also featured during the conference will be former U.S. Representative and 1984 Libertarian Party presidential candidate Dr. Ron Paul; 1996 Libertarian Party presidential candidate Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen, candidate for the Libertarian Party vice presidential nomination.
The conference begins Friday, June 30 and continues through Sunday, July 2 with the theme, "What's Wrong With My Country and How Can I Fix It?"
Congressman Stockman is to address the conference Saturday at 9:45 a.m. Dr. Paul will present a breakfast address Sunday at 8 a.m.; Jorgensen speaks at 10 a.m. Sunday, followed by Browne at 11 a.m.
Other speakers at the conference include Debbie Perkey, regional director of the American Civil Liberties Union; Jim Welch, Houston coordinator for United We Stand America; Jacob (Bumper) Homberger, founder and president of the Future of Freedom Foundation; Greg Rehmke, Free Enterprise Institute; Tom Glass, Fully Informed Jury Association; Houston Coordinator, Will Blumentritt, former Texas Constitutional Militia officer; Rob Thorn, radio talk show host and Patriot Movement spokesman and Michael Emerling, author and motivational speaker.
The conference is open to the public and admission is available at the door. Attending all the conference events, including meals, is \$75. Individual speaker events are \$10 each.

The Libertarian Party holds a state conference in odd-numbered years to discuss party business and present topics of interest to the public. State conventions are held in even-numbered years to nominate candidates for state and national offices. The Libertarian Party adheres to convention procedures and has rejected holding primary elections.

Loan applications being accepted for purchase of farm and ranch land

by Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry
The Texas Agricultural Finance Authority, administered through the Texas Department of Agriculture, is accepting applications for a new loan program that helps individuals purchase up to \$150,000 worth of farm or ranch land, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.
"Our Farm and Ranch Finance Program is for producers who want to buy their first place or for those who want to expand their operations," Perry said. "Applicants must have at least three years of farming or ranching experience."
A Texas A&M University study conducted among producers and financial institutions in May 1994 found that a demand exists in Texas for almost \$300 million in loans to help individuals, who are farming and ranching, buy land, Perry said.
"Many producers nowadays lease land and have been unable to save enough for a down payment," Perry said. "Our Farm and Ranch Program will allow those who don't have a large amount of cash on hand to buy a limited amount of acreage."
Applicants must be Texas residents and show that they have earned at least 25 percent of their gross income from farming and ranching over the last three years. Applicants will be required to complete a business plan demonstrating that they intend to be full-time agricultural producers, and they must provide evidence that their net worth is less than \$250,000. Applicants also must prove that they have finances available for necessary farming and ranching equipment and operating costs.
Applications must be completed in cooperation with a local lending institution. The maximum loan of \$150,000 may not exceed 95 percent of the land's appraised value or 95 percent of the purchase price. Interest rates are based on market conditions

and will be adjusted over the life of the loan. The rates must be approved by the lender and the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority. As of June 5, the interest rate was 9.75 percent.
In addition to the Farm and Ranch Finance Program, changes have been made in TAF's Young Farmers Guarantee Program to encourage more applicants. The program was established to help those between 18 and 40 years old start their first agricultural operation. Loans guarantees may be used for purchases of feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, poultry, farm or ranch equipment, farm or ranch buildings or to lease farm or ranch land.
To receive an application for any loan program administered by TAF, or for more information about these loan programs and others, call TDA in Austin at (512) 475-1619; fax (512) 475-1762 or write: the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711-2847.

Telethon for Museum

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the bank.
"We believe the citizens of Post and Garza County, who have always shown their generosity, will see the value of what we are doing and they will help us in this effort," Mock adds.
The telethon is scheduled from July 10 through July 15 and will be broadcast on Channel 31.
"We are now accepting pledges and contributions," Mock continues, "and those donations will be acknowledged early in our telethon."
Contributors may call 495-4148 to make a pledge or to obtain additional information.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.
—Aesop

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.
The status of the High Plains cotton crop is still being evaluated on a day-to-day basis according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG).
The return of warm days and fewer windy days during the week of June 19 has allowed the crop to make something of a comeback. Unfortunately this comeback is still tenuous and the crop will need many more days of favorable weather between now and harvest. This year's crop is generally thought to be running 3 to 4 weeks behind schedule due to a number of factors such as high winds, seedling disease pressure, reduced heat unit accumulation and even late planting.
The "lateness" of the crop creates a situation where producers are being advised to manage their crop for earliness. Guidelines on how to promote earliness in a late crop will be available from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and PCG by the end of the month.
"The arrival of some rain and favorable weather seems to have helped a large number of acres come back during the last week," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "Unfortunately we will still have to get a few breaks and have an open fall to make a good crop."
Marketing figures for the month of April indicate a total of 3.7 million bales of cotton have been marketed during the first four months of 1995. April marketings totaled 231,000 bales.
The average price received by farmers during the month was 84.5 cents per pound. Through the first four months of the year the weighted average price received by farmers totals 81.34 cents, 10.29 cents above the 72.9 cent upland cotton target price.

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Dick Odem enjoys a moment with his children, Chase (left) and Bailey during closing ceremonies of the summer baseball program last Saturday. (Photo by Becky Warren)



Lori Jones receives (right) her trophy from Cardinals coach Robert Wilson. Brent Mason (left) assists with the ceremony. (Photo by Becky Warren)

Summer baseball draws to end, All-Star play begins

by Becky Warren
The 1995 baseball season ended Saturday with the awards presentation. There was a total of 24 teams this year. All participants received a trophy for their efforts on the teams. Sportsmanship trophies were awarded to one member of each team in all the leagues. Recipients were Clint Chapman, Dodgers (TB), Allison Blevins, A's (TB), Ashley Wilson, Cardinals (TB), Rachel Gray, Cubs (TB), Laurel Tatum, Bells (CP), Keisha Odom, Stars (CP), Sheena Haynes, Diamonds (CP), Brandi Gunn, Magic (SB), Amber Hernandez, Saints (SB), Kyzandre Harper, Angels (SB), John Radle, Braves (SL), Will McReynolds, White Sox (SL), Christopher Curb,

Tiger (ML), John Pearson, Cardinals (ML), Sterling Smith, Cubs (ML), Ethan Stegall, Rangers (ML), Joshua Lee, Dodgers (ML), Javen Abraham, A's (ML), David Vega, Red Sox (ML), Kris Hernandez, Dodgers (LL), Joey Cimental, Cubs (LL), Smiley Estrada, Tigers (LL), Kevin Morris, Red Sox (LL) and Bronc Davis, A's (LL). The All-Star teams were named during the ceremony. The Little League All-Star team will consist of Michael Huff, Sean Leary, Ricky Halford, Martin Garza, Jr., Barrett Scrivner, Jeremy Baker, Justin Norman, Rowland Castanea, Casey Short, Brooks Conner, Scotty Gaydos and Ryan Wulfjen. Alternates chosen were Brandon Perez and Ross Babb. The

team will be managed by Gary Blevins and Larry Scrivner will coach. The team will start play in Lubbock on Monday, July 3rd at 8 p.m. at the Midwest Little League field on 28th & Frankford. The Senior League All-Star team will consist of Steve Gonzales, Sam Woods, Orlando Castillo, Jamie Hernandez, Anthony Flores, Luis Leos, T.J. Gaydos, Colt Miller, Raymond Perez, Roy Soto, Braden Conner and Clell Knight. Alternates will be Bryan Navarro and Ricky Quinonez, Jr. Frank Flores is manager of the team with Tim Gaydos as coach. The senior league will start play this Saturday at 6 p.m. in Lubbock at the Dixie Field.

Sharp says food stamps will soon be out of business in Post

"Food stamps will go out of business in Post on August 1," State Comptroller John Sharp announced today. "Garza county is included in the largest expansion of the Lone Star card in Texas, and with this roll-out, the Texas attack on bureaucratic bloat and welfare fraud moves into higher gear." "In just four weeks, food stamps will virtually disappear from another 90 Texas counties, in the San Antonio, El Paso, Lubbock, Amarillo, Victoria and Beaumont-Port Arthur areas, along with portions of East Texas," Sharp said. "And retailers who prepare early should be ready to accept the card without a hitch." The Lone Star card is the cornerstone of Sharp's wide-ranging welfare reform plan, which was approved by the Texas Legislature and recently signed into law by Governor George W. Bush. The card was first proposed in 1991 by Sharp, who created a task force to oversee its development. The August 1 implementation will affect 300,000 families and 4,000 retail grocery locations in 90 counties. "This security card will hold accountable both the bureaucrats and the people who depend on temporary public assistance," Sharp said. "It will save tax dollars, reduce fraud and boost grocery sales." "That's why I urge all retailers that accept food stamps who haven't yet signed up for the Lone Star card to do so immediately so they don't lose business or leave their customers hanging." Sharp said that retailers who accept the Lone Star card reported an immediate increase in food sales after

the program was first implemented in February in the Houston area. "Between February and March, food sales rose by \$4.5 million, because benefits can be spent on food and food alone, not on crack cocaine or other illegal activities in the food stamp black market," Sharp said. "Since June 1, when the program expanded throughout the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex and along the Gulf Coast, the Lone Star card has been working so smoothly that retailers have rung up food stamps sales totaling nearly \$65 million," Sharp said. "But these benefits will by-pass retailers who don't soon take steps to accept the card," Sharp said. "Because of the vast geographical logistics of this expansion—which includes the San Antonio, El Paso, Golden Triangle and Panhandle regions—it's critical that retailers make arrangements not to install the necessary equipment." Slightly more than 50 percent of the 4,000 retailers in this 90 county area have already signed agreements to provide food stamps and Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) payments with the Lone Star card. "We need the remainder of the retailers in these areas to contact Transactive Corporation, the Austin-based operator of the Lone Star card and make arrangements to come on-line by August 1. They can contact the company toll-free at 1-800-418-8000," Sharp said. Food stamps benefits issued in the 90-county expansion area represent nearly \$50 million worth of food sales per month, and the AFDC grants

represent some \$15 million worth of cash payments. The Lone Star card is the largest electronic benefits transfer program in the country and is administered by the Texas Department of Human Services. The system's expansion into the San Antonio, El Paso, Beaumont, Victoria, Lufkin and Panhandle regions will reach some 300,000 households in about one-third of the counties in Texas. It is scheduled to expand statewide by early 1996. "This card will trim the national costs of the old food stamp system by \$45.4 million for printing, \$4.5 million for shipping and storing, and \$23.1 million for the final processing and destruction of paper coupons at the Federal Reserve," Sharp said. Sharp said the Lone Star card is already proving successful in reducing food stamp fraud throughout the state. "Just six weeks into the new system, \$1 million was taken off the black market in Houston in one of the largest food stamp busts in that city's history," Sharp said. "These were taxpayer-funded benefits that previously had disappeared into the black hole of the black market." "By the end of this year, we will have abolished paper food stamp coupons in Texas," Sharp said. "We are returning the program to its original purpose—feeding hungry children, not feeding a bureaucracy and a black market of fraud."

Recycling success stories create new jobs across Texas

by Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro
In February 1993, the McClatchy News Service sent out a story questioning whether this nation's "obsession" with recycling was creating more problems than it was solving. The story said: "The problem, simply put, is that the supply of recycled goods in America is far outpacing the demand. This is mainly because recycling programs in the United States have created a glut of recycled materials, as can be seen in their bargain basement prices." Individuals, schools, churches, civic organizations and municipalities were meeting the challenge of collecting paper, cans, bottles, etc., without giving much thought to the next step in making the economics of recycling work—buying products made of recycled materials. People simply had not been adequately educated on the need to "close the loop" on recycling. Well, things have changed. A growing world economy and a demand for recycled products not known since World War II have emptied the

warehouses and swept the docks clean. Part of the demand is from foreign entrepreneurs who have learned they can make various export items cheaper from what we used to call "trash" than they could with virgin materials. Part of it stems from governmental action such as we have here in Texas where state agencies are required to spend a portion of their procurement budgets on recycled products, giving preference to those that cost no more than other products. And much of it comes from successful educational efforts including the General Land Office's program to encourage businesses not only to save their wastepaper for recycling, but—importantly—to purchase products made of recycled material. "Buy Recycled" has been the theme of our market fairs and symposiums that have pushed recycled goods, as well as the thousands of recycling information videos the land office has distributed free to schools across the state. There are many recycling success stories in Texas that have created new jobs and reduced the waste stream.

Allow me to cite two. Champion International in 1993 opened a \$100 million state-of-the-art de-inking plant near Houston to turn old newspapers and magazines into reusable newsprint. It has a deal with the City of Houston to supply most of its paper needs through a curbside pickup program. While this has resulted in a flow of thousands of tons of newspapers and magazines to the plant for recycling, the supply, from about 100,000 of Houston's 350,000 homes, fell far short of what the plant could accommodate. Houston was wary of the cost of expanding the pickup programs so Champion set up its own collection program, including placement of 1,200 collection bins in Houston and 1,000 in Dallas, many of them at schools that also serve nearby neighborhoods. The schools make money—Champion pays them for what they collect. And the plant is now running at near capacity, recycling 200,000 tons of paper annually, the equivalent of saving 600,000 cubic yards of landfill space. Champion spokesman Seth Kursman says his company is


extending its collection program to other cities. "Raw material prices have gone up incredibly," he said. "Two or three years ago, cities were struggling to find people to take the paper away. Now they are making money on it, a great deal of money." Street prices for old newspapers are currently in the \$60 - \$80 per ton range, up from \$30 per ton two years ago. Dealers are reselling to processors for \$90-\$125 per ton. Newspapers are pledging to use at least 40 percent recycled content in their publications, and the estimated newspaper recycling rate in Texas has risen to almost 50 percent. The trend is for the prices of several grades of recycled paper and cardboard to remain at high levels because of demand and the opening or expansion of processing mills and de-inking plants across the South and Southwest. Texas is the largest manufacturer of virgin plastics in the world. Dozens of plants along the Texas Gulf Coast turn petroleum into a variety of plastic products, including polyethylene grocery bags. Numerous grocery chains have barrels near their front

doors for collection of used bags, and thousands of housewives and houseguys are dutifully bringing them back for recycling. But few know what these filmy bags are recycled into. Would you believe sturdy, moisture-resistant, rotproof building materials? The A.E.R.T. (Advanced Environmental Recycling Technologies) plant in Junction is receiving about 30-35 truckloads of this material per month, much of it from H.E.B. stores, after it has been baled, compressed and cleaned at its plastic recycling plant in Arkansas. It also receives numerous truckloads of used plastic pallet wrap and other post industrial plastics of similar quality. Why is the manufacturing done in Junction, known more for its deer hunting than anything else? Because the plastic is combined with cedar sawdust to form an extraordinarily durable material that can be extruded into several useful products, including window and door frames and decking material. There are lots of cedar trees on the ranches near Junction, and that's


another interesting recycling story. Cedar that has been dead 20 years happens to have an economic value. After the bark is gone the remaining wood is collected to be chipped up at a mill that produces a cedar oil used to "perfume" soap and other cleaners. A.E.R.T. buys the sawdust residue to be combined with the plastic for manufacture of its composite "lumber." A.E.R.T. managers say they can't get enough used plastic. They complain about foreigners, particularly Southeast Asians, "buying up all they can get their hands on" when "we need all we can get." A.E.R.T. will really need the additional recyclable material in the future. It has negotiated a deal to market its decking products nationwide through Weyerhaeuser distribution centers, and this will mean an additional 25-30 jobs for the plant—a tremendous economic boost for a town the size of Junction. The Champion and A.E.R.T. stories are being repeated across the U.S. and throughout the world. Rising prices for recyclable materials are prompting entrepreneurs to start new businesses, build new plants, expand old ones and hire additional employees. Recyclers of one kind or another have been around for centuries. From scrap metal dealers to oil recyclers to paper buyers to lead battery extractors, they know the markets are susceptible to the usual business cycles. But a society built on a conspicuous consumption is becoming aware of the need to reuse as much as possible, and fast-paced improvements in technology, information and transportation, and the expanding global economy, are creating recycling opportunities that Texas must take advantage of. The General Land Office has a legislative mandate to raise public awareness and assist in the development of new markets for recycled goods. In addition to the educational videos, the land office has "Buy Recycled" public service announcements running on dozens of radio and television stations, and we have developed E-Source, an on-line computer bulletin board that is available to help Texas businesses and governmental entities locate and buy recycled goods. For more information about E-Source on the land office's recycling programs call 1-800-367-8272. The E-Source modem access lines are 1-800-831-8826 and (512) 463-6257. Recycling is good for the health of the land, and it's good for business. Recycling is good for Texas.

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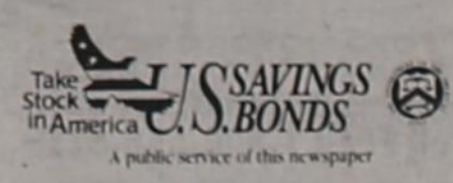


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