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## Council paves way for renovation of brick street

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Post Dispatch

POST — More than 80 years after the first brick was laid that paves Main Street leading to the entrance of the downtown area, city officials have agreed to renovate the portion of U.S. 380 from the railroad to Broadway.

Members of the City Council approved the project during their Feb. 23 meeting and awarded the lone bid to Campbell-West Infrastructure Construction of Lubbock at \$130,000.

"We had budgeted between \$300,000 and \$350,000 for the project, so it came in way under bid," City Manager Arbie Taylor said. "The company came highly recommended and has done similar projects in Slaton and Lubbock."

Although the street is part of a state highway, officials with the Texas Department of Transportation would not fix the road because of the bricks.

"They wouldn't redo the street with the bricks," Taylor said. "Those bricks are a part of our history and gives our downtown its charm. So the council agreed to use city funds for the project, which is the only way the bricks could be saved."

For the last several months, an engineering team from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper of Midland has been working to identify the most problematic areas of the brick area along Main Street, Taylor said.

"Most of the problem lies in the northernmost lanes of Main Street, or the west-

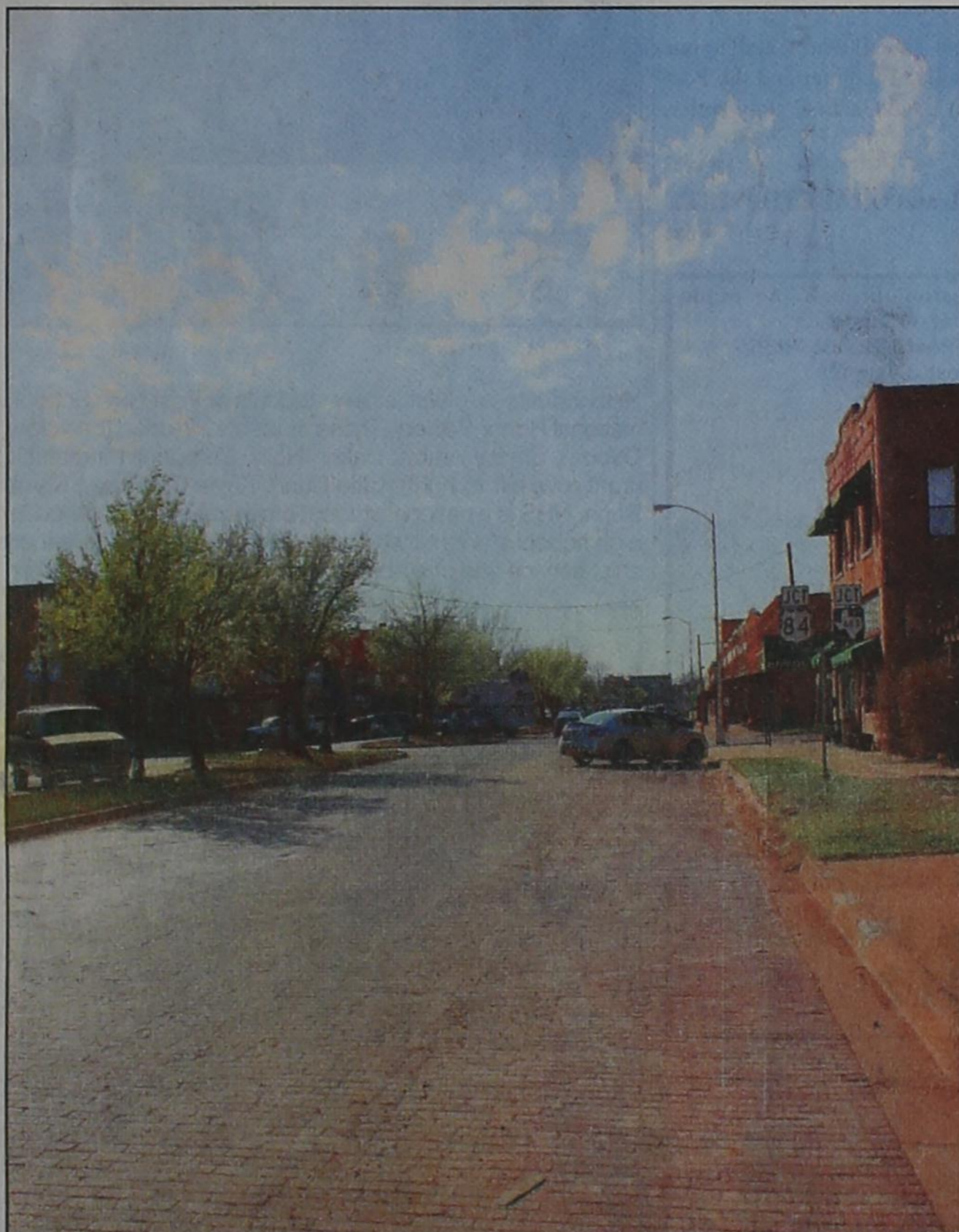


Photo By Wayne Hodgin

The westbound lane of Main Street (U.S. 380) in downtown Post is shown in this photograph from Tuesday afternoon. The City Council voted recently to completely re-do the historic brick street from the railroad tracks to Broadway (U.S. 84) on the north side of Main Street and will probably do some spot work on the south side of the street, or East U.S. 380. Work should begin mid- to late March.

bound lanes, because that portion of the street is the most heavily traveled," Taylor said. "So that entire area will be redone."

Taylor said since the project came in so far under budget his office already has been looking at areas of the

eastbound lanes that need to be fixed as well.

"The southern side of Main Street isn't as heavily

used as the northern side," Taylor said.

"We'll continue to work to improve the lighting situation for our walking path and are already looking at installing new exercise equipment."

Morris said her next two years on council she will strive to continue building on rela-

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## Democrat Brannon will switch parties

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Post Dispatch

POST — First-term Democratic Garza County Commissioner Ted Brannon will be trading his blue card for a red one this election year.

Brannon announced Wednesday he is officially switching from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party and has filed to run on the GOP primary ballot May 29.

The Precinct 3 commissioner said his move wasn't borne out of politics necessarily as much as it was giving voters a choice.

"My opponent is a long-time Democrat. If I also would have run on the Democratic ticket, our election would have been decided in the primary — a long time before the November election," Brannon said. "Also, most everyone in this county votes Republican and wouldn't have been able to vote for me in the primary. Me switching parties allows more voters to cast ballots in the primary election."

As most county officeholders run on the Republican ticket, Brannon said the move would allow most of his friends and constituents who



Ted Brannon

## Ruling sets primary election for end of May

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Post Dispatch

POST — Candidates for all county offices were expected to file their intention to run in the Texas primary election — now set for May 29 — by 6 p.m. today.

The announcement by the Texas Secretary of State's Office sent late in the afternoon of March 1, gave potential candidates only a few days' notice to file.

The issue of when the primary was to be held has been up in the air for months since redistricting efforts had fallen into legal wrangling between state Republicans, Democrats and the court system.

Activists challenged the electoral maps, first created by the Republican-controlled state legislature, as racial gerrymanders intended to prevent the election of Latinos. A panel of three federal judges in San Antonio has been working to push state officials and opponents of the maps to reach a compromise that would let elections proceed without delay. Those judges gave preliminary approval to the maps Feb. 28.

U.S. Justice Department officials now must approve the maps, a process known as pre-clearance under the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Because Texas has a history of voting discrimination among minority groups at election time, the state is required to seek permission to change the election map.

Although Garza County's election map has been approved for some time, the opposition over state lines has delayed the election schedule and knocked Texas out of Super Tuesday voting, which was Tuesday, the day when more Americans vote in primaries or caucuses than on any other date.

Because of a population boom in Texas, the 2010 census gives the state four more seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Nearly all that growth was among the Latino and African-American populations — groups that tend to vote for Democrats. But the state legislature drew up a new map of congressional districts that virtually assured three of the new seats to Republicans.

The courts are not finished with the Texas map issue, be-

Local candidates who had filed by noon Wednesday with their party chairs included:

### Sheriff

Cliff Laws (incumbent), Republican  
Phil Mathews, Republican  
Terry Morgan, Republican

### Tax assessor/collector

Nancy Wallace, Republican

### County Commission, Precinct 1

Jerry Fogerson, Republican  
Gary McDaniel (incumbent), Republican

### County Commission, Precinct 3

Ted Brannon (incumbent), Republican  
John Valdez, Democrat

### Constable, Precinct 1

Daniel Yarbro (incumbent), Republican

### Constable, Precinct 2

Eric Cravy (incumbent), Republican  
Ronald Gilbert, Republican

Filing deadline is 6 p.m. today. Read *The Post Dispatch* next week for complete candidate filing information.

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## No opposition negates the need for citywide elections

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Post Dispatch

POST — Qualifying for municipal elections ended Monday with the three incumbents for re-election filing to run again with no opposition.

Because no one filed to run against the three seated council members, no citywide election will be held, said City Secretary Deana Watson.

Seats up for re-election were Wards 3, 4 and 5.

Ward 4 Councilman Mark Short, 53, who qualified Monday, said he is most proud of

the work the council has done to ensure the future of a viable water source for the city of Post.

"This drought has been hard on everyone, especially in this area of Texas where we have limited water resources," said Short, who is seeking his second term on council. "We've worked really hard to get everyone on the same page with this water deal and hopefully we've got something that will see us through the next 40 years."

Councilwoman Anita Morris, 63, was the first candidate to qualify Feb. 28. She said she was looking forward to representing the resi-

dents of Ward 5 for a third term on council.

Morris said she hopes to continue improving on a number of projects the council has overseen during her last term, including improving attractions at the city's park.

"We've worked hard to improve the playground equipment at the park, and overall just making it safer for children and our city's residents," she said. "We'll continue to work to improve the lighting situation for our walking path and are already looking at installing new exercise equipment."

Morris said her next two years on council she will strive to continue building on rela-

tionships.

"I feel like we've accomplished a number of things since I've been on council, including developing better relationships with not only the county but also with our own police department," Morris said. "Post has so much potential and has come a long way in just a few short years. We're lucky and the residents of Post are lucky to have such a strong council whose members are leaders in this community and who are not led."

Ward 3 Councilman Les Looney, 50, also qualified Monday. He was not available for comment.



# Officials continue to urge residents to be vigilant

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Post Dispatch

POST — City officials have sent out a warning to local residents to remain vigilant in light of recent events throughout the area that have put them in harm's way because of door-to-door sales people.

City Manager Arbie Taylor in a message sent Thursday to local residents via the city's Blackboard messenger said all door-to-door sales people in Post must be permitted.

"If someone comes to your door selling something, they must be able to produce a permit issued by the city," Taylor said. "If they can't, shut the door and call 911."

Although the policy is not a new one, Taylor said city officials now would be more restrictive in issuing such permits because of recent complaints of shoddy sales tactics by door-to-door sales people, namely a home and business security company called Pinnacle Security.

"We've always had a policy in place," Taylor said. "It's just next time someone comes asking for a permit, they're going to have to have a pretty convincing reason to do so."

Also, he said, the tragic events that hap-

pened in Slaton a few weeks ago where an elderly woman was murdered by a stranger at her door also led to the decision to restrict local permits.

All companies and sales people who apply for a door-to-door sales permit in the city of Post must go through a background check performed by Garza County Sheriff's Office.

City officials will be more lax in enforcing the policy with local children who are raising money for a local cause.

"Children who are participating in local fundraisers for school and recreational events will be exempt — as they always have been," Taylor said. "However, even those who are trusted sales people and who are expected at your door, such as your Schwan's salesman, are required to carry a permit."

Taylor said city officials are asking the public for its help in helping police the issue.

"We don't have the resources to monitor these people like our residents do," Taylor said. "If someone comes to your door peddling their wares, do your own due diligence. Ask them to see their permit. Hold them accountable."

## Possible scam hits water customers

POST — City officials are warning residents about another potential scam that is circulating among Post water utility customers.

A message sent via the city's Blackboard messenger Monday evening warned water customers of a Florida-based company called HomeServe USA that has been sending out notices locally that offers insurance for home emergency repairs, such as leaks in exterior water lines.

"This company is not affiliated with the city of Post, and we urge all residents to be wary," City Manager Arbie Taylor said. "We believe these letters to be a scam and urge our customers to disregard them."

Taylor said city officials have looked into the company and although it is a real business, it has numerous complaints of faulty business practices.

"It is a real company, but it has a poor business record when it comes to fulfilling commitments outlined in the letter," Taylor said. "For our customers' protection, we urge them not to respond to the letters. But if local residents choose to respond, they should do their homework before contacting the company or signing any agreement."

By Wayne Hodgin

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks so much to all who made the honor for Noel so special — to all who voted, to our children, grandchildren, family and dear friends who came; to Janice Plummer and the Post Area Chamber of Commerce for their untiring efforts to make Post and Garza County better. We thank you.

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NHS inductees - Twelve new students at Post High School were recently inducted into the National Honor Society. Those students included (back row, left to right) Haily Berry, Taylor Osborn, Shirley Araiza, Dalton Holly, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Audree Williams, Sara Greer; (front row, left to right) Katie Dunn, Kayla Comeaux, Kambry Mason, Morgan Deen, Kari Dunn. NHS is a national student organization established in 1921 to recognize outstanding high school students who have demonstrated excellence in areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. (Special to the Post Dispatch)

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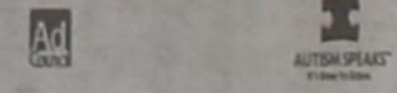


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## The Blotter

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Information compiled from the public safety files of the Garza County Sheriff's Office.

A 23-year-old male and a 22-year-old female, both of Colorado, were arrested Feb. 24 on misdemeanor drug charges after the couple was stopped about four miles north of Post on U.S. 84. Garza County sheriff's officials said the vehicle the couple was traveling in was stopped because it was exceeding the speed limit at 107 miles per hour. After the vehicle was stopped, deputies smelled possible marijuana and a search of the vehicle was completed. Marijuana joints were discovered along with drug paraphernalia. The couple was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and taken to the Garza County Jail, where they both were later released on \$2,000 bond each. Child Protective Services also

were called to the scene as the couple was traveling with a 4-month-old child.

Garza County sheriff's officials received a number of calls Feb. 28 about people selling magazine subscriptions door-to-door within the city limits of Post. It was determined the sellers did not have a permit and were asked to leave town or be jailed.

A gasoline theft was reported at the Stripes convenience store on U.S. 84 about 10:43 p.m. March 1. Reported amount stolen was \$80.87.

A two-vehicle accident was reported about midnight Saturday on U.S. 84 South near the county line. According to reports a tractor-trailer and a pickup hauling furniture collided. Law enforcement was on the scene until 2 a.m. cleaning up debris off the highway.

Garza County deputies were called to Post High School about 10 p.m. Saturday on a report of a fight at a recreational youth basketball game playoff series. Sheriff's officials said parents and coaches had been threatening referees during and after the game.

A number of loud music complaints reported throughout the year have led deputies to say they now will be issuing citations for such violations. According to Garza County sheriff's reports, deputies have been called to the 400 block of West 13th Street at least four times since January for house parties and loud music complaints. On early Sunday morning, a report of a fight had been reported.

A suspicious person was reported at a business in the 300 block of Broadway (U.S. 84) about 4 a.m. Sunday. Felipe Hernandez, 19, was ar-



Photo By Elizabeth Moreno

Post volunteer firefighters examine the remains of a store display the morning of March 2 outside J. Cruse Christmas Gallery in the 200 block of East Main Street. Fire officials believe a passerby snuffed a cigarette out in the display, which caused it to catch fire.

rested and turned over to the custody of the U.S. Border Patrol.

A dispute between two customers was reported about 4 p.m. Monday at a drive-in

restaurant in the 200 block of Broadway. No arrests were made.

A one-car rollover was reported about 4 a.m. Tuesday on U.S. 84 between FM 399

and 211. Garza County emergency personnel arrived on the scene along with sheriff's deputies and state troopers. The victim refused treatment at the scene.

Wayne Hodgins

## Seven-time Grammy winner to make stop at Lubbock



LUBBOCK — Seven-time-Grammy Award-winner Bill Gaither will host an evening of music, laughter and encouragement featuring the world-class talent of the Gaither Vocal Band and a star-studded lineup of award-winning artists.

The Gaither Vocal Band, with all-star lineup Mark Lowry, Michael English, David Phelps, Wes Hampton and Bill Gaither, will share timeless gospel classics, as well as refreshing, inspiring new favorites in a concert event March 15 at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

Year after year, Gaither has brought the Homecoming Tour into cities worldwide, performing to packed houses with collective attendance figures exceeding 1.1 million people and being ranked among the top concerts for tickets sold worldwide in any music genre during the past decade. Each concert showcases gospel music's finest talent and draws new listeners with every city.

Gaither continues to be delighted at audiences' response to the concert tour, now more than 40 years after he quit his day job as a teacher.

"I've always said it all starts with a great song. And we are so fortunate that each Homecoming concert includes great songs that have stood the test of time and some of the greatest voices in any genre of music," Gaither said. "With all the musical choices that are available now, there is still a very special place for the joy and optimism that reside in gospel music. Good news

never gets old."

Named ASCAP's Songwriters of the Century, Bill and Gloria Gaither have written more than 700 popular gospel songs throughout their multi-decade career, including favorite standards "He Touched Me," "Because He Lives," and "There's Just Something About That Name." Since 1992, when Gaither began recording the celebrated Homecoming series of DVDs and CDs, most every volume has gone gold or platinum with sales totaling about 100 million volumes. The programs appear regularly on television networks around the world.

Joining Gaither and his multi-award winning Gaither Vocal Band for this event will be the Nelons, the Martins, Charlotte Ritchie, Gene McDonald,

Gordon Mote and Kevin Williams. Each performer has been honored with countless awards and accolades; however, as Gaither notes, his greatest joy is being able to continue bringing great music to people.

"There are few things in this world I enjoy more than leading an audience through an evening that leaves them inspired, encouraged, hopeful

— perhaps introducing them to songs or ideas they can hold onto when life gets tough," Gaither said. "It is always my goal that a Homecoming concert lasts much longer than one evening, but stays with folks long after they walk out the door of that concert venue."

This Gaither Homecoming concert event March 15 at the United Spirit Arena will

celebrate timeless themes of faith, unity and eternal hope through a variety of music the whole family will enjoy. The concert will begin at 7 p.m., and tickets are available

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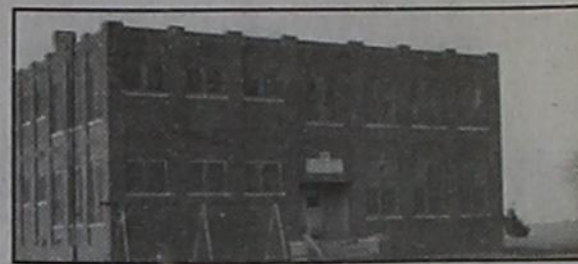
Windy, windy, windy — that's all I got to say 'bout that. Keep those prayers for moisture going as planting season nears. As I'm sitting here trying to decide what to type I'm listening to the guys talk. I have to tell y'all, I wouldn't give anything for the stories I get to listen to. Most of them I will tell again one day and have a good ol' belly laugh; some of them I might whisper to my closest friends; others I wouldn't repeat if my life depended on it. Not sure if any of our kids are headed to Houston for the livestock show, but if you are, good luck. I know many of them are getting geared up for baseball season. I saw Dylan, Rylan and Chuck out pitching a ball back in forth the other day. Track season is also going on. There's plenty going on, so go out and support our local youth at all of their activities.

Get well wishes for Kadie Vernon, who had knee surgery Wednesday. Hope you are up and around soon, Kadie. Also heard from Mindy, and her papaw Alton Clary is doing well. Keep up the good work, Alton. All of us in Ragtown have you in our thoughts and prayers. Ourbingonight has changed. It will be from 5 to 8 p.m. March 31 at the Garza County Showbarn. We need baked goods and help in the concession stand. Give us a call if you can help. If you grew up in the Bush household you grew up watching John Wayne, so my quote this week comes from the Duke himself: "Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway." Did you know: A rat can last longer without water than a camel.

Close City birthdays  
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March 10: Patti Lopez  
March 13: Cain Abraham  
March 14: Brenda Norman, Rhonda Norman  
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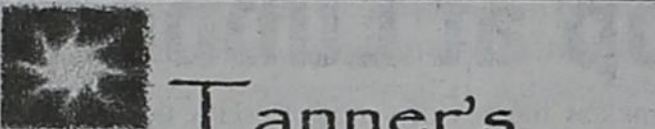
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## Weekly Inspirations

### A Long, Cool Drink

Read John 4:5-15

[Jesus] cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

- John 7:37-38 (NRSV)

Each spring, I love seeing my patio planters overflowing with colorful flowers: coral petunias, blue lobelia, dusty miller. The planters never look better than when I first set the nursery-bred plants in the pots. I water them well each day for a week or two, happy for rainy days when God does the job for me. But I am soon distracted and forget to keep the flowers watered. After just a few warm, dry days, every flower stem bends and the foliage droops down the sides of the pots. I fear the worst. But I'm thankful that if the soil is not completely dried up, I can water the plants and see them revive.

This makes me realize that I need the water of God's word as desperately as my patio flowers need water. If I forget reading the Bible and praying, I will soon droop. The stresses of life can overwhelm me, just as my flowers wither in the heat.

Yet those who believe in Christ tap into an endless supply of water. Jesus promised that if we come to him and believe in him, streams of living water will flow from within us. When I take time to read my Bible each morning, I feel stronger — more able to survive the day. When I see my patio flowers drooping for lack of water, I run for the hose. But I also stop and think, "Have I turned to Christ lately for a cool drink of the water of life?"

Sherree G. Funk (Pennsylvania, USA)

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, refresh us daily by the water of your word, that we may grow and mature in you. Amen.

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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**Deuteronomy 6:5**

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# COLUMNS

## LEGENDS: Garza resident recounts life prior to moving to county in memoir



**The 501**  
by Hanaba Munn Welch

A woman is judged by her luggage.

Me, I use grocery sacks.

OK, maybe my poetic license is showing, sort of. For starters, my opening statement is borrowed. My late mother told me a merchant in Electra made the remark as part of her sales pitch to her and my grandmother. Seems like they ended up buying a purple alligator set, train case to Pullman, from that persuasive woman, thanks to that one powerful thought — you are your luggage. After all, it was the 1920s. Materialism defined the age.

As for the grocery sacks, I try to make sure mine all match. So it's not as bad as it sounds.

The purple vintage luggage ensemble exists not only in my mind's eye. Perhaps it went up in flames when my grandmother's house burned circa 1954. Or maybe an earlier conflagration got it — the storage shed fire that destroyed my mother's sheet music, a handy excuse for her to neglect the keyboard.

Conversely, the lack of excellent luggage didn't keep our family from going places. After all, the era when you had to stand on a train platform next to your luggage — the pieces you didn't check — for all the world to see had faded by the time my parents had enough money to go anywhere. The automobile had edged out trains. When our family went to Farm Bureau conventions, the luggage got whisked from the trunk of the car to our room with little time for scrutiny. If the bags were old and worn, maybe the porter ex-

pected less of a tip. I'll bet that thought crossed my father's mind. He was a tight tipper.

Then a little oil money in the 1950s changed things. We got new luggage — saddle tan Samsonite. No doubt it was my mother who pressed for us to have the nice new stuff, and all because of the woman in Electra who said it so well:

A woman is judged by her luggage.

No doubt, my mother used that argument on Daddy and extended it to cover all genders.

Furthermore, it was the era of putting initials on each piece, thus reinforcing the human-baggage connection.

Is it any wonder that "baggage" is the current word of choice for describing a person per all the conditions that weigh that person down? I see a cartoon character surrounded with various suitcases piled high — all shabby, all vintage.

Maybe that's why grocery sacks are my choice. Connotation-wise, they come with no baggage. They are what they are. Every time the sacker asks "Paper or plastic?" I ask myself whether I have any immediate travel plans. If not, I generally choose plastic, not that plastic bags can't also work as luggage. But plastic has no class and doesn't measure up to the look of a matching fresh set of sturdy brown paper bags with the name of a reputable supermarket and, according to the season, an extra design emblazoned thereon.

After all, a woman is judged by her luggage.

By Linda Puckett

This week's story comes from an issue of "Old Timer's Review," a great newsletter written and printed by the Golden Plains Care Center that apparently featured the family histories of some of their residents. There is no date, but the administrator was Bobbie Edler and the activity director was Nell Mathews.

This story is about the life of Maude Salome Bright (Pettigrew), born Sept. 22, 1898, to Nora and Samuel Bright in Lampasas County. She was born in a split-log house on a farm at the community of McNally's Bend, now shortened to Bend. She writes:

"I am one of seven children, one brother and a sister older than I, two brothers and two sisters younger.

"We lived on the farm until I was 6 or 7 years old. Papa decided he wanted to go to Oklahoma, so he sold the farm, loaded us in a wagon, and we started out.

"We traveled as far as Graham, Texas, when my brother Charlie and myself got sick. "We camped in a tent along the river under some pecan trees for three months. Our money ran out, so Papa decided to go back to San Saba, as he had a brother living there. We rented a farm and lived there for three years.

"On Sundays, we played on the rock, now called Royal Rock. It was about a mile to the Rock. It was like seeing an old friend.

"Papa had another brother living in

Coke County, who kept writing time to come as he had found some school land they settled on. In 1907 we moved again. My dad's mother had died and Granddad was living with us. He died about a year after we moved to Coke County in Water Valley. Papa built a two-room house, and we hauled water three miles the whole time we lived there.

"My brother Euel died of a ruptured appendix while we lived in Water Valley. Two doctors from San Angelo came to the house and operated on him on the kitchen table, but they were too late.

"A little brother, Cecil, and a sister, Lena, were born there. Cecil died of infantile paralysis at the age of 2, and Lena Mae had paralysis also. She lived until age 8. They were both paralyzed from the disease. Our life changed after this, but we carried on.

"Papa didn't like ranching, so we sold the school land and bought a farm about three miles away. Life wasn't always easy, but we had a lot of good time on the banks of the Concho River. In about 1912, Papa wrote a cousin asking for help with the pecan harvest. He brought a man with him, Elmer Pettigrew. About the middle of October we began the harvest. It lasted until the middle of March. We children helped with the pecan harvest and then went back to school for three more months. The winter of 1912 was the coldest ever. The river froze and we gathered pecans on the river ice. Pecans sold for 3 cents per pound.

"After Elmer went back to Sonora, he

and I began to write, and he came to visit twice each year.

"In 1917, Elmer found a job in Hereford, Texas. He asked me to marry him and go with him. It didn't take me long to get ready; didn't have much to take. We reached San Angelo late in the afternoon, but Papa knew the county clerk, so he called him and asked him to sell us a marriage license. He did, and we went to one of Elmer's cousins, a Methodist preacher. His wife said he would be glad to marry us, but he was in the county, holding a revival and wouldn't be home until late. He did marry us, and they asked us to spend the night. We were so grateful to them. Elmer had sold a saddle for \$35. And we thought we were well off.

"We caught the train the following morning for Hereford. Neither of us thought to bring our coats, so when we reached Amarillo at six o'clock the following morning, we nearly froze to death. We had to layover until 12 and we dined on a box of crackers and water that night.

"In February, the terrible blizzard of 1918 caused cattle to go to the south fence lines and they froze to death standing. In May, Elmer was called to service, and I went back to Water Valley to stay with Mama. I bought our first conveyance, a buggy, and gave \$12 for it.

"When Elmer returned home, we rented

### LEGENDS

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# SPORTS

## Sports Roundup

### High school tennis

Eleven students from Post High School participated in the South Plains Christian Home-School Educators Association tennis tournament in Levelland on Feb. 23 with 10 of those athletes winning at least one match.

Tavish and Taylor Soto placed second in A Boys Doubles. Danny Shelton and Audrey Williams won consolation in B Mixed Doubles. Zach Hinkle and Shirley Araiza placed third in B Mixed Doubles.

Submitted by Joey Hannaway

### High school track

Post High School sent three varsity girls to the track meet at Roby High School on Saturday. Cheyenne Gill placed fifth in long jump. Kim Rivera placed third in the 3,200-meter run. Matti Smith placed second in the 400-meter dash and fourth in the 200-meter dash. The team placed eighth overall.

Submitted by Richard Soliz

## Post Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Email thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

### Tree sponsorships

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will be offering sponsorships for trees to be planted around the Chamber offices at the historic train depot. Sponsorships are \$85/\$165. A plaque will be placed at each tree to identify the sponsor. Those interested should contact the Chamber at 806-495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com. Deadline is Tuesday.

### 'St. John and the Televangelist'

Ragtown Gospel Theater will host performances of "St. John and the Televangelist" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and a 3 p.m. Saturday matinee through March 24. For information, call 1-877-RAGTOWN or visit ragtown.com.

### Fish fry

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 205 W. Main St., has begun its annual fish fry during the Lenten season. Dinner is served from 5 to 7 p.m. each Friday night. \$8 per plate. For information, call the church office at 806-495-2791.

### Commissioners Court

The Garza County Commission will meet at 9 a.m. Monday in Commission Chambers in the second-floor courtroom at the Garza County Courthouse, 300 W. Main St. For a complete agenda, visit garzacounty.net. For information, call the County Clerk's Office at 806-495-4430 or email james.plummer@co.garza.tx.us.

### School board

The Post ISD Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the administration building, 501 S. Ave. K. For information, call the superintendent's office at 806-495-3343.

### Graham Ole Opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be from 7 to 10 p.m. March 17 at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on U.S. 380 and two miles south on FM 399. For information, call Noel White at 806-495-3261.

### Taba'na Yuan'e

The annual Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony will be at sunrise (about 7 a.m.) March 22 at city park on U.S. 84 South to predict crops and the agricultural economy for the coming year. For information, call the Post Area Chamber of Commerce at

806-495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com. Also visit tabanayuan.com.

### Career Day

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor at Post-Garza County Career Day from 2 to 5 p.m. March 23 at the Post High School cafeteria, 211 S. Ave. K. Booths are free for Chamber members and \$25 for non-members. All businesses are invited to have a booth and present information to job seekers. For information, call the Chamber at 806-495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com.

### 4-H meeting

A 4-H meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. March 19 at the Extension office, 215 W. Main St. For information, call 806-495-4400.

### 4-H photography

Deadline for Junior and Intermediate 4-H members photography contest is noon March 23. All 4-by-6-inch photos are needed in the office at that time. For information, call 806-495-4400.

### State 4-H Roundup

The State 4-H Roundup will be June 11-15 at Texas Tech University. For information, call the Extension office at 806-495-4400.

### Post Elementary School

Progress reports will be sent March 26. STAAR testing for fourth- and fifth-graders is March 26-30. Pre-k and kinder roundup for the 2012-2013 academic year will be at 5 p.m. April 2. For information on these events, contact the school at 806-495-3414.

### Community bingo

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will host a community bingo night at 6:30 p.m. April 5 at the Post Community Center, 113 W. Main St. For information, call the Chamber at 806-495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com.

### 4-H camp

4-H'ers interested in attending 4-H Camp are urged to contact the Extension office at 806-495-4400. Leadership Lab will be May 29-31 for ages 9-12 in Levelland; Electric Camp will be June 25-29 for ages 14-18 in Cloudcroft, N.M.; Golf Camp will be April 27-28 for ages 12-18 in College Station; Prime Time I will be July 2-25 for grades 5-8 at Lake Brownwood; Prime Time II will be July 25-28 for grades 25 at Lake Brownwood; Horizons will be July 3-7 for grades 4-8 at Lake Brownwood.



## Coach's Corner

by Steve Smith

### Character and criticism

By Steve Smith

Most people I know do not take criticism very well. Criticism is easy to avoid, however; simply say nothing, do nothing, and do not strive to become something. Mediocre people play it safe and avoid criticism at all costs. Champions, winners, leaders and successful people, however, risk criticism every time they perform. The more you do in life the more you accomplish, the more you risk being criticized. However, it is important to remember that it's not the critic who counts. Theodore Roosevelt once said, "It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again because there is no effort without error and shortcomings, who knows the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the high achievement of triumph and who at worst, if he fails while daring greatly, knows his place shall never be with those timid and cold souls who know neither victory nor defeat." If you are successful, people will be jealous or try to find fault. Don't let that distract you from reaching your goal. It is easy to criticize other people, but it is hard to duplicate their efforts. Critics are not the leaders or doers in life. The leaders and doers are too busy with their own accomplishments to criticize. It takes a belief in yourself to overcome the fear of criticism. Belief is the knowledge we can achieve something great. It is the inner feeling that what we undertake, we can accomplish. One of life's greatest fears is criticism or rejection from peers. Some people never participate in competitive

sports for the simple reason they are afraid of being criticized by friends or parents or others. This fear of criticism is more than just a lack of confidence. It is a preoccupation with self-image designed to minimize experiences of defeat. Athletics, in order to be worthwhile and provide lessons for life, must always be accompanied by the possibility of criticism. Sometimes to be criticized in athletics is to realize and area of weakness and not succumb to it. It appears at times as though some people are looking for a reason to quit. Upon noticing a glaring weakness and experiencing a little criticism, a person may just check it in. It seems easy to forsake the real test, but a pattern of response could develop that would provide very unfulfilling in life. To quit at every challenge, quit in every difficulty, to avoid criticism becomes a habit, when we need to look at them at challenges to overcome and earn a sense of accomplishment and gain confidence in ourselves. Realize some weaknesses are inherent. We cannot

all be the fastest, tallest, strongest, etc. We all have weaknesses, but we also all have strengths and most of all willingness and focus to compensate or a weakness.

*Do not be hurt, be not surprised.*

*If what you do is criticized.*

*There is always one or more who can*

*Find fault with anything and any man.*

*Mistakes will be made, we cannot deny,*

*But only by those who dare to try.*

Eleanor Roosevelt reminds us that, "no one can make you feel inferior without your permission." It is up to you to refuse to give that permission to anyone or any situation. A NFL quarterback once explained, "The criticism about my size and my arm strength does not bother me because I know I can compensate with my brain and other strengths over any shortcomings I might perceived to have. Real or imagined, critic or not, I know when the going gets tough, I know I can find a way to gut it out."

Steve Smith is athletic director for the Post Independent School District.

## Post ISD Lunch Menu

March				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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6 PORK CHOP, CHICKEN, MAC & CHEESE, SALAD, BLUISH PEARS, CORNBREAD, MILK	7 PIZZA, SALAD, CORN, PEACHES, MILK	8 SPRING BREAK	9 SPRING BREAK	10 SPRING BREAK
11 SPRING BREAK	12 SPRING BREAK	13 SPRING BREAK	14 SPRING BREAK	15 SPRING BREAK
16 HOT DOGS, OVER FRIED POTATOES, APPLE & ORANGE SMILES, SHERBET CUP, MILK	17 PIZZA, SALAD, ORANGE SMILES, QUESADILLA, MILK	18 CARNIE QUESADILLA, GARDEN SALAD, ORANGE SMILES, FLOUR TORTILLAS, MILK	19 ULTIMATE TACO, SEASONED CORN, BROWN RICE, BROWNIE, MILK	20 HAMBURGER, LET. TOM, & PICKLES, WESTERN BEANS, SLICED PEACHES, RICE CHIPPY TREAT, MILK
21 CHICKEN FAJITAS, REFRIED BEANS, SEASONED CORN, ORANGE SMILES, SHERBET CUP, MILK	22 PIZZA, SALAD, CORN, COBBLETTE, PEACHES, MILK	23 COUNTRY STELE, STEAK, GRAVY, BAKED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, HOT ROLL, STRAWBERRY SWIRTCAKE, MILK	24 CHICKEN SPAGHETTI, GARDEN SALAD, FRESH APPLE, TEXAS TOAST, BROWNIE, MILK	25 PIZZA BURGER, LET. TOM, & PICKLES, TATER TOTS, FRESH GRAPES, MILK

## Post ISD Breakfast Menu

March				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 POP TARTS, SAUSAGE LINK, FRUIT, MILK	2 CEREAL, GRAHAM CRACKER, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK	3 POP TARTS, SAUSAGE LINK, FRUIT, MILK	4 CEREAL, GRAHAM CRACKER, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK	5 CEREAL, GRAHAM CRACKER, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK
6 Waffles, Sausage, Butter & Syrup, Fruit, Milk	7 CHURROS, SAUSAGE LINK, FRUIT, MILK	8 OATMEAL, BACON, TOAST, FRUIT, MILK	9 COWBOY BREAD, SAUSAGE LINK, FRUIT, MILK	10 CEREAL, GRAHAM CRACKER, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK
11 SPRING BREAK	12 SPRING BREAK	13 SPRING BREAK	14 SPRING BREAK	15 SPRING BREAK
16 SPRING BREAK	17 SPRING BREAK	18 SPRING BREAK	19 SPRING BREAK	20 SPRING BREAK
21 PANCAKE, SAUSAGE ON A STICK, SYRUP, FRUIT, MILK	22 MUFFINS, SAUSAGE LINK, FRUIT, MILK	23 MALT-O-MEAL, SAUSAGE, TOAST, FRUIT, MILK	24 CHEESE OMELETTES, TOAST, FRUIT, MILK	25 CEREAL, GRAHAM CRACKER, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK
26 BISCUITS, SAUSAGE, GRAVY, FRUIT, MILK	27 DONUT, SAUSAGE LINK, FRUIT, MILK	28 OATMEAL, BACON, TOAST, FRUIT, MILK	29 CORNHORN, TOAST, SAUSAGE LINK, FRUIT, MILK	30 CEREAL, GRAHAM CRACKER, FRUIT, JUICE, MILK

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## Southland School Menu

March 12-16 SPRING BREAK	MONDAY Waffles, Bacon, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Milk
Breakfast Menu for Mar. 19- Mar. 23	TUESDAY Quesadilla, Fruit, Juice, Milk	THURSDAY Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk
	WEDNESDAY Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice,	FRIDAY Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Fruit, Juice, Milk

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Hotdogs, birthday cake, and drinks will be served at 11:00am-7:00pm at the Post Community Center 113 W. Main Street. Instead of gifts, we would like to collect new small stuffed animals to donate to Cook's Children's Hospital.

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would want to vote in the sheriff's, district attorney's and other races to also be able to cast ballots for him. In addition, he said, it allows voters to have more of a choice in their party nominee.

"This move was purely made to allow voters a choice in who they vote for," Brannon said. "It is not because I'm dissuaded with the Democratic Party. Those who know me and know my record, know I'm the most conservative member of the Commissioners Court. My record shows that."

As his first term is winding down, Brannon said he is most proud that he has been a good supporter for the people of Garza County.

"I have been a voice for not only my precinct and its constituents but also for everyone in Garza County in matters that come before the Board of Commissioners," Brannon said. "I've voted against a number

of items that I think would have cost the taxpayers of Garza County dearly.

"It's a job I take very seriously — to be a good steward of our tax dollars."

If elected for a second term, Brannon said he would continue to take care of the residents of his precinct and all of the county to ensure tax dollars are spent as wisely and conservatively as possible.

"I want to continue to serve our residents as the most conservative voice on the County Commission," Brannon said. "To oversee a strong, conservative fiscal budget and continue to see that the most important programs, such as the victims advocate, are funded."

Brannon is expected to face John Valdez in November. Valdez, a former 16-year member of the Commissioners Court, has filed to run on the Democratic ticket, said Democratic Party Chairwoman Bebe Boren.

**PRIMARY ELECTION... continued from page 1**

cause the U.S. Supreme Court has yet to rule on the pre-clearance issue. Democrats and minority groups in Texas, who believe the revised map gives Republicans too many of the new seats, are hoping a ruling will keep their legal fight alive.

State Rep. Jim Landtroop, R-Plainview, who represents Garza County, said Wednesday that most candidates, including himself, are plugging along as if the May 29 date is a hard one.

"This redistricting thing has taken longer than anyone every hoped or anticipated. We knew it would be contested in the courts, but no one thought it would have been dragged out this long," Landtroop said. "There's still some red tape that has to be gone through before it's over, but we're staying positive that Texas will be casting ballots May 29."

Landtroop said the fallout from the redistricting fiasco could really have a big impact on voter turnout during the

primary. "There's a good chance the presidential preference primary could very well be decided before Texans are allowed to go to the polls at the end of May," he said. "If that happens, that has the potential to greatly hamper voter turnout in districts all across Texas."

**Local offices**  
Garza County Clerk Jim Plummer, who serves as elections supervisor for the county, said this election has been a real challenge.

"You get keyed up and ready for an election, and then something happens and they change the date on you," Plummer said. "But we're hopeful the May 29 date will stay firm. It's been a real challenge for those of us in the elections business and for those running for office."

Local offices up for election include district attorney, county attorney, sheriff, tax assessor-collector, county commission districts 1 and 3 and constable districts 1 and 2.

**RENOVATION... continued from page 1**

on that side of the street, it will be only in spots here and there," he said.

The project is slated to begin mid- to late March and should be finished within 90 days, weather permitting, Taylor said.

"We'll have signs up all over the place," he said. "Residents should start seeing those signs go up very soon."

Westbound traffic will be diverted right onto Texas 207 and then left onto 15th Street and back to Broadway (U.S. 84) while crews are working to re-brick the street.

"It'll be a mess there for a while, and I know it will be hard on our residents, but in the end it will be worth it," Taylor said. "There was really no other way to do it. For the state to approve our plans, they insisted detours off state roads be kept on state roads and we insisted the traffic through a residential area be kept to a minimum."

The project calls for the bricks to be taken up and the sand and concrete under the bricks replaced.

"The bricks will be saved and re-used for the repaving project," Taylor said. "However, when the new cement is poured, it will be reinforced so it holds up better to the heavy traffic."

*Thanks for reading The Post Dispatch*

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a small place to grub out. Elmer went to town and purchased a wagon and a churn. Coming home the horses ran away, turned the wagon over and broke the churn. Losing the wagon was awful, but breaking the churn was terrible. We harvested nine bales of cotton from nine acres that year, and got 43 cents per pound.

"Six years and three babies later, we moved to Justiceburg. It was a booming little town, with 80 school children, a hotel, lumber yard, three grocery stores, barbershop, café, three garages, filling stations and a lot of houses.

"We then went back to the farm 14 miles east of Justiceburg. The children played in the sand by the creek, and I read them Bible stories there. One morning

we heard a rattlesnake. I handed Elmer his boot, and the snake fell out. Need I say; we scattered.

"We bought our first truck, and on Christmas we went to Papa and Mama's. Elmer ran over the gate going to the house, and after the hugging and kissing, he went out and re-built it.

"After four years, we rented a larger farm six miles east of Justiceburg. We rented more land and bought a new tractor, soon we were farming 900 acres, which called for more equipment. By this time our children were married and no longer at home. "A family of Spanish people lived next to us and helped us farm. They became very dear to us, like family.

"On Oct. 13, 1955, my world fell in when Elmer died of a

heart attack in the field that he so loved. We still had 100 bales of cotton in the field, but we finished the harvest by Dec. 15.

I moved into a small house in Post at the end of December. I drove a school bus for six years. My life with Elmer was now sweet memories. On May 17, 1978 I was chosen as Outstanding Older Texan. This was a big thrill for me. I met the Lord when I was 15, and never once have I had doubts.

I am so thankful for Golden Plains Care Center, my home, for the employees and for every resident. I thank you for your love and caring, and if I reach heaven before "you, I'll wait for you just inside the gate.

**Linda Puckett is director of the Garza County Museum.**

**DEATH NOTICE.**

Gary 'Buda' Cleveland, 57 of Lubbock died Monday, February 27, 2012 at University Medical Center. Gary was born March 14, 1954 to William H. and Rita M. (Hunter) Cleveland at Saugus, Massachusetts. He attended school there and in 1979 came to Lubbock to run the family business: Mr. C's Subway Shop. Later he worked as a surveyor and later for the City of Lubbock. He worked there until his health failed. He is preceded in death by his father and step-mother Carolyn

Cleveland. Gary was a member of the Parkway Church of Christ in Lubbock. Gary loved spending time with his grandchildren and was known to them as 'Buda'.

Those left to cherish his memories are his daughter: Amy Cleveland Nuñez and her husband Anthony. His mother: Rita M. Cleveland of Lyn, Massachusetts. One brother: Billy Cleveland of Florida. Two half-sisters: Shelly Cleveland of Houston and Susan Cleveland of Dallas. Two grandchildren: Brooklyn Madison Nuñez and

Dallas Anthony Nuñez.

Services for Gary were at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2012 at the Post Church of Christ with Ron Guzman and Monty Huffman of the Parkway Church of Christ officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: John Valdez, Mark Valdez, Rodney Lewis, Bobby Castillo, Jimmie Valdez and David Perez.

**Legal Notice**

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 8A  
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DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 1, 2012  
733982  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 12, 2012  
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780  
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 37/38 Case No.

Status/Permit No.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SHARP IMAGE ENERGY, INC., [RRC Operator No. 770731] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of

Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the RECOMPLETION permit in Sec. 20, Bk. 6, H&GN RR CO/JOHNSON, J E Survey, A-903, TOBE (MISS) and TOBE (STRAWN) Fields, GARZA County, being 1.5 miles E direction from JUSTICEBURG, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

**IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Apr 12, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.**

**THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION**

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: TOBE (MISS)  
Lease/Unit Name : EPPLER 20  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1  
Lease/Unit Acres : 40.0  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 235.0

Lease Lines : 655.0 F W L, 235.0 F S L  
Survey Lines : 1975.0 F W L, 235.0 F S L

FIELD: TOBE (STRAWN)  
Lease/Unit Name : EPPLER 20  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1  
Lease/Unit Acres : 40.0  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 235.0

Lease Lines : 655.0 F W L, 235.0 F S L  
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

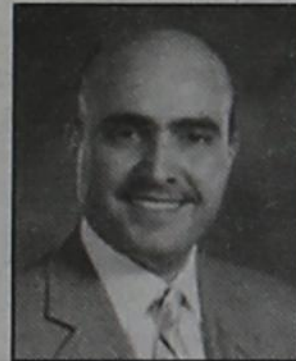
TOBE (MISS) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

TOBE (STRAWN) : OIL Special Rules 467/1320, 80.0 acres.

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# Post Trade Days held Saturday



Photo by Elizabeth Moreno

A number of members of the eighth-grade class at Post Junior High School worked during Post Trade Days on Saturday selling photos with an Easter background along with live rabbits. The class also sold desserts, including cakes and cupcakes during the event. The class will use the money for an end-of-year banquet to celebrate a move into high school.



Photo by Elizabeth Moreno

Mike Hooper of Second Look Jewelry & Accessories of San Angelo bides his time between customers Saturday at Post Trade Days.



Photo by Elizabeth Moreno

Scores of area residents enjoy Post Trade Days on Saturday in downtown Post. The event is held the first Saturday of each month.



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Laura Fackelman of Breckenridge and mother Hedy Fackelman of Abilene sell their wares of jewelry, purses, accessories and gifts during Saturday's Post Trade Days. Their business is SRTA's Surprises.

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Jarred Curtis, Willow Gray and Kamryn Perez enjoy Post Trade Days on Saturday in downtown Post.



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Willow Gray of Post, right, stands next to Roberta Wright of Fantasy Creations of Abilene during Post Trade Days on Saturday. Wright creates unique handmade hats.