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Candidates for local, state office flock to file

List of Republican hopefuls a long one

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

Garza County residents will — presumably — head to the polls May 29 for the Texas primary elections.

The deadline for filing to run on the ballot of their choice — either Democratic or Republican — was at 6 p.m. March 9.

Seats open locally to qualifying candidates included sheriff, tax assessor/collector, county commissioner precincts 1 and 3 and constable precincts 1 and 2.

State seats open included Senate, House, State Board of Education, Railroad Commission and a number of judicial appointments, including state supreme court and the criminal court of appeals.

In addition, voters will elect seats to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives

and, of course, president of the United States.

The May 29 primary date was set March 1 by a panel of federal judges in San Antonio after a months-long dispute among Republicans, Democrats, the courts and others on the state's legislative maps.

Although the court-ordered interim maps still must receive pre-clearance by the U.S. Justice Department, elections officials on the county level have been ordered to proceed as if the May 29 date is firm.

One issue worth noting for this election cycle: The redrawn maps have placed Garza County into Texas House District 68 and no longer in District 85. Rep. Rick Hardcastle, R-Vernon, longtime representative for District 68, chose not to run again. This seat is wide open.

Following is a list of those candidates who qualified in various races

Republican Ballot

Garza County Sheriff
Cliff Laws (incumbent)
Phil Mathews
Terry Morgan

Tax assessor/collector
Nancy Wallace

County Commission, Precinct 1
Jerry Fogerson
Gary McDaniel (incumbent)

County Commission, Precinct 3
Ted Brannon (incumbent)
Constable, Precinct 1
Daniel Yarbro (incumbent)

Constable, Precinct 2
Eric Cravy (incumbent)
Ronald Gilbert

District Attorney, 106th Ju-

dicial District
Brian L. Kingston (incumbent)
Michael Munk

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals
Sharon Keller (incumbent)

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals
Place 7
Barbara Parker Hervey (incumbent)
Place 8
Elsa Alcalá (incumbent)

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals
Place 2
Mackey K. Hancock
Place 3
Pat Pirtle

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City Council OKs minimal funds for Garza Theatre



Photo by Wayne Hodgin

The historic Garza Theatre in downtown Post has sat unused since city officials shut the doors during the middle of a production in September because the deterioration of the structure deemed it a public safety hazard.

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

The Post City Council has agreed to make the necessary improvements to the historic Garza Theatre that will render the structure inhabitable to — at most — a potential buyer looking to renovate the entire building.

The venue in downtown Post is in such a state of dilapidation that city officials shuttered its doors in the middle of a theater production in September because of safety concerns.

The building is owned by the city of Post.

"There are some serious issues with the roof of the building," City Manager Arbie Taylor said. "So much so that it was enough of a compelling reason to shut it down."

An inspection by the engineering firm of Grimes & Associates of Wolfforth found

a number of safety issues with the almost 100-year-old building.

The firm's estimate of construction costs for the required improvements was listed between \$1.5 million and \$1.8 million.

During a City Council meeting March 8, council members voted to spend roughly \$30,000 to install a temporary support structure that should keep the roof from collapsing, thereby damaging more of the building and the surrounding structures.

"I am suggesting you authorize the funds to make just the necessary repairs intended for inspection only, but not for public occupancy," Taylor told the council. "Just because we're doing this doesn't mean we're going to start having plays there."

Taylor said city officials have no interest in keeping the building and are looking

for buyers.

"If someone came in and offered me \$10 for that building today, I'd take it," he said. "But because we own it, I feel it's our responsibility to ensure the safety of the building in order to sell it. You can't sell a building you can't go into."

Taylor told the council last week that it wasn't fiscally responsible to continue pouring money into the building. "We've spent thousands of dollars throughout the years on maintaining that building," he said. "I just don't see the point in continuing to use a Band-Aid solution to this problem."

"We're in a quandary, and this is the absolute least we can do to get it to a point we can move forward."

Members of the Garza Theatre board of directors continue to follow the ongoing issue with the venue.

Scott Harris, president of the theater board, said his troupe still has a vested interest in performing, but without a venue and the funds to do so his board remains at a standstill.

"We're kind of in limbo right now as to what we're going to do," Harris said. "There's nothing we can do concerning the building. We just don't have the money or the contacts to do anything. We're just waiting to see who buys it."

"We were shut down in the middle of a production, so we're financially operating in the red right now because we weren't able to recoup the money that we had already spent at that time."

Harris said Garza Theatre board members were shocked to learn of the build-

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State's voter ID law struck down

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

The Obama administration on Monday blocked approval of a controversial new state law that would require voters in Texas to provide government-issued photo identification when going to the polls.

In a letter sent to state officials, Assistant U.S. Attorney General Thomas Perez said the legislation — Senate Bill 14 — could discriminate against Hispanics and other minorities.

Texas is one of eight states to require an official government photo identification in an effort to stop what officials say is voter fraud. Opponents of such laws say they disenfranchise poor, minority and disabled voters.

U.S. Justice officials concluded there is little evidence of voter fraud in Texas to warrant the legislative changes.

"We note that the state's submission did not include evidence of significant in-person voter impersonation not already addressed by the state's existing laws," Perez wrote in a letter addressed to the director of elections for the Texas secretary of state.

The landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 gives the federal government the power to oversee any changes in voting procedures in states and jurisdictions with a history of voter discrimination, including Texas.

Justice officials, relying on statistics provided by the state, said Hispanics in particular would be negatively affected by the Texas law.

"Under the data provided in January, Hispanics make up only 21.8 percent of all registered voters, but fully 38.2 percent of the registered voters who lack these forms of identification. Thus, we conclude the total number of registered voters who lack a driver's license or personal identification card issued by (the state Department of Public Safety) could range from 603,892 to 795,955," Perez wrote. "Even using the data most favorable to the state, Hispanics disproportionately lack either a driver's license or a personal identification card ... and that disparity is statistically significant."

The Justice Department said Hispanic registered voters in Texas are 46.5 percent to 120 percent more likely than a non-

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Man eats pot stash during traffic stop

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

A 25-year-old Anson man was arrested on felony obstruction charges after he ate an unknown amount of marijuana to avoid detection during a traffic stop early Sunday morning.

According to Garza County sheriff's reports, a vehicle traveling on U.S. 84 South was pulled over because of a faulty tail light and for a missing rear license plate.

Deputies reported that as they approached the driver's-side window they could smell the odor of marijuana coming

from inside the car.

Deputies asked the driver to exit the vehicle and proceeded to question the man. When asked if he had any drugs in the vehicle, the man said he had swallowed them. According to the report, deputies saw evidence of a green, leafy residue inside the suspect's mouth.

After a search of the vehicle, suspected marijuana was found in a clear jar in the center console of the vehicle.

David Aron Myers was arrested on charges of pos-

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County officials return to normal meeting place after elevator installation

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

Garza County commissioners met in regular session Monday and breezed through a rather short agenda, which included approval to advertise for a maintainer in Precinct 4 and one to sell an outdated 1971 fire truck at the Justiceburg station.

Of particular note was the meeting's move from the second-floor district courtroom back home to the third-floor Commissioners Court. Commissioners had changed the meeting loca-

tion because an elevator was being installed in the courthouse to bring it up to date with the Americans with Disabilities Act compliance.

In other business, commissioners approved appointing Curtis Hudman to the Garza County Public Facilities Corp. Board of Directors. The board has oversight of the county's bond funds.

In addition, commissioners also approved the road mileage certification for the county. The certification is used by the Tex-

as Department of Transportation in order to reimburse counties for the road tax, which is collected from gasoline purchases.

Judge Norman also updated commissioners and staff on the ongoing talks to install a heating, cooling and ventilation system at the courthouse. The courthouse is and has been utilizing window units in order to heat and cool offices.

Norman said the next step in the process would be to have an engineering firm go through the courthouse and submit a logistics report.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A very special thank you to those who helped me during a very difficult time. My surgery was supposed to be a very short stay, but instead lasted for three months, and still recuperating, but out of the hospital now.

My special thanks and love goes out to Rosemary Cole and Sherri Overstreet for all their help with things I could not do from the hospital and bring me things I needed. You are my best friends.

I also want to thank the county for the senior van with Yolanda and Joe Cruise for their help holding on to me during my doctor's appointments, your a Godsend.

Thank you all for your special prayers, I could not have made it without you all.

Dorothy Ashlock
Post

Sometimes a thank you is hard to write. Lord help me, I don't know where to start, but I have to say the

ladies that put the bean-and-cornbread benefit together for me deserve a mighty big pat on the back, as do the ladies who made all the cakes to sell.

To the folks who came down and ate with us and made generous donations, God knows how much I appreciate it. Thanks to you all very much.

The truth of the matter is I could not make these trips to the Mayo Clinic without my community's help. I would quite simply have to just throw in the towel. It's an expensive situation, and the Post community has come to my rescue.

Thanks for it all, and I cannot forget the prayers that have been sent my way.

My doctor said I should be cancer-free by the end of summer. I hope he is right, and I ask for your continued prayers.

O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson
Post

Lesser prairie-chicken aerial survey begins

LUBBOCK — This spring, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will collaborate with state fish and wildlife agencies from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado, West Ecosystems Inc. and Texas Tech University to conduct a large-scale aerial survey for lesser prairie-chicken booming grounds across the High Plains region in all five states.

Information from these surveys will be used by wildlife officials and the other state agencies to help conserve the bird in partnership with landowners and private industries, including oil and gas, wind energy and electric utilities.

"These surveys represent a unique effort by state fish and wildlife agencies across the region to work together to monitor population trends over time and to effectively manage for this species," said Lubbock-based wildlife diversity biologist Sean Kyle. "This information, combined with other

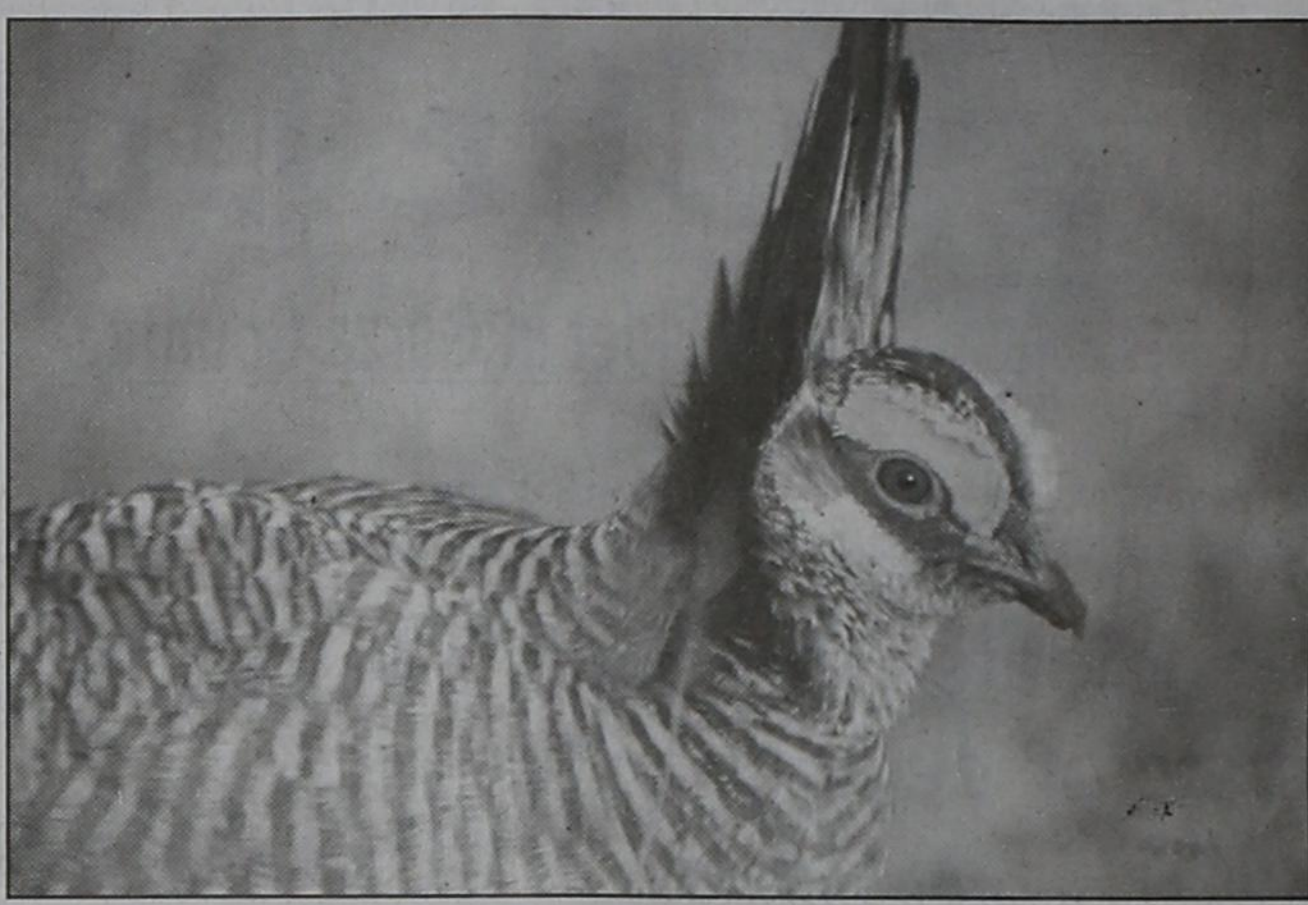


Photo by Gerard Bertrand/Texas Parks & Wildlife

Aerial surveys of the lesser-prairie chicken will be conducted later this month by wildlife biologists in five states, including Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas, in conjunction with experts from Texas Tech. The information gathered will be used to monitor nesting trends and populations.

ongoing conservation efforts, could help avoid the need to list the lesser prairie-chicken as federally endangered. The surveys will provide more data to inform the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision about whether to list the species."

Surveys will begin about March 24 and will continue

through mid-May. Agency staff from the five states have randomly selected about 200 85-square-mile blocks located in and around the estimated range of the species. These blocks cover an area ranging from the southern plains of the Texas Panhandle and southeast New Mexico up to northern Kansas and Colo-

rado.

Surveys will be flown at 35 to 40 mph about 80 feet above ground. Pilots will fly two to 16 north-south oriented transects across selected blocks. Towns, feedlots and houses will be avoided. Pilots involved have extensive experience conducting aerial surveys and gathering livestock with helicopters. They will make special effort to avoid hazing livestock on pastures.

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Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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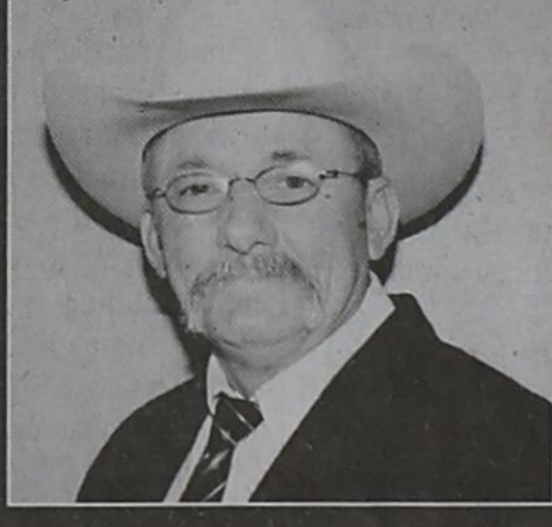
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School menus March 19-23

- Post ISD**
Breakfast
Monday: Pancake/sausage on a stick, syrup, fruit, milk.
Tuesday: Muffins, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Wednesday: Malt-O-Meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk.
Thursday: Cheese omelets, toast, fruit, milk.
Friday: Cereal, graham cracker, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch
Monday: Hot dog, oven-fried potatoes, apple and orange, sherbet cup, milk.
Tuesday: Pizza, salad, orange slices, gingerbread, milk.
Wednesday: Carne guisada, refried beans, garden salad, orange slices, flour tortillas, milk.
Thursday: Taco salad, corn, snowball salad, brownie, milk.
Friday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato and pickle, Western beans, slices peaches, rice crispy treat, milk.

- Southland ISD**
Breakfast
Monday: Waffles, bacon, fruit, juice, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast quesadilla, fruit, juice, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.
Thursday: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
Friday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch
Monday: Hamburgers, ranch-flavored potatoes, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, carrots with ranch, chocolate pudding, milk.
Tuesday: Fish plank, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fresh fruit, hot roll, milk.
Wednesday: Nachos, refried beans, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit, chocolate cake, milk.
Thursday: Frito pie, corn, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit cup, milk.
Friday: Barbecue on a bun, bakes beans, baked chips, pickle spear, pineapple, milk.

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Shane Sherrill married June 9, 2011. Heather is the cheer sponsor at Beverly Hardy of Lubbock. Heather College of Education. Shane is a resident extension service and Tammy She of Tarleton State. They are planning a bride's children ISD.

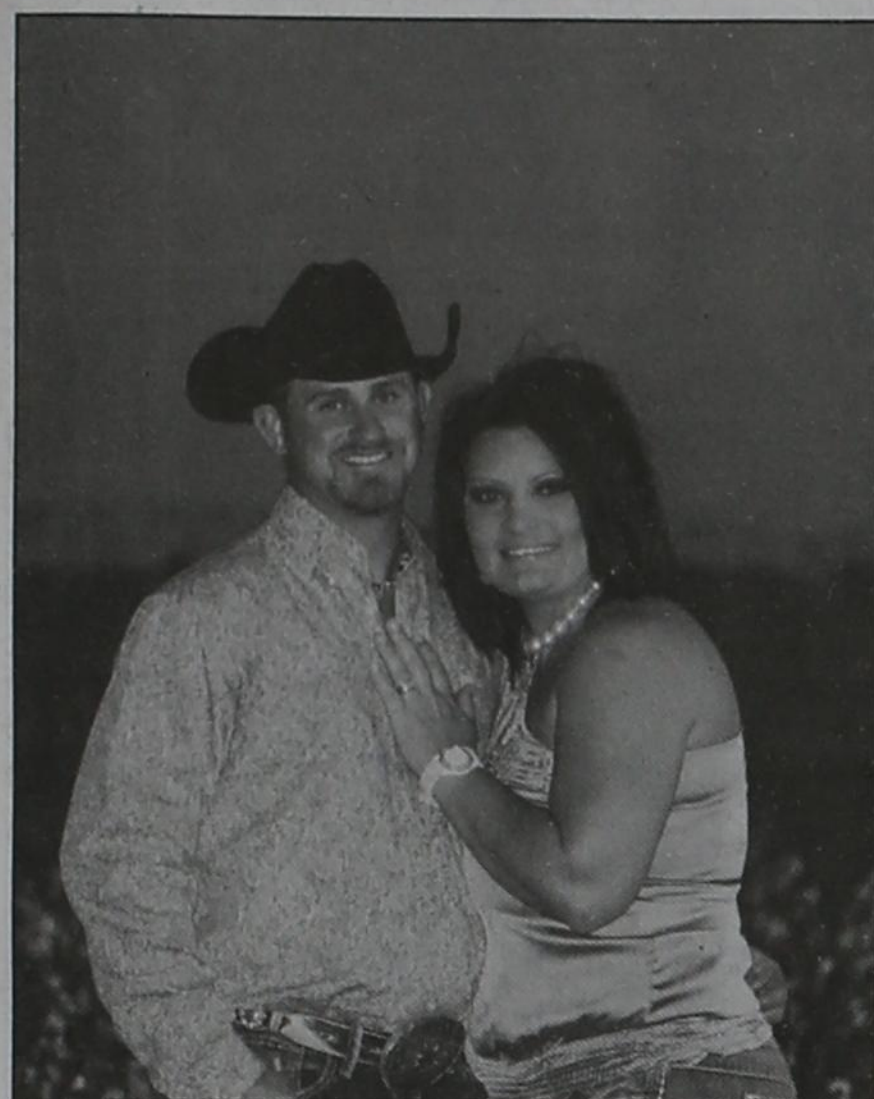
Grant-slated

Anyone who or holds a position for a non-profit organization is encouraged grant-writing workshop at the Heritage Post.

The workshop is sponsored by the Texas Ship Institute, the Texas Center for Entrepreneurship by the Caprock Association. According to description on the site: "Successful is accomplished by developing the potential creating a proposal your story. Par this workshop will it takes to accomplish these. You will be in-class writing to take home the tools to write an outstanding proposal including proposal checklist. The instructor

COMMUNITY

Engagement Announcement



Shane Sherrill and Heather Hardy Richardson are set to be married June 9, 2012 at 6:30pm in South Padre Island, Texas. Heather is the High School Chemistry teacher and HS Cheer sponsor at Post ISD. She is the daughter of Rob and Beverly Hardy of Slaton and Teddy and Trisha Ballard of Lubbock. Heather is a graduate of Texas Tech University College of Education.

Shane is a research assistant at Texas AgriLife research and extension service in Lubbock Texas. He is the son of Ricky and Tammy Sherrill of Levelland Texas. Shane is a graduate of Tarleton State University Agriculture Extension Services.

They are planning a wedding on the beach including the Bride's children Brooke and Jace Richardson of Roosevelt ISD.

Grant-writing workshop slated for April 17

Anyone who works for or holds a position of leadership for a non-profit organization is encouraged to attend a grant-writing workshop April 17 at the Heritage House in Post.

The workshop is sponsored by the Texas Leadership Institute, a program of the Texas Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, and hosted by the Caprock Cultural Association.

According to the course description on the TLI website: "Successful grant writing is accomplished by establishing identity and credibility; developing the project; prioritizing potential funders and creating a proposal that tells your story. Participants in this workshop will learn what it takes to accomplish each of these. You will experience an in-class writing exercise and take home the tools you need to write an outstanding grant proposal including a winning proposal checklist."

The instructor, Joyce

Howze, has a bachelor's in political science from Sul Ross State University in Alpine. She is the economic development director for the city of Spur and is equally involved in rural economic development for Texas, as the owner of Grant Roundup, a consulting and grant-writing business.

In the past six years Howze has written many successful grants for many rural communities throughout the area. She has a 98-percent success rate writing grants for downtown revitalization, historic preservation, community development, tourism promotion and local charity projects.

Registration is 8 to 8:30 a.m., and the class runs through 4:30 p.m. Lunch is included. Cost of the workshop is \$129. The Heritage House is at 109 N. Ave. N, Post.

Register online at texasleadership.org. If minimum registration levels are not met the workshop may be rescheduled.

U.S. Rep. Conaway to address farmers at annual meeting

Special to the Post Dispatch

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Odessa, will be the keynote speaker at the 55th annual meeting of Plains Cotton Growers March 30 in the banquet hall at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

PCG's annual meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration, and the program will start at 9 a.m. The meeting is held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners Association annual meeting and trade show, March 29-30.

Serving in his fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Conaway represents the 11th Congressional District of Texas consisting of 36 counties in Central and West Texas including Midland, Odessa and San Angelo. He serves on the House Agriculture Committee, where he is chairman of the General Farm Commodities and Risk Management subcommittee. Conaway

also serves on the Intelligence, Armed Services and Ethics committees.

Joining Conaway on the PCG program are Mark Lange, president and CEO of the National Cotton Council of America, and David Earley, senior director of supply chain marketing with Cotton Inc., who will share the story of the newly formed relationship between Under Armour and the cotton industry, resulting in the creation of its "Charged Cotton" line of apparel.

Lange will update the PCG membership on the current legislative climate in Washington, including farm policy and the development of the 2012 Farm Bill.

PCG President Brad Heffington of Littlefield will preside over the meeting, and PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett will report on the status of PCG operations and activities.

During the PCG meeting, awards recognizing the 2011 High Plains Cotton Agent of the Year and the winners of the recently completed FFA West Texas Cotton Video Contest sponsored by Deltapine will be presented. Cash attendance prizes will be given.

In addition, a buffet breakfast will be served from 7 to 8:30 a.m. in the Civic Center Banquet Hall sponsored by Monsanto and Deltapine. Breakfast will be provided free to all PCG Annual Meeting participants. Immediately following the PCG Annual Meeting will be the annual FiberMax Cottonseed Luncheon for PCG Annual Meeting participants and members of the FiberMax "One Ton Club." Lunch will be served in the Civic Center Banquet Hall.

For information about Plains Cotton Growers and the annual meeting, visit plainscotton.org.

Texas Tech to host women's symposium

The Texas Tech University women's studies program will host, "Binding Equality: A Women's Studies Symposium," an event celebrating women writers, from 8:30 to noon March 23 in the Helen Devitt Jones Auditorium at The Museum of Texas Tech University.

In honor of Women's History Month, the women's studies program, along with the education division of the museum will host the event, which will coincide with the exhibition, "Speaking Volumes: Books and Ideas from 1250-1862." The exhibition showcases ancient and rare books, documents and manuscripts from the Remnant Trust Inc. The exhibition is available for viewing and will remain open to the public until April 29.

All sessions for the symposium are free and open to the public and will be held in the museum's auditorium with the registration and a welcome address beginning at 8:30 a.m. Two one-hour sessions will follow beginning at 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and will conclude with a tour of the exhibition.

Pre-registration is available on the women's studies website. Proof of attendance will be provided at the registration desk for students needing to attend the symposium or a single session for course credit.

Visitors can find free parking in the museum parking lot located at the southeast corner of Fourth Street and

Indiana Avenue. To preview the exhibition visit the Special Exhibitions Gallery 7 at the museum.

Public hours for the museum are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

For information and the complete symposium program, visit the women's studies website depts.ttu.edu/wstudies.

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Joey and Angela Hannaways
baby is on the way.

Let's get them prepared
for the big day!

You're invited to a Community Wide
Baby Shower!

Saturday, March 24, 2012
9:30 to 11:30
at the Heritage House

They are registered at:
Target and Babies R Us
and locally at
Twins Fashions and Main Street
Mercantile

The sex of the baby is unknown

In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Hello, hope everyone is having a great week so far. Kinda dreary and damp out as I am typing this — maybe that's a sign for some moisture headed our way, which would be OK with me.

Can you believe it is the middle of March? You know what that means — planting time is right around the corner. Be sure to keep rain and a good harvest in your daily prayers. Our farmers need it.

March 8 was National Ag Day. I may have printed this before, but I'm going to do it again. George Washington once said, "Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful and most noble employment of man." If your not hungry or naked, thank a farmer or a rancher.

The swings on the old school grounds have been pretty busy this week since its spring

break. It's neat to see all the kiddos enjoying them.

Ally is here visiting with the Childs and El-lises this week as she is on spring break also. I'm sure many of you have company or are taking trips this week. Raegan, Robyn, Mo and I took a short trip to Bowie last weekend to attend Second Monday and visit with Salli Bess and Jon. Bowie is just the neatest town. If you have never been you should take a drive up there sometime.

We normally get to see Lexi and Jake when they are out of school, but didn't get to this time. I hear they are on vacation with Jerry and Lilly. Hhope y'all are having a great time. You can tell us all about it next time you come.

Don't forget to go and support the local youth. There are a lot of baseball games and

track meets going on. We get to go to the big town of Hamlin this weekend.

Don't forget, our bingo night has changed. It will be from 5 to 8 p.m. March 31 at the Garza County Showbarn. We are needing baked goods and help in the concession stand. Give us a call if you can help.

Brad Mason enjoys reading my quotes, so here's another one for you, Brad.

Quote of the week: "A 2-year-old is kind of like having a blender, but you don't have a top for it," Jerry Seinfeld.

Did you know: Speaking of Jerry Seinfeld, there is some sort of a Superman figurine or picture in every episode of "Seinfeld."

Close City Birthdays

March 19: Neal Clary, Laura Norman May
March 21: Dylan Morris, Andrew Quintana



Close City Anniversaries

March 21: Ronnie and Diane Graves
Don't forget to visit Caprock Heirloom downtown and get your Close City cookbooks and calenders.

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are Claudine Tipton, Carmen Abraham, Mary Gayle Young in Post, Jean Tipton in Robert Lee, Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton, Doris Wilson in Castorville, John and Mary Gist in Lubbock in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

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Weekly Inspirations

A Neighbor's Love

Read John 13:31-35

The whole Law is summed up in one commandment: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

- John 7:37-38 (NRSV)

The same week that my husband's parents were killed in an auto accident, a new neighbor moved onto our block. She understood that this was a difficult time for me, so when I needed a babysitter, she helped. When I was too tired to cook, she brought a meal. When I needed spiritual guidance, she read scripture to me. I was drawn to her kindness.

Looking back, I realize that my new friend was showing me the unconditional love of God. No one had ever done that before. And because of her loving me, I began to read the Bible for myself. As I read and studied the scripture, I found Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I will be eternally grateful to this neighbor.

Jesus told his followers in John 13:34-35, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. . . . By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (NRSV).

Do we love our neighbors in ways that cause them to see Christ in us? Showing the love of Christ to others can change their lives forever. It changed mine.

Karen Stapleton (Colorado, USA)

Prayer: Dear Jesus, make us aware of those who need to know your love. Then, empower us to show it. 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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And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 6:5

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The winter was amazing on a quick Oklahoma to deliver to my sister. In fact, I traveled dress to Post to Florida rain and sleet last was a beautiful sign. This time last year, the beginning of hell. We're not out yet. The same water we were under to are still in effect of the state have more progress, but year we had last very long time to from. Right now, we're "crop-to-crop" sitters told me this is critical. The ranchers tell you how important. With smaller herds, the benefit of stock hay. Lord willing, we get rain on into the season. An acre crop this year would mental at this point.



By Shane Frank (Editor's note: Frank, nurse practitioner filling in for Edwards over the last few weeks.) Last week we talking about orthopedic medicine. Orthopedics actually true on the basis of all edge taught to not practiced. to speak about of this approach in the rudimentary found in and from. One of the quintessential is something two-thirds of face. Iodine in oceans, from grow there to with in those waters of the under your feet.

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COLUMNS



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

The winter wheat looked amazing on a quick drive into Oklahoma to deliver my niece to my sister.

In fact, I traveled from Childress to Post to Floydada in the rain and sleet last week and it was a beautiful sight.

This time last year our concern was growing as our last real moisture had come back in October of 2010. That was just the beginning of the year from hell.

We're not out of the woods yet. The same water restrictions we were under to end the year are still in effect here. Portions of the state have made much more progress, but the kind of year we had last year takes a very long time to fully recover from.

Right now, we're in kind of a "crop-to-crop" situation. Farmers told me this moisture was critical. The ranchers, they'll tell you how important it was. With smaller herds, they see the benefit of stockpiling some hay.

Lord willing, we'll continue to get rain on into cotton planting season. An average cotton crop this year would be monumental at this point. Particularly

after hearing the experts chirp on about a 20 year drought or changing weather patterns and on and on.

In my opinion, we know much more about weather than we did 50 years ago, but we don't know it all. Not even close. For all we know, this could end up being a very wet year. I just don't put much stock in weather forecasting.

The effects of the drought are very evident in my weed infested yard. It is baffling how quickly the various weeds can take over such a large area. I'm still not sure how many plants we've lost, but we've got serious gardening to do. Well, since we still can't put abundant water on the yard or plants, maybe we'll just get everything cleaned up and ready for planting. Regardless, I'm declaring war on the weeds!

Apple is now the largest company in the history of the world.

Let that sink in.

Apple's stock now exceeds Exxon, the second largest company in the world, by more than \$100 billion. To put that in perspective, there are very few

companies worth over \$100 billion.

Apple's market cap is now at \$514 billion compared to Exxon at \$403 billion.

How do they do it? They are first on the block with the latest technology. The company sold 37 million iPhones, 15.4 million iPads and 5.2 million Macs during the fourth quarter of 2011. Throw in iTunes and the App Store and the company is a virtual ATM.

On the horizon: the newest iPhone which is rumored to come out in the fall. It is expected to feature a larger 4-inch screen and include new patents like crack-proof glass and the "iWallet," which is a digital system that uses technology to complete credit card transactions and bestow users complete control over their financial accounts directly over their iPhone.

I make the joke sometimes that Apple has an alien craft and they slowly release that technology to the market. I doubt that's true, but obviously Apple has some of the best and brightest minds in the high-tech industry and they continue to stampede despite a sorry economy.



The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch



The grandkids are coming to the farm, maybe.

What to do to show them a good time?

It would be far easier to take a couple of disadvantaged children from an inner city environment - kids who've never been off the pavement, never seen cows up close and whose mother is on drugs - and just let them enjoy a slice of farm life. They'd probably be happy with good food, a little attention and no stray gunfire from gang fights.

Can you tell I just read a book about a poor kid who grew up in just such dire urban circumstances? He would have liked our farm.

But our two sophisticated not-needy nicely nurtured suburban grandchildren - Rylee, 9, and Cutter, 5 - are going to be tough to impress. They even get to see cows regularly at a farm on their dad's side of the family. It's a nice, neat farm with a four-wheeler. All we have going for us at our place is Mamou, our old longhorn. She's

happy to eat out of anyone's hand. Mamou will be worth five minutes.

Rylee and Cutter have been to see us on the farm only once before. Left to their own devices, they dug a hole while their mother, grandfather and I worked on the roof, monitoring their activities from our lofty perspective. I don't think we can count on hole digging to work twice in a row.

Not having a four-wheeler is our glaring deficit. Our old golf cart doesn't come close. It's one on loan from our son Ryan, who didn't have anywhere else to keep it. At least it has a gun rack and a Davy Crockett bumper sticker. The last time we tried to use it - to pursue feral dogs - it didn't start.

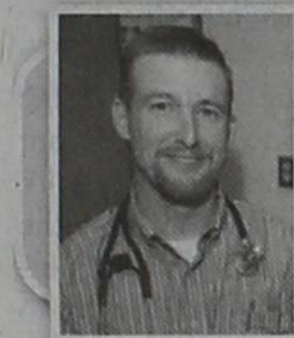
With any luck the dogs will return to harass Mamou and the rest of our cows and our one little feisty spring calf, Valentine. When we hear the barks, we'll spring into action, grabbing all guns. We'll all jump in the pickup instead of the golf cart. Pow! Pow!

Save Valentine! We'll chase those mean dogs all the way to wherever, ignoring roads and cow trails, bumping over appropriately rough cross-country terrain. That's what I call creating a memorable spring break experience - something the kids can tell their friends about when they return to school.

OK, it's not exactly Cancun, but not everybody gets to go somewhere really exotic. Wild dogs will have to do.

Or maybe we'll look for buried treasure. We'll follow clues we find under rocks, pinned to cacti or tucked in barbed wire. Sasquatch may jump out from behind a big tree when least expected. Or maybe he'll emerge from a wild plum thicket. If not, we'll be sure to find at least one or two incredibly big Bigfoot prints. At the end of the search, buried in soft dirt at least a quarter mile from the house, we'll find a rusty strongbox.

If the grandkids aren't impressed, at least I will be.



The Doctor Is In

By Dr. Benjamin Edwards

By Shane Frankl

(Editor's note: Shane Frankl, nurse practitioner, will be filling in for Dr. Benjamin Edwards over the next couple of weeks.)

Last week we left off by talking about ortho-molecular medicine. Ortho-molecular is actually true medicine and is the basis of all medical knowledge taught but often times not practiced. Then we began to speak about how the basis of this approach can be found in the rudimentary elements found in and from the earth.

One of the most basic and quintessential is iodine. Iodine is something that is found in two-thirds of the world's surface. Iodine is found in the oceans, from the plants that grow there to the fish that live with in those waters. From the waters of the ocean to the soil under your feet, it is literally

all around us, just in differing quantities.

How can a culture live within the water, spend all day in the sun, live off of fish and plants from the oceans and the earth and not have the diseases found in the land-locked dwellers?

Well, do they have skin cancers, the hypertension problems accompanied by diabetes, or other diseases like the land-locked? That would be a resounding no.

One of the primary reason would be they consume such a large amount of iodine that their bodies do not experience the molecular breakdown that we experience. Also, we have studied Japanese women in their native Japan where they consume on average 13-milligrams of iodine a day. In their native homeland the occurrence of breast cancer is

extremely low but as soon as those same women move to America and start eating our diet, their breast cancer rates increase dramatically to match American women's levels.

Obviously it isn't in the genes, it's in the diet. In America we do not consume near enough iodine. It is found primarily in iodized salt, but that is processed to such a degree and at such a high temperature it renders the iodine mostly unusable. Plus many Americans are avoiding salt.

So, what does iodine have to do with molecular breakdown and disease? Well, iodine is the fundamental molecule your thyroid hormone is built upon. Without proper levels of iodine you do not produce enough thyroid hormone within your body and your body cannot breakdown that thyroid hormone into usable fuel for the cells to use.

Thyroid is the master hormone that is vital to almost every chemical reaction in your body. Also, if your cell does not receive enough thyroid hormone, then your cells do not run at the proper rate and your metabolism begins to slow down. Iodine also plays a key role in your body's immune system as well as proper breast, uterine and ovarian tissue function.

New arrivals at Post Library

New arrivals

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Adult nonfiction favorites:

"Steve Jobs" by Walter Isaacson
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 "Ameritopia" by Mark Levin
 "Killing Lincoln" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

Found in the easy reading section are the 2012 "2 X 2 Texas Reading" list. These titles are appropriate for children ages 2 years to second grade level readers. These are great reads for the whole family to share. In addition, for the juvenile and young adult readers, the Texas Bluebonnet 2012 books, Lone Star list and other award winning publications are also available. Early readers can also enjoy the new "Rodeo" series including Barrel Racing, Roping, Bronc and Bareback Riding, Bull Riding and Steer Wrestling. Magazines and the weekly Post Dispatch are also available for reading in the library. Don't forget to check out the audiobook collection.

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SPORTS

Post varsity, JV teams dominate Plains relays

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

Post High School placed first in both the boys and girls track meets March 9 at the Evertt McAdams Relays at Plains High School.

Leading the way for the varsity boys in individual wins was Corbin McDonald, who placed first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.41.

The team of Steven Howard, Vance Blair, Dalton Holly and McDonald also placed first in the 4-by-100-meter relay with a time of 45.50. The team of Howard, Holly, Matt Soto and McDonald also placed first in the boys 4-by-400-meter relay with a time of 3:40.55.

Taylor Soto also helped the boys team secure a first-place overall score by coming in second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 45.52.

In addition, the boys team of Blair, Howard, Parker Loftus and Matt Soto placed second in the 4-by-200-meter relay with a time of 1:41.12.

Boys coach Beau Riker said the Bold Gold teams continue to step up to the challenges set before them.

"The boys teams have been working extremely hard, and their hard work and dedication is paying off," Riker said. "The kids have been willing to do whatever we, the coaches, have asked them to do. We still have a lot of work to do and hope to continue to get better weekly."

The girls were led individually by a first-place finish by Haily Berry and second-place finish by Anahica Duran in the 200-meter dash with times of 27.90 and 30.22 respectively. Bethany Curtis placed first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 69.88 and second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:43.01.

The girls 4-by-100-meter relay team of Duran, Kelbie Oden, Cheyenne Gill and Berry placed first with a time of 54.23.

Girls track coach Richard Soliz said his team pulled together a solid win despite the weather.

"The girls performed great. They were able to keep their focus despite the crazy, icy weather," he said. "With the solid contributions from everyone we were able to earn a first-place finish. I'm very proud of the girls."

The boys junior varsity team also placed first at the relays.

The JV team was led by top individual performances by Bryan Smith in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.99 and in the 3,200-meter run by Ricky Fontenot with a time of 12:58.37.

The JV relay teams of Christen Pena, Dylan Pearson, David Hernandez and Smith placed first in the 4-by-100-meter. Pena, Hernandez, Pearson and Alan Alaniz placed first in the 4-by-200-me-

ter relay with a time of 1:43.32. Then Smith, Freddy Araiza, Hernandez and Alaniz teamed up to place first in the 4-by-400-meter relay.

Because of inclement weather, no field events were held.

The teams will travel to Hamlin on Saturday.

Results

- Girls 100-meter dash (varsity)
Second: KEBLIE Oden — 14.05
12th: Sara Greer — 16.22
- Girls 200-meter dash (varsity)
First: Haily Berry — 27.90
Second: Anahica Duran — 30.22
Fifth: Cheyenne Gill — 31.35
- Girls 400-meter dash (varsity)
First: Bethany Curtis — 69.88
Fifth: Kelsey Griffin — 75.02
Ninth: Dakota Greer — 1:26.97
- Girls 800-meter run (varsity)
Second: Bethany Curtis — 2:43.01
- Girls 1,600-meter run (varsity)
Third: Kimberly Rivera, 6:24.88
Fourth: Andi Soliz — 6:31.36
- Girls 3,200-meter run (varsity)
Second: Kimberly Rivera — 13:43.37
- Girls 100-meter hurdles (varsity)
Sixth: Sierra Isbell — 22.37
- Girls 4-by-100-meter relay (varsity)
First: Anahica Duran, Kelbie Oden, Cheyenne Gill, Haily Berry — 54.22
- Girls 4-by-200-meter relay (varsity)
Seventh: Anahica Duran, Cheyenne Gill, Andi Soliz, Kimberly Rivera — 2:10.37
- Girls 4-by-400-meter relay (varsity)
Fourth: Haily Berry, Bethany Curtis, Matti Smith, Kelbie Oden — 4:36.11
- Boys 100-meter dash (varsity)
First: Corbin McDonald — 11.41
- Boys 200-meter dash (varsity)
Fifth: Matt Soto — 24.97
- Boys 400-meter dash (varsity)
Third: Dalton Holly — 54.61
- Boys 1,600-meter run (varsity)
Fourth: Isaac Stern — 5:44.79
- Boys 110-meter hurdles (varsity)
Second: Taylor Soto — 45.52
Sixth: Campbell Kirkpatrick — 48.50
- Boys 300-meter hurdles (varsity)

- Second: Taylor Soto — 45.52
Sixth: Campbell Kirkpatrick — 48.50
- Boys 4-by-100-meter relay (varsity)
First: Steven Howard, Vance Blair, Dalton Holly, Corbin McDonald — 45.50
- Boys 4-by-200-meter relay (varsity)
Second: Vance Blair, Steve Howard, Parker Loftus, Matt Soto — 1:41.12
- Boys 4-by-400-meter relay (varsity)
First: Steven Howard, Dalton Holly, Matt Soto, Corbin McDonald — 3:40.55
- Boys 100-meter dash (junior varsity)
First: Christen Pena — 12.44
Third: Blake Altman — 12.78
Sixth: Kaleb Crenshaw — 13.47
- Boys 200-meter dash (junior varsity)
Third: Blake Altman — 26.17
Fifth: Dylan Pearson — 26.42
Seventh: Travis Greathouse — 27.52
13th: Blake Boren — 30.37
- Boys 400-meter dash (junior varsity)
First: Bryan Smith — 57.99
Third: Freddy Araiza — 61.02
Fourth: Alan Araiza — 61.76
Eighth: Josiel Delgadillo — 64.66
- Boys 800-meter run (junior varsity)
Sixth: Josiel Delgadillo — 2:34.76
- Boys 1,600-meter run (junior varsity)
Third: Ethan Self — 6:10.53
Fourth: Ricky Fontenot — 6:11.78
- Boys 3,200-meter run (junior varsity)
First: Ricky Fontenot — 12:58.37
Third: Ethan Self — 13:50.98
- Boys 110-meter hurdles (junior varsity)
Third: Eric Gomez — 21.37
- Boys 300-meter hurdles (junior varsity)
Second: Carson Kirkpatrick — 50.76
Fourth: Eric Gomez — 62.59
- Boys 4-by-400-meter relay (junior varsity)
First: Christen Pena, Dylan Pearson, David Hernandez, Bryan Smith — 47.71
- Boys 4-by-200-meter relay (junior varsity)
First: Christen Pena, David Hernandez, Dylan Pearson, Alan Alaniz
- Boys 4-by-400-meter relay (junior varsity)
First: Bryan Smith, Freddy Araiza, David Hernandez, Alan Alaniz



Coach's Corner by Steve Smith

Becoming a winner

Former President Harry S. Truman once said, "A winner is the one who makes opportunities of crises. A loser is the one who makes crises of his opportunities."

It is not always the baseball player with the highest average who is called upon to pinch hit in a tough spot. It is not always the basketball player with the best shooting percentage asked to take the last shot. Some students do great with daily work, but freeze up for an examination, and there are others who do average work but excel on important tests.

There is no inherent quality that explains the difference between these people, but rather a matter of how they respond to crises. Do they react negatively, or do they respond with confidence? For something to be a crisis, it must have three factors: it must be happening to you; it must be happening currently; it must be a make or break situation for success or failure.

In order to perform well in a crisis, we need to learn certain skills and practice them with focus and diligence. Next, we need to respond to the situation with an aggressive effort and focus on the positive outcome and never take a defensive attitude. Lastly, we need to learn to evaluate crisis situations in their true perspective, which is to say to not make mountains out of mole hills, or reacting as if every small challenge were a matter of life or death.

A good example of this is a last second shot in basketball or a two-point conversion in football. Teams that practice these situations every week and who run their plays in practice to simulate these times will be able to perform and execute the winning play. If they had not practiced this play, the pressure would be the focus and not the execution and success would be a lot less likely.

A crisis situation is not to be feared. Many people have

made the mistake of misinterpreting the feeling of excitement as fear and anxiety. Any normal person who is intelligent enough to understand the situation becomes excited or nervous in a crisis situation. Until you direct it toward a goal, this excitement is neither fear, anxiety, courage, confidence, nor anything more than a hyped up supply of emotional steam in your boiler. It is not a sign of weakness. It is a sign of additional strength to be used in any way you choose. Do not interpret nervous energy as fear, but harness it into energy to use in a positive way.

Sometimes when we think of what could be the worst thing that could happen we realize it is not as critical as we thought. Many people spend their lives making mountains out of mole hills. The man who goes for a job interview doesn't have the job before he goes in, so if he does not get the job, he is no worse off than he was before he went in for the interview.

Paint the picture of the desired end result, and your success instinct will work until it is reached. Use the crisis to make yourself perform as a winner. Practice to be a winner in these situations and have an aggressive attitude and resolve to conquer the situation.

In important situations and during crisis we must be bold. Do not be scared or have fear or think negative things when presented a challenge. Be bold and use the opportunity to become great, to achieve success in reaching for the gold. Have the confidence, class and mind set to never settle but to strive for the win, to grasp excellence, to win the gold. This is what we aspire to do because we are Post and we are Bold Gold.

Steve Smith is athletic director for the Post Independent School District. Email him at stevessmith@postisd.net

Regulatory Concerns Taken to Issue at 2012 Cattle Raiser Convention

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — As expanding federal government regulations continue to yield concern and uncertainty in the cattle industry, cattle raisers attending the 2012 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) convention, March 30-April 1 in Fort Worth will have the opportunity to learn how broadened regulations by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) could impact their operations.

Larry A. Redmon, Ph.D., professor and state forage specialist at Texas A&M University and Kevin Wagner, Ph.D., associate director at Texas Water Resources Institute, will speak at the breakout session hosted by the TSCRA Agricultural Research Committee and the TSCRA Natural Resources

and Environment Committee Saturday, March 31, at 2 p.m.

Redmon and Wagner will give an update on surface water quality regulations that have the potential to impact cattle raisers and also discuss some best management practices that they've identified to help keep cattle raisers in compliance. This session is just one of 6

breakout sessions scheduled to take place during the convention.

Breakout sessions begin Saturday at 2 p.m. and run through Sunday.

As the largest cattle industry event in Texas, the TSCRA Convention is a must attend for anyone involved in cattle production. More than 2,000 ranchers, landowners and members

will gather for a weekend of outstanding programs, educational sessions, a trade show with more than 200 exhibits, plus networking and fellowship with fellow cattle raisers.

A complete schedule of events, information on accommodations, and registration information can be found at www.tscra.org/convention.

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

Homestead Exemptions

Anyone who turns 65 in 2012, or has a birthday of 1947 or earlier, is eligible for the homestead exemption on their property taxes. Anyone with business personal property is required to file a rendition with the Garza Central Appraisal District. If a rendition is not filed, a 10-percent penalty will be added to the total tax. For information, contact the Garza Central Appraisal District at 495-3518 or visit 124 E. Main St., Post. Due date is April 16.

'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.

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.

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.

FUMC Praise Service

First United Methodist Church, 216 W. 10th St., Post, will begin a new praise and worship service on Wednesday beginning March 21. A meal will be served at 6:15 and the service will follow. Music, teaching and discussion as well as a time for prayer. This week, Christian rap artist Kyle Stallings from Soldiers of God Ministries in Lubbock will perform. For information, call the church at 990-2942.

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.

Girls Scouts Open House

The Post Girl Scouts will have an open house and birthday party for all past and present Scouts, leaders and their families from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 22 at the Girl Scout House, 506 W. Seventh St. This year is the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting, and the local Scout House has undergone a renovation as well. For information, email Carol Tobias at elainny@lyntegar.com.

Little League Fundraiser

Employees of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility will have a fundraiser for the Post Little League Association on March 23. Plates with a barbecue sandwich, chips and a drive will be served beginning at 11 a.m. across from Post Auto in downtown Post. Cost is a donation. For information, contact Trevah Yarbro at 49502175, ext. 224, or email trevah.yarbro@mtrains.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 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.

Commissioners Court

The Garza County Commission will meet at 9 a.m. March 26 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.

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 kindergarten 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.

Women's Luncheon

First Baptist Church of Spur, 120 W. Second St., Spur, will have its second annual women's luncheon at noon March 31. All area women are invited to hear Brooke Glass of White River Lake and Tonya McIntosh of Oakdale, La., present a program on the theme of "Renew Your Heart." No charge for luncheon or program. For information, call 806-271-4521 or email fbcsipur@yahoo.com. Also visit fbcsipur.org.

Close City Bingo

The annual Close City Community Bingo Night will be at 5 p.m. March 31 at the Garza County Showbarn. A concession stand will be available. Prizes will be given. For information, or to help out with the event, contact Traci Freeman at 49502753 or email close.city.coop@pcca.com.

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.

LEGENDS: The history of the L.P. and Mina Kennedy family

By Linda Puckett

Mina Kennedy writes: I have lived in Garza County since February 1895. My mother died January 1, 1895, and my daddy, Uncle Babe Smithers, brought my brother Morgan and me to live with an aunt, Mrs. Molly Williams. We stayed about two weeks near Snyder with an uncle. He lived in a half-dugout. Everyone in those days lived in dugout or half-dugouts; even the Snyder Post Office was in a dugout when it was first set up.

My uncle was a good shot and kept us supplied with deer and antelope meat. We could look out the door and see herds of antelope and deer. After staying with this uncle about two weeks, we came to what is now Garza County to live with my aunt. She had a large family of children, and three of my uncle's children also stayed with my aunt. We were all taught by a governess. Her name was Miss Lula Elkins. She later married O.B. Kelly, the first sheriff of Garza County.

My daddy filed on four sections of land in 1900, and lived on it for about two years, then sold it to Mr. Babb. My father was a good musician and played at all the dances and entertainments around the country. He worked on the OS Ranch for several years.

We got our mail at Snyder, our nearest post office, 50 miles away. Later a post office was set up near where Dermott is now located, known as Dark, and still later we got our mail at Light, near where Fluvanna is located now. We only went to town twice a year to buy our groceries. My father and cousin would take two wagons and teams and go to Snyder and on to Colorado City to buy supplies. We lived about five miles from the OS Ranch, and some of the ranch hands would go for our mail about once a month. We only needed a doctor twice, as I remember, once when my

cousin accidentally shot himself, and again when we all had scarlet fever.

There were panthers in the area back then, and I remember how we would cover up our heads when we would hear them screaming at night. One night my cousin and I were sleeping out in a wagon. My father woke us up and told us to go in the house, as something was running the calves. The next morning there were three calves killed by a panther.

L.P. Kennedy came to the area from Anson in Jones County in 1901. He batched and lived on the old Kennedy Ranch. He ranched and worked on ranches in this area for several years. I met him at a neighbor's house, Jim Lindsey's in March of 1909. We were married Nov. 24, 1909. We were issued the 14th marriage license in Garza County. Our wedding was a gala affair. The preacher, Bro. Richards, came from Old Emma to perform the ceremony. Most everyone in the county attended the wedding. To name a few, there were the Nickels family, the Cravys, Barrows, Willoughbys and Walter Davies. A big supper was served to the families and guests following the wedding. I remember we were "shivareed" that night (a clamorous salutation made to a newlywed couple on their wedding night); they placed a shotgun under the house and fired both barrels after we had gone to bed.

We lived in the Verbena community for about a year, then we leased a C.W. Post ranch on the Plains and lived there for one year, then we bought four sections nine miles southwest of Justiceburg. We lived there 24 years.

Everyone from far and near use to come to the roundups we had, and I remember once

LEGENDS

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A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes. It doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling for 65 or older or disabled homeowners. The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling to a new home.

If you're a disabled veteran who receives from the Veterans Affairs (VA)—(1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployment, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2011, you won't need to reapply for 2012 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2012. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications before May 1 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

Garza Central Appraisal District
P O Box F
124 East Main Street
Post, TX 79356
806-495-3518

Or contact:
Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
Property Tax Assistance Division
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, Texas 78711-3528

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or on the Web at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax



A public service announcement courtesy of your county appraisal district.

Remember to "Render!" Taxable property renditions are due April 16.

Does this apply to you?

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, such as the equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does.

What is a rendition?

A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all of the taxable property that you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

What is the deadline?

- The last day for filing 2012 renditions is April 16.
- An automatic extension is available if requested in writing by the April 16 deadline.
- The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after the deadline for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

REMEMBER!!

Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

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"Productivity appraisal" may lower the property taxes on your farm, ranch or timberland!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers, wildlife managers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the productivity value of their land rather than on market value. This means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber—not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district before May 1 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2012 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it before May 1. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:

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TDA Market Recap

March 12, 2012

AUSTIN — (March 12, 2012) For the week ending March 10, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions covered by USDA Market News were steady to \$2 lower per hundredweight (cwt) at Panhandle locations, and firm to \$2 higher at San Angelo. Tullia noted a larger volume of heavier cattle coming off wheat pastures. Texas feeder sales direct to feedlots were steady to weak, while Oklahoma City was steady to \$3 higher on feeder cattle, and \$1 to \$8 higher on calves. Fed cattle cash prices were down by more than \$3 per cwt from the previous week's record high following a drop in Choice beef values. Cotton cash prices jumped sharply higher early in the week after India announced a ban on cotton exports, including shipments of cotton already sold. Prices declined somewhat, but still closed higher for the week, after India said it would allow sales of yarn and shipments of cotton already sold. Corn and grain sorghum prices were lower mostly because of a stronger dollar, concerns about the broader economy and higher production in Brazil. Wheat prices declined due to improved weather in U.S. growing areas, ample world supplies and higher production in Australia.

Texas Cash Markets:		Week Ending March 10, 2012	Previous Week	Previous Year
Feeder Steers (\$/cwt)		187.63	187.18	157.90
Fed Cattle (\$/cwt)		126.63	129.76	117.98
Slaughter Lambs (\$/cwt)		182.00	183.00	216.00
Slaughter Goats (\$/cwt)		229.00	226.00	237.00
Cotton (¢/lb)		84.75	83.75	199.63
Grain Sorghum (\$/cwt)		11.25	11.43	11.02
Wheat (\$/bu)		6.23	6.53	6.98
Corn (\$/bu)		6.69	6.82	6.57
Oranges (\$/box)		12.80	13.30	11.40
Grapefruit (\$/box)		13.05	13.05	14.40
Cabbage (\$/50 lbs)		4.75	4.75	11.00
Futures Markets:				
Feeder Cattle (\$/cwt)		153.92	158.10	131.55
Fed Cattle (\$/cwt)		126.02	129.95	117.12
Cotton (¢/lb)		87.96	87.46	204.94
Wheat (\$/bu)		6.80	7.11	8.21
Corn (\$/bu)		6.54	6.59	6.59
Lumber (\$/1000 bd ft)		276.00	275.50	285.00

As for futures markets, cotton and lumber were higher while feeder cattle, fed cattle, wheat and corn were lower. Most of the state recorded precipitation during the week except for the Trans-Pecos, parts of South Texas and the southwestern Panhandle. The heaviest amounts of rain fell in an area between Ft. Worth and Wichita Falls. Winter wheat remained in mostly good to poor condition with much of the High Plains crop stressed by a lack of moisture. Corn

and grain sorghum planting continued, though wet fields caused delays in East Texas and the Blacklands. Some corn has emerged in South Texas. Field preparations continued statewide. Winter vegetable harvest progressed in South Texas. Pastures have benefitted from recent rains and warmer temperatures, but still need additional moisture, especially in West Texas. Overall, pastures statewide remain in good to very poor condition. All cash prices above are

market averages for locations covered by the USDA Market News program and do not reflect any particular sale at any specific location. Feeder cattle prices are for 500-600 pound medium and large No.1 steers at the Oklahoma City National Stockyards. Futures prices are quoted for the nearest month contract on the last trading day of the week. For additional information, contact TDA at (800) 835-5832 or visit our website, www.TexasAgriculture.gov.

CattleFax Market Analyst Will Discuss State of Cattle Industry at TSCRA Convention

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — A state-of-the-industry review of the cattle market will be presented by CattleFax Senior Market Analyst Kevin Good during the CattleFax Market Outlook session of the 2012 TSCRA Convention, March 30-April 1 in Fort Worth. Good's presentation will focus on the factors that will impact supply and demand, a cattle and beef price outlook, industry contraction and consolidation, global beef market opportunities and an industry profit outlook. CattleFax is an organization focused on helping cattle producers make more profitable marketing and manage-

ment decisions. CattleFax is the cattle and beef industry leader in timely market information, analyses and research. As the largest cattle industry event in Texas, the TSCRA Convention is a must-attend for anyone involved in livestock production. More than 2,000 ranchers, landowners and members will gather for a weekend of outstanding programs, educational sessions, a trade show with more than 200 exhibits, plus networking and fellowship with fellow cattle raisers. A complete schedule of events, information on accommodations, and registration information can be found at www.tscra.org/convention.



Recent moisture was exactly what the area needed. Cattle can be seen in the distance Monday feeding on winter wheat. **Dispatch photo**

VOTER ID continued from page 1

Hispanic registered voter to lack the required identification.

A similar voter ID law recently passed in the South Carolina legislature was blocked by the Obama administration in December.

Both Texas and South Carolina now can ask the U.S. Supreme Court to review the laws and allow them to be enforced this election year.

Texas Secretary of State Hope Andrade said she would continue to work to get the law approved.

"The Department of Justice's decision is ex-

tremely disappointing, especially since the data they demanded came from matching two separate data sets never designed to be matched, and their agency was warned that matches from these data sets would be misleading," Texas Secretary of State Hope Andrade said. "My office will continue working with the Texas Attorney General's Office in seeking to implement the will of the citizens of Texas, as enacted by our duly elected representatives in the Texas Legislature."

As a result of the federal government's refusal to allow implementation of SB 14, current law

pertaining to approved documentation required for voting — meaning a Texas Voter Registration Card — will apply in the May 29 primary election.

Soon after the Justice Department's decision was announced, Texas Gov. Rick Perry released a statement deriding it as "yet another example of the Obama administration's continuing and pervasive federal overreach."

"The DOJ has no valid reason for rejecting this important law, which requires nothing more extensive than the type of photo identification

necessary to receive a library card or board an airplane," Perry said.

Voters in the state would be required to present one of seven types of government-issued photo identification, including a driver's license, a passport or a concealed handgun permit. Those lacking the ID would be given a provisional ballot, but the voter would have to present an approved document to the registrar's office within six days after the election.

Those lacking an acceptable identification would be given a free voter identification card.

Variedad de exenciones contributivas residenciales podrían reducir los impuestos de la propiedad

Una exención contributiva residencial reduce los impuestos de la propiedad al disminuir el valor de la misma. Si su residencia está valorada en \$50,000 y recibe una exención de \$15,000, la residencia pagará los impuestos de una residencia valorada en \$35,000.

¿Quién cumple con los requisitos para las exenciones disponibles?

Cualquier persona que es el dueño de una propiedad el primero de enero y la utiliza como residencia principal en esa misma fecha tiene derecho a la exención contributiva residencial de \$15,000 para reducir los impuestos escolares a pagar. No importa si la residencia es una casa, un condominio o una casa móvil. Los condados, ciudades y distritos imponibles especiales también pueden ofrecer exenciones contributivas residenciales.

¿Existe alguna otra exención?

Si usted es discapacitado o tiene 65 o más tiene derecho a una exención contributiva escolar adicional de \$10,000 para la residencia. Y, si cumple con los requisitos para exención por la edad de 65 o más, o es discapacitado tiene derecho a una cifra de impuestos congelada al llegar a cierto punto específico y permanente de impuestos escolares por la propiedad. El condado, la ciudad o universidad comunitaria pueden también congelar el límite de impuestos a pagar para las personas de 65 años o más y los discapacitados. Los límites de los impuestos escolares para las personas de 65 años o más son transferidos al cónyuge sobreviviente si el sobreviviente tiene 55 años o más al momento del deceso, es el propietario y reside en la propiedad. Los propietarios residenciales de 65 o más, o el cónyuge sobreviviente, puede transferir a una nueva residencia el porcentaje del impuesto escolar pagado y basado en el impuesto congelado.

Si es usted un veterano discapacitado quien recibe de la Administración de Veteranos (VA, por sus siglas en Inglés) (1) 100 por ciento del beneficio por discapacidad relacionado al servicio militar o (2) VA determinó que no puede desempeñar ningún oficio, tiene derecho a recibir una exención contributiva para la residencia del valor tasado total.

¿Debo solicitar la exención anualmente?

No. Si usted recibió la exención residencial de la propiedad en 2011 no es necesario solicitar nuevamente a menos que el jefe de tasaciones así exige. Por otro lado, si usted no ha recibido la exención en la residencia actual o se mudó a una nueva residencia en 2011 debe solicitar la exención para 2012. En caso de cumplir 65 durante este año, tiene tiempo para solicitar la exención por edad de 65 o más hasta un año después de la fecha exacta de nacimiento. Y, si sufre de discapacidad puede solicitar la exención para personas con discapacidades.

¿Dónde y cuándo debo solicitar la exención?

Debe solicitar antes del 1ero de mayo en la oficina del distrito de tasaciones. De ser el caso de que necesita tiempo adicional, contáctenos en:

Garza Central Appraisal District
P O Box F
124 East Main Street
Post, TX 79356
806-495-3518

Envíe un e-mail a: ptad.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us

Escriba a:
Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
Property Tax Assistance Division
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, Texas 78711-3528

llame al: 1-800-252-9121. Oprima el "2" para acceso al menú. Entonces oprima el "1" para contactar al equipo de información y servicio.

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Este es un servicio público cortesía de su distrito de tasaciones del condado.

¡Recuerde rendir la declaración de los impuestos!

Declarar los impuestos de la propiedad imponible vence el 16 de abril.

¿Aplica esto a usted?

Esto aplica a usted si es el dueño de propiedad personal tangible utilizada para producir ingresos, tal como equipo o inventario de un negocio.

¿Qué significa rendir la declaración de impuestos?

Una rendición de los impuestos es presentar un informe a su distrito de tasaciones del condado que liste toda la propiedad imponible de la que es usted dueño o que controlaba el 1ero de enero de este año. Muchas veces esto se refiere a muebles, equipo fijo o inventario del negocio.

¿Qué ventajas tiene declarar los impuestos?

- Usted brinda su opinión sobre el valor de la propiedad.
- Registra la dirección exacta con el fin de recibir la factura de los impuestos a la dirección correcta.
- En caso de que el valor de la propiedad depreciara, usted puede presentar un informe del valor depreciado.

¿Cuál es la fecha de vencimiento?

- El último día para presentar la declaración de los impuestos del 2012 es el 16 de abril.
- Puede solicitar una extensión automática por escrito en o antes de la fecha de vencimiento 16 de abril.
- El jefe de tasaciones puede conceder 15 días adicionales después de la fecha de vencimiento al propietario que muestre razón justa por escrito.

¡RECUERDE!

Rendir la declaración de los impuestos es su responsabilidad. Puede enfrentar una multa del 10 hasta el 50 por ciento si rinde los impuestos tarde, no rinde o rinde con información incompleta o falsa.

Presente su rendición al distrito local de tasaciones en:

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¡La tasación basada en la productividad de tierras agrícolas, ganaderas o madereras puede reducir impuestos!

Las leyes de Texas permiten a los agricultores, rancheros, los manejadores de incendios forestales y los madereros a pagar los impuestos sobre la propiedad basado en el valor de la productividad de los terrenos y no en el valor de la propiedad en el mercado. Esto puede significar ahorros al pagar los impuestos de la propiedad.

¿Cuál es la fecha de vencimiento para solicitar?

Si el terreno nunca ha sido tasado en base a la productividad, o es usted un nuevo propietario, debe solicitar al distrito de tasaciones local antes del 1ero de mayo para tomar ventaja de este beneficio para los impuestos de la propiedad de 2012. Puede recibir hasta 60 días adicionales si presenta razón justa y solicita antes del primer día de mayo. En caso de no cumplir con esta fecha, podrá solicitar, pero debe pagar una multa. Consulte con la oficina del distrito de tasaciones.

¿Debo solicitar la tasación anualmente?

Si los terrenos ya son tasados de acuerdo a la productividad agrícola o de madera, usualmente no tiene que volver a solicitar, a menos que el jefe de tasaciones así exija. El distrito de tasaciones enviará un aviso por correo si necesita solicitar.

Para más información, llame o visite:

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Ethanol policy not producing desired results

The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which mandated a steep rise in domestic ethanol production, is causing unforeseen negative consequences for food prices while failing to live up to the desired gasoline results and other expectations, concludes a Texas A&M University research team headed by an economics professor who studies energy issues.

James Griffin, director of the Mosbacher Institute for Trade, Economics & Public Policy, which is part of Texas A&M's Bush School of Government and Public Service, and Mauricio Cifuentes Soto, a graduate student assisting him, say in their report the goal of EISA was to cut greenhouse gas emissions and to ease dependency on imported oil. Policymakers also thought the new blend of ethanol and conventional gasoline would cost motorists less, they note.

"EISA mandated ethanol production to grow from 4.9 billion gallons in 2006, to 36 billion by 2022," said Griffin,

author of "A Smart Energy Policy: An Economist's Rx for Balancing Cheap, Clean, and Secure Energy." "Today, at 14 billion gallons, we're not even halfway there and the unintended consequences of the policy, especially those influencing world food prices, are negative and far outweigh the positives."

With the best of intentions, Griffin said, lawmakers believed the policy would have a positive effect by lowering prices at the pump. Moreover, since corn plants absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, greenhouse gas emissions would fall significantly, and the United States would build energy security as domestic ethanol replaced oil imports from the Middle East.

"On the positive side, the researchers point out that after adjusting for ethanol BTU efficiency losses of 40 percent less compared to conventional gasoline, refining costs, taxes and subsidies, the net benefit of the ethanol policy is just about 2.2 cents per gallon or \$24 per year for

a typical household consuming 1100 gallons per year.

Additionally, using carbon dioxide life-cycle estimates by the Argonne National Laboratory, the authors assert that, ethanol reduced U.S. and world greenhouse gas emission — 0.42 percent of U.S. and 0.08 percent of world emissions.

Nevertheless, these benefits are minuscule when put in perspective.

"Corn-based ethanol has done little to reduce the nation's carbon footprint," Griffin said.

Legal Notice

Garza County Precinct 4 is advertising for bids on the following equipment:

Used 2005 or Newer Motorgrader with 2500 or less hours, and with an extended warranty Garza County may accept or reject all or any part of bids, or any exceptions or variances you may submit, and to accept the offer most advantageous to Garza County.

All bids must be submitted to Garza County Judge's Office, 300 W. Main, Post, Texas 79356 by 9:00 a.m. on March 26, 2012

All questions should be directed to Jerry Benham at 806-632-6922

fin said. "In contrast, the policy's unintended consequences for food prices raise grave economic and ethical issues."

The Texas A&M researchers also traced an increase in corn and grain prices to ethanol production. They refer to the U.N.'s FAO Food Price Index, which shows between

January 2007 and September 2011, after adjusting for inflation, corn prices increased by 68 percent, cereals by 69 percent and dairy products by 46 percent.

One study the researchers cite quantifies how a \$1 per bushel increase in corn prices impacts a wide variety of food products. The study

shows, for example, that between 2005 and 2011 corn prices rose by \$5 per bushel, beef rose 18.5 percent, pork 16 percent, poultry 17.5 percent, eggs 27.5 percent, milk 10.5 percent, cheese 9 percent, sugar and sweets 3.5 percent.

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City of Post Request for Bids for Surplus Equipment

The City of Post is accepting bids on Surplus Equipment and Vehicles. This includes the following:

- 1) 1975 Ditch Witch ditcher
- 2) Model H8910 Mosquito Sprayer
- 3) 1998 Nissan Extended Cap Pickup
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- 5) 1996 International Garbage Truck
- 6) 1992 Vemeer Brush Chipper
- 7) 1997 Ford regular cab long bed pickup

The equipment may be seen at the City of Post Public Works storage yard just south of the Fire Department or by calling City Hall at 806-495-2811 to make arrangements. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at City Hall, 105 E. Main St., Post, Tx 79356. Bids should be addressed to the City Manager and noted; Surplus Equipment Bid. The successful bidder will be announced on Thursday, April 12, 2012, at the City Council meeting. The successful bidder must make arrangements for pick-up, and pay with cash or cashier's check within 72 hours of being notified.

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Post Al-Anon Family Group. Community Recovery Center 405 S. Ave C. Post, Tx. Mondays 7:00pm.

The Safe and Serene NA Group of Post now meets on Fridays at the Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Avenue C. For meeting information please contact: Miranda at 806-632-7367.

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ELECTION NOTICE FOR GARZA COUNTY UWCD

Garza County Underground Water Conservation District will hold an election for board members for Precinct #1 and Precinct # 3, on May 12, 2012.

Filing deadline for candidates for the election is March 5, 2012.

Now Accepting Applications

Post Housing Authority is now accepting applications

For information on qualifications, please call 495-2233 or come by office located at 709 Caprock Drive.

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SOUTH PLAINS COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION, INC. AVAILABILITY OF COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CEAP)

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program January 2012 – December 31, 2012.

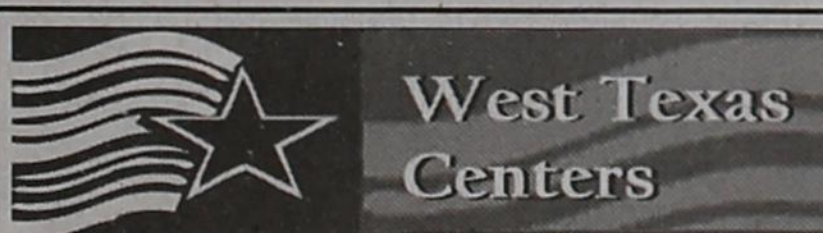
The primary intent of this is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to Energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible Households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under the age of six.

The basic philosophy of energy self-sufficiency will be the central theme in the CEAP. The program is designed to offer flexibility to allow for creative implementation and innovation. Service delivery not only entails utility payments on behalf of the client, but also a system that addresses the underlying contributing causes of energy-induced hardship.

For additional information concerning the program, please contact:

SPCAA Center Worker: Diana Jones
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	Democratic Ballot
State Supreme Court Justice Place 2	Garza County Sheriff
Steve Smith	None
Don Willett (incumbent)	None
Place 4	Tax assessor/collector
John Devine	None
David Medina (incumbent)	None
Joe Pool Jr.	None
Place 6	County Commission, Precinct 1
Nathan Hecht (incumbent)	None
Railroad Commissioner (unexpired)	County Commission, Precinct 3
Al Lee (incumbent)	John Valdez, Democrat
Elizabeth Murray-Kolb (incumbent)	None
Greg Parker (incumbent)	Constable, Precinct 1
Barry Smitherman (incumbent)	None
Railroad Commissioner	Constable, Precinct 2
Becky Berger	None
Beryl Burgess	District Attorney, 106th Judicial District
Warren Chisum	None
Joe Cotten	None
Roland Sledge	Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals
State Senate District 28	Keith Hampton
Robert Duncan (incumbent), R-Lubbock	None
E.M. Garza, R-Wolforth	Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals
State House District 68	None
Paul Braswell, R-Forestburg	Justice, 7th Court of Appeals
David Isbell, R-Valley View	None
Trent McKnight, R-Throckmorton	State Supreme Court Justice
Drew Springster, R-Muenster	None
State Board of Education District 15	Railroad Commissioner
Anette Carlisle, R-Amarillo	Dale Henry
Marty Rowley, R-Amarillo	State Senate District 28
U.S. House of Representatives District 19	None
Randy Neugebauer (incumbent), R-Lubbock	State House District 68
Chris Winn, R-Lubbock	Lanham Odom, D-Montague
U.S. Senate	State Board of Education District 15
Glenn Addison, R-Magnolia	Steven Schafersman, D-Dumas
Joe Agris, R-Bellaire	U.S. House of Representatives District 19
Curt Clever, R-Fort Worth	None
Ted Cruz, R-Houston	U.S. Senate
Ben Gambini, R-Winnie	Addie Dainell Allen, D-Beaumont
Craig James, R-Celina	Sean Hubbard, D-Dallas
Tom Leppert, R-Dallas	Paul Sadler, D-Henderson
Lela Pittenger, R-Driftwood	Grady Yarbrough, D-San Antonio
U.S. President	U.S. President
Michele Bachmann	Bob Ely
John Davis	Barack Obama (incumbent)
Newt Gingrich	Darcy G. Richardson
Jon Huntsman	John Wolfe
Ron Paul	
Charles "Buddy" Roemer	
Mitt Romney	
Rick Santorum	

ing's state of deterioration back in September.

"We all knew that the building needed some work done," he said. "In fact, we had spent and were planning to spend a lot of money doing some of that work ourselves when we were hit with the news that the city was shutting us down."

"No one expected it to be as bad as it was."

The Garza Theatre was opened during the early 1900s during World War I and presented high-quality, live performances. The theater was closed in 1955.

In 1957, vandals set fire to the building, and it remained boarded up for more than 30 years.

In 1986, the Caprock Cultural Association persuaded native son Will McCrary to return home and pursue the vision of opening a live theater in the city of Post.

"It's a very unfortunate situation for us, and for the good folks in Post," Harris said. "People used to come from miles and miles around — I'm talking a 200- to 300-mile radius — to see Garza Theatre productions. They came here, they ate here, they spent the weekend here, they spent tons of money here. And now it seems to be relic once again."

session of marijuana less than 2 ounces and driving while license invalid — both misdemeanors. He also was cited for tampering with evidence as a result of swallowing the suspected marijuana — a third-degree felony. He was transported to the Garza County jail, where he later posted a \$1,500 bond and was released.

Sheriff's spokesman Chief Deputy Tommy Binford said the amount of suspected marijuana the man reportedly ingested wasn't enough to warrant medical attention.

"The amount he ate was equivalent to smoking a joint," Binford said. "It wouldn't have done much more harm than that."

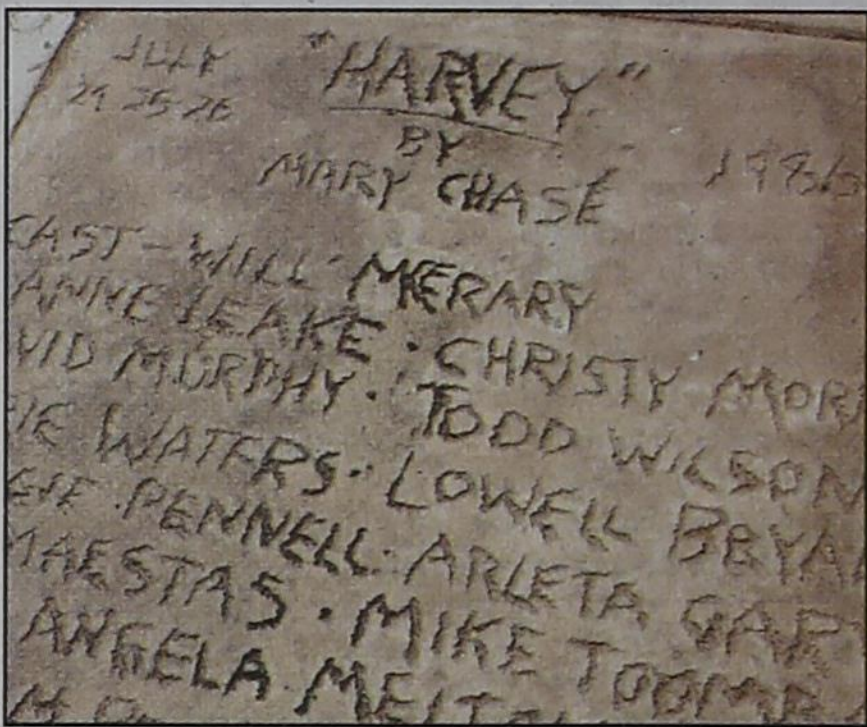
Also arrested was Gabriel Lloyd Carrizales, 26, also of Anson, a passenger in the ve-

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Photos by Wayne Hodgkin

A sign on the box office entrance to the historic Garza Theatre in downtown Post prohibits entry into the 100-year-old building. A recent facility assessment by an engineering firm based in Wolforth deemed the unsuitable for occupancy, and Post city officials closed the venue. The building is owned by the city of Post.



A stage production of 'Harvey' was performed in the historic Garza Theatre in downtown Post in the summer of 1986 as inscribed in the sidewalk in front of the box office. The theater's 100-year-old legacy might be in jeopardy because the venue has been shut down by the city of Post for structural problems that have deemed the building a public safety hazard.

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hicle. Carrizales was wanted on two existing warrants out of Taylor County including possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and his second driving while intoxicated offense. He was taken to the Garza County jail, where he posted a \$3,000 bond — \$1,500 for each warranted offense — and was released. Evidence from the vehicle was collected and sent to the crime lab in Lubbock.

In other reports:

- Garza County sheriff's deputies and other emergency personnel responded to a number of motor-vehicle accidents that were reported between 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on U.S. 84 north of Post on March 8 as a band of snow, sleet and ice pellets blew through the area between Lubbock and Post. No

injuries were reported, but a number of vehicles had been reported off the roadway and some even overturned.

- A report of a possible prowler was called into deputies about 9:30 p.m. March 9 in the 500 block of Oak Street. Deputies were dispatched to the area and were unable to locate any suspicious person.

- A gas drive-off was reported at the Stripes convenience store on U.S. 84 a few minutes before 4 p.m. March 9. About \$50 in gas was reported stolen. Another drive-off was reported the same day, this one at about 8:15 p.m., for about \$30.

- A motor-vehicle accident was reported about 8:30 p.m. March 9 on U.S. 84 South. A caller told deputies a vehicle left the southbound lanes, traveled across the median and hit a fence. No injuries were reported.

- A gas drive-off was reported about 1:40 p.m. Saturday at Stripes. A reported \$43.40 was stolen.

- A pontoon boat docked at the main ramp at Lake Allen

Henry was reported sinking about 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Deputies arrived to find the engine already under water. The boat was registered to a man out of Levelland who was contacted to make the necessary arrangements.

- A customer at Stripes convenience store reported to sheriff's deputies that his wallet went missing while in the store about 5:30 p.m. Monday.

- A resident in the 400 block of West 13th Street reported to sheriff's deputies that someone had broken into their house sometime between March 9 and Monday while the family was out of town and that about \$89 was missing from a bedroom dresser. When deputies arrived, they found evidence that someone had gained entry to the house through the window of a bedroom. The case is being investigated.

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

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The researchers claim not all these price increases are due to U.S. ethanol policies. However, even "if only one-fourth of this additional expenditure is attributable to ethanol, this would imply a loss to American consumers of \$40 billion over the last 4 years."

Even though these increased food prices might not look so significant, the world's poor disproportionately share the burden of these policies because a large portion of their income is devoted to food alone, they add. According to the U.N., rising food prices plunged nearly 70 million people into extreme poverty in 2010-2011.

Finally, in regards to energy security, the authors claim the benefits of ethanol policy are largely elusory. The fact that in 2011 ethanol displaced 5.6

percent of imported petroleum is irrelevant because the world oil market and its effects are global. Even though the United States imports no oil from Iran, for example, a disruption of Iranian supplies would trigger world-wide increases in all oil prices — even domestically.

Griffin and Cifuentes conclude that, instead of marching blindly ahead to EISA's 2022 mandated production target of 36 billion gallons, the ethanol policy should be reassessed.

"To be sure, we should continue to support R&D for advanced biofuels such as cellulosic ethanol," Griffin said. "In the interim, we should dismantle the ethanol mandates and trust markets to sort out the proper mix of ethanol in gasoline."



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