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The Smith family surrounds the dozens of stuffed animals that will be donated to Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth during a party March 16 at the Post Community Center that not only celebrated the life of their child Adam but also to thank the faith community for its support during his illness and recovery. Pictured, left to right: Colton "Bull" Smith, Zachary Smith, Steven Smith, Tanner Moore, Adam Smith, Regina Smith and Bryan Smith.

SISD waives state law for year

Law would have mandated end-of-course tests count 15 percent

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

SOUTHLAND — The Southland ISD board of trustees approved Tuesday resolution that would defer implementation of a state law that requires end-of-course tests for high school students to count as 15 percent of their final grade.

Acting on the recommendation from the state education officials, the board unanimously voted to curtail the law until the 2012-2013 academic year.

Superintendent Toby Miller said Tuesday's board action during its regular monthly meeting was one most all public school districts and charter schools across the state have elected to do.

"This basically allows us a waiver for one year to defer implementing a law the state legislature passed last ses-

sion," Miller said. "No one — teachers, administrators, parents, students — we're prepared for such a drastic increase in the weight of the tests."

End-of-course tests are assessments of a student's cumulative knowledge of one particular subject and administered at the conclusion of each class — whether on a yearly or semesterly basis.

The law, enacted out of the Texas Education Agency-embraced House Bill 3, still requires students entering the ninth grade to achieve a cumulative score on the EOCTs to complete their graduation requirements. The implementation of the requirements of the law would be grandfathered in with this year's

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The power of prayer

Youth stroke victim, family relies on faith to overcome strife

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010, was a day that would change Adam Smith's life forever.

The then-16-year-old young man was where any typical small-town teen would be that afternoon after school — on the football practice field running plays and getting ready for the big game that Friday night.

Coach Dusty Robinson remembers that day and will for the rest of his life.

"We were all working hard on the field and I remember looking up from what I was doing and seeing Adam on

a knee behind the rest of the team," said Robinson, former defensive coordinator for Archer City High School. "That picture will forever be with me, not only because of the significance of that day but just for the fact that it was so out of place for Adam. He was never one to fall behind."

Robinson, who is now the head coach and athletic director at Valley Mills High School near Waco, went to see what was wrong with the youth.

"By the time I got over to him — just a few feet from where I was standing — he

went from a knee to flat on his back," Robinson said. "It scared me to death."

Not too long later Robinson would discover Adam had had a stroke and was rushed to the nearest emergency room in Wichita Falls.

At the time Robinson was on the coaching staff with Adam's father, coach Steve Smith, who now is the athletic director and head coach at Post High School.

"I remember seeing Steve out of the corner of my eye and thinking, 'This isn't a coach. This is a father,'" Robinson said.

A year and a half later, af-

ter spending weeks at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth and months undergoing physical and occupational therapy sessions, Adam is about 95 percent back to his old self — at least physically.

Adam turned 18 on March 8. But after all he's gone through and to celebrate his life, he didn't want a regular birthday party.

"All he asked for was for a way to be able to give back to the community and to his friends, family and complete

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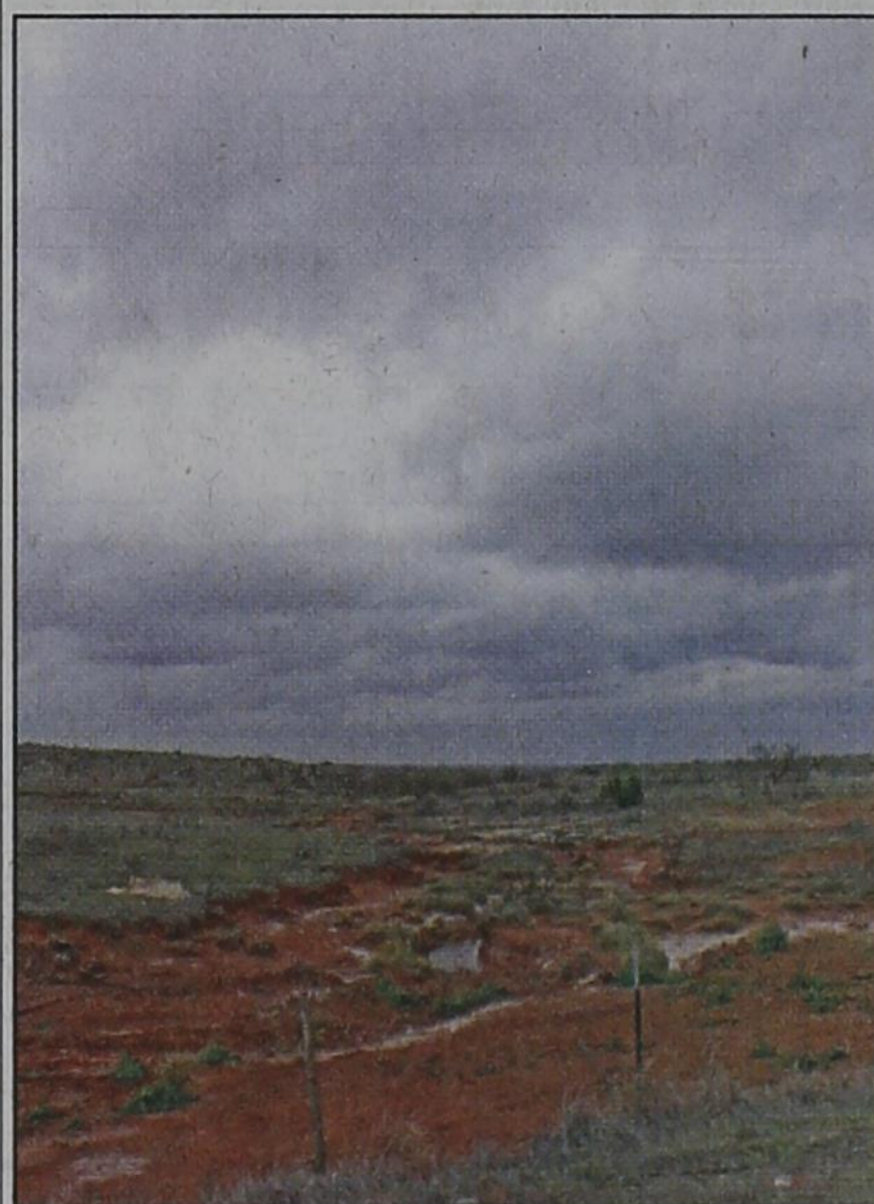


Photo by Wayne Hodgin/The Post Dispatch

Dark clouds loom over rangeland southeast of the city of Post on Tuesday afternoon as a light rain continued to fall. Although recent rains have improved ground moisture levels, experts and farm and cattle producers say more is desperately needed.

Recent rains most welcome

Moisture helps green-up rangeland; drought still an issue

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

Garza County over the past several days has seen a good bit of rainfall throughout the area, helping bring ground moisture levels up some-

what to a still extremely parched area of Texas.

Last weekend most of the region received rains — and in some cases

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Ballot Drawing



Photo by Wayne Hodgin/The Post Dispatch

Garza County Republican Party Chairman Trevor Thuett, left, conducts the ballot drawing at the courthouse the afternoon of March 13 as sheriff candidates Phil Mathews and Terry Morgan, right, watch. The exercise determines the order of all candidates for placement on the ballot for the May 29 Republican primary.

Pewitt-Basquez announce engagement



Tina Blacklock Pewitt and Joe Basquez announce their engagement and pending nuptials. The couple is expected to be married at 2 p.m. April 21 in a double-ring ceremony. County Judge Lee Norman will officiate. Ms. Pewitt is the daughter of Vicki Blacklock of Post and the late Don Blacklock. She is a 1993 graduate of Post High School. She is a graduate of the Texas Tech paramedic program and is employed with Carol's Ambulance. Mr. Basquez is the son of Candy Basquez of Post and the late Joe Castro. He is a 1995 graduate of Post High School and is self-employed. The bride will be given by her brothers, Jason and Jared Blacklock. The couple plans a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean.

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Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Elton John

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
[Grid with some letters filled in: W U O M V O P W W U G F M P A Z D W R V Z B S P F L V Z R R G J W U P W J Z X O Z F O R G S O X O B P F A O P J W P V]

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SUDOKU

[Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in: 3, 4, 6, 3, 8, 1, 9, 4, 3, 2, 5, 2, 3, 8, 1, 5, 8, 6, 7, 2, 6, 9, 6, 7]

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!

[Sudoku solution grid: 5 9 6 7 4 9 8 3 2, 7 9 3 2 8 1 5 6 9, 2 8 4 6 5 3 1 7 9, 6 4 9 8 6 2 7 1 5, 3 7 1 9 2 5 4 6 8, 8 4 5 6 4 7 3 8 9, 2 1 5 7 6 4 9 8 1, 4 8 2 5 7 6 9 8 1, 1 5 8 3 6 2 7 4 9, 9 6 8 1 4 7 9 3]

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Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast: Friday Sunny 79/49, Saturday Sunny 86/54, Sunday Mostly Sunny 82/56, Monday Partly Cloudy 79/55, Tuesday Mostly Sunny 76/53, Wednesday Partly Cloudy 74/52, Thursday Mostly Sunny 78/52. Local UV Index: 0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme Exposure. Weather Trivia: Can you be allergic to cold weather? Answer: Some people get a rash after experiencing a sudden drop in temperature. Weather History: March 23, 1913 - A vicious tornado hit the city of Omaha, Neb. The record high temperature for today is 88° set in 1978. Sun/Moon Chart This Week: First 3/30, Full 4/6. Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days table with columns for Date, High, Low, Normals, Precip, Date, Degree Days.

Obituary

MARY EUBANK

Mary Eubank, 63, of Lubbock and formerly of Post, died on Tuesday March 13, 2012 at her Daughters Home. She was born on December 2, 1948 to Dennis Waldron Eubank and Bernice Kathryn (Carvalho) Eubank at Crowell, Texas. The family later moved to the Canyon Valley Community to farm and ranch. Mary attended Post schools and later farmed and ranched on the home place. During that time she moved to Lubbock and then worked for the Dickens County Correctional Cen-

ter. Her health failed her in this past October, causing her early retirement. Mary loved spending time with her grandchildren, hunting and fishing on the home place. One of the things Mary enjoyed was to aggravate the ones she loved. She is preceded in death by her parents Dennis Eubank and Bernice Eubank and also by a sister Deborah Ann O'Neal. Mary was a Catholic. Graveside service will be 3:00 PM Friday March 16, 2012 at the Terrace Cemetery in Post. Gary Dockery, minister, will officiate. Arrangements are under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Mary is survived by her Daughter: Kathryn and her husband Michael Tedder of Lubbock. Two grandchildren: Dennis James Eubank and Micaela Dawn Tedder, both of Lubbock. Two sisters: Denise and her husband Leonard Marusak of Denton and Sandra Sue Gray of Amarillo. She is also survived by Step-mother: Mamie Eubank of Snyder and a half sister: Mary Lou Montano also of Snyder.

Post ISD Menu March 26-30

Breakfast MONDAY: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, milk. TUESDAY: Doughnut, sausage link, fruit, milk. WEDNESDAY: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk. THURSDAY: Cinnamon toast, sausage link, fruit, milk. FRIDAY: Cereal, graham cracker, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch MONDAY: Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange wedges, sherbet cup, milk. TUESDAY: Pizza, salad, corn on the cob, peaches, milk. WEDNESDAY: Country-style steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk. THURSDAY: Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, fresh apple, Texas toast, brownie, milk. FRIDAY: Pizza burger, lettuce, tomato and pickles, tater tots, fresh grapes, milk.

Southland ISD March 26-30

Breakfast MONDAY: French toast sticks, sausage, fruit, juice, milk. TUESDAY: Bacon and egg burrito, fruit, juice, milk. WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pizza, cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk. THURSDAY: Muffins, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk. Friday: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch MONDAY: Grilled-cheese sandwich, chicken-noodle soup, carrots, fruit, crackers, milk. TUESDAY: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk. WEDNESDAY: Crispy beef tacos, pinto beans, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, pudding, fruit, milk. THURSDAY: Barbecue wienies, mac and cheese, corn, hot roll, slice peaches, milk. FRIDAY: Sloppy joes, chili beans, baked fries, fruit, cake, milk.

Post/ Garza County CAREER DAY

Friday, March 23, 2012 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Post ISD Cafeteria 202 S. Ave K Post, Texas

Employers will be on hand to take applications, perform interviews, answer questions and recruit applicants.

Image of a baby onesie with text: 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.

Post Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submission are preferred to the-postcitydispatch@gmail.com.

Little League fundraiser

Employees of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility will have a fundraiser for the Post Little League Association today. 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@mtctrains.com.

Career Day

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor at Post-Garza County Career Day from 2 to 5 p.m. today 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 today. 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. Monday in Commission Chambers in the second-floor courtroom at the Garza County Courthouse, 300 W. Main St. For a complete agenda, visit garzacounty.net. For information, call the County Clerk's Office at 806-495-4430 or email james.plummer@co.garza.tx.us.

Art exhibit

The O.S. Museum, 201 E. Main St., Suite 3, is now exhibiting "The Color of Spring," a display of birds, flowers and eggs through May 31. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information, email osmuseum_mneff@yahoo.com 495-3570.

Little League opening

The Little League opening ceremonies for the 2012 season will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 31 at the Post ballpark. Hamburgers, hotdogs and sausage wraps will be sold and games will include laser tag, bungee run, obstacle course and blow-up jumpers. A fastest-pitch competition for all ages will be held, along with a homerun derby, also for all ages. Tee-ball games begin immediately after the opening ceremony. For information, contact Heather Blacklock at 495-5785 or email hmason53@gmail.com.

Cotton seminar

Cotton Inc. will sponsor a price-risk management seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center, 232 Mac Davis Lane, Lubbock. No attendance fees required. Register by calling Kay Wriedt at 919-678-2271 or email kwriedt@cottoninc.com. Space is limited.

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.

FUMC praise service

First United Methodist Church, 216 W. 10th St., Post, has begun a new praise and worship service on Wednesdays. A meal will be served at 6:15 and the service will follow. Music, teaching and discussion as well as a time for prayer. For information, call the church at 990-2942.

State 4-H Roundup

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

Post Elementary School

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

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 fbcspur@yahoo.com. Also visit fbcspur.org.

Close City bingo

The annual Close City Community Bingo Night will be at 5 p.m. March 31 at the Garza County Showbar. A concession stand will be available. Prizes will be given. For information, or to help out with the event, contact Traci Freeman at 495-2753 or Nancy Morris at 495-2046 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.

Grant-writing workshop

The Texas Leadership Institute will sponsor a grant-writing workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 17 at Heritage House, 109 N. Ave. N. The program will be hosted by the Caprock Cultural Association in conjunction with the Texas Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. Cost is \$129 and includes lunch. Register online at texasleadership.org.

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.

8th grade fundraiser

The Post Junior High School eighth-grade class will have a fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 6 on Main Street in downtown Post. A variety of bunny rabbits available for anyone wanting to have their Easter photos taken. All funds will help the class pay for an end-of-the-year banquet. For information, call Elizabeth Moreno at 495-2816.

Candidate for Tax Assessor-Collector Nancy Wallace advertisement. Includes photo and text: 'I will deVOTE my knowledge of the position at hand. I will strive to keep the residents of Garza County in mind and continue to perform the duties in a professional, dedicated manner. PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE'

La Posta pottery and metal art advertisement. Includes photo of a pottery studio and text: 'Come by and look at all the beautiful metal art and pottery we have to offer for your summer garden. Don't forget to visit the Salon The beauty salon will be open Mondays beginning on Monday, March 26th to serve your needs. Rose Giurirez-Color Specialist Sandra Claburn-Perms & Wet Sets D'Linda Chapman-Manicures & Pedicures Call: 806-495-0771 for an appointment'

Kindergarten, pre-k registration day announced Post ISD readies for newest students

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

Post ISD officials will begin registering prekindergarten and kindergarten students April 2 for the 2012-2013 academic year.

The registration event will begin at 5 p.m. in the teachers lounge at Post Elementary School where parents will be able to fill out the required paperwork and make copies of all documents needed by school district officials. Then parents will be welcome to visit with teachers in their classrooms.

All parents of prospective students are invited to attend. Pre-enrollment will be available for those parents unable to attend.

To be eligible for registration, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2012, to begin kindergarten for the 2012-13 academic year. Children who are intended to register for prekindergarten must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2012.

In addition, parents must bring the student's birth certificate, Social Security card and immunization records, proof of residency (mortgage/rent statement, utility bill, etc.) in Garza County and a parent/guardian's driver's license or state-issued photo identification card.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Parents should bring the following items to the appointment:

- Certified copy of student's birth certificate (not the "record of live birth")
• Immunization record
• Proof of residency (utility receipt containing the parent's name and street or road address. Post Office box numbers are not accepted as proof of residence.)
• Copy of enrolling student's Social Security Card
• Parent's or legal guardian's picture ID

Transfer requests may be submitted at this time as well.

School officials will supply all needed forms.

To determine the specific number of vaccines that will be required for your child, visit ImmunizeTexas.com. Students without the proper documentation of the required immunizations or a valid exemption will not be allowed to attend school.

If you need help determining which vaccines your child needs for the 2012-2013 school year and when to get the vaccines, contact your child's doctor or immunization clinic.

For information on where you can take your child to get free or reduced-cost vaccines call 2-1-1. This toll-free number provides information on health and social services for your area. You may also call the Immunization Branch Customer Service number 1-800-252-9152 if you have questions or need additional information.

Pre-enrollment in prekindergarten and kindergarten classes is available by contacting Kerri Ann Thompson at Post Elementary School at 495-3414.

Students currently enrolled in the district's pre-kindergarten program are automatically registered for kindergarten. The student's permanent folder, which contains the student's birth certificate and immunization records, will be sent to the elementary school for the kindergarten year. Therefore, there is no need for parents of current pre-kindergarteners to attend the kindergarten preregistration.

For information, contact the school office.

Cryptogram Solution

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Justice-Mason Funeral Home crossword puzzle advertisement. Includes puzzle grid, clues across, clues down, and puzzle solution.

In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

We measured an inch of rain here at the gin Sunday night. G.B. Wilke poured out seven-tenths at his place east of the gin. West of the gin at the Ellis/Childs/Freeman corner, Jim also poured out seven-tenths.

Mike Aten said they received anywhere from four-tenths to seven-tenths over in the Grassland area. Tuesday night brought another couple of , and we had a chance Wednesday. Thank you, Lord. Tuesday was the first day of spring. I'm not sure I'm ready for winter to be over, because

I just love the cold weather. I noticed the mesquite tree outside my house has buds on it, so I guess that means winter is officially over. But this is West Texas, so the weather can change in the blink of an eye. I do however love to plant a garden and flowers so some nice warm weather will be good for that.

I missed a birthday last week. Joyce Nelson celebrated her birthday March 19. Happy belated birthday, Joyce.

Ronnie and Addi stopped for a snack last week. Addi

loves to come to the gin on their way home in the afternoons. Kristi Morris stopped in Tuesday as well as Fermin. Tommy Young called Wednesday and visited a bit. Y'all come out and have a cup of coffee or cold drink with us.

Don't forget, our bingo night will be 5 to 8 p.m. March 31 at the Garza County Showbarn on U.S. 84 and Avenue S. We are needing baked goods and help in the concession stand. Give us a call if you can help.

We had a blast last year and plan on having one this year

too. Y'all come join us. Everyone is welcome. If you can do a baked good and need us to pick it up, let us know.

Don't forget to visit Caprock Heirloom downtown and get your Close City Cookbooks and calenders.

Check us out on Facebook under Close City Community. Quote of the week: "Ambition is a dream with a V8 engine," Elvis Presley.

Did you know: Elvis Presley won three Grammys — but none of them were for rock and roll.

Close City Birthdays
 March 24 – Janell Jones
 March 25 – Vondi Gradine
 March 28 – John Bill Hedrick

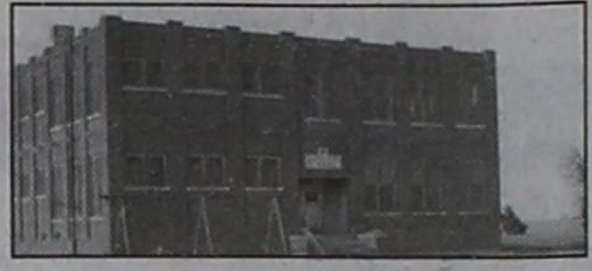
We do have some a few families with those who are not feeling well and some who have had some minor procedures done. Please keep these people in your daily thoughts and prayers.

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. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Everyone have a great week. Keep rain, the crops and our country in your daily prayers.

Traci Freeman is a resident of the Close City community. Email her at close.city.coop@pcca.com.



Weekly Inspirations

What Is Grace?

Read Ephesians 2:4-10

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- Romans 5:8 (NIV)

I was in third grade when I committed what I thought was a horrible sin: I tore my math book. My feelings of guilt were confirmed by my seatmate. "You're in trouble now!" she pronounced.

I panicked. What would my punishment be? My handmade clothes and home-style haircut showed that my family could not afford to replace the textbook. I decided that confessing was easier than getting caught, so I headed for the teacher's desk. With tears, I admitted my guilt.

To my surprise, she reached for her tape dispenser, pulled off a piece of tape the length of my six-inch ruler, smoothed it into place along the torn page, and handed back the book. "There. All fixed," she said, bestowing on me a smile that melted my fear.

Years later I struggled with the Christian term "grace." Whenever I asked veteran Christians to define the word, I got pat answers: the acrostic "God's Riches At Christ's Expense" or the pithy, "God's unmerited favor." Not until I remembered what a third-grade teacher did for a guilt-ridden student did I understand grace. My definition of grace comes not from what she said but from what she did.

Karen Wingate (Illinois, USA)

Prayer: Dear Lord, use us to help others understand your love and grace that reach past our sin. 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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SPORTS

Track teams face tough rivals in Hamlin



Corbin McDonald, left, of Post crosses the finish line of the 4-by-400-meter relay Saturday at the Piper Relays at Hamlin High School. The team of Darren Brown, Dalton Holly, Matthew Soto and McDonald placed third behind Colorado City, second, and Munday, first.



Kayla Comeaux leaps over a hurdle during the varsity girls 100-meter hurdles event Saturday during the Piper Relays at Hamlin High School.



Josiel Delgadillo and Alejo Rodriguez compete in the junior varsity boys 800-meter run Saturday during the Piper Relays at Hamlin High School.



Bethany Curtis of Post listens for the starting gun for the varsity girls 800-meter run Saturday during the Piper Relays at Hamlin High School. Curtis placed seventh in the event.

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

HAMLIN — Saturday was a tough day of competition for not only the Post High School track teams but also the 27-some-odd other schools that traveled to Hamlin High for the annual Piper Relays.

With about 800 student athletes participating in various events, team rankings placed both Post varsity and junior varsity boys in fourth place and varsity girls in fifth place.

"The Hamlin meet was a great one for our kids," head track coach Beau Riker said. "It was great for the kids to see some very talented athletes from schools we will probably never meet up with again. We had a few kids missing due to the spring break holiday, and that would have helped our teams have more success. All in all, our kids did not shy away from the competition and performed great."

In the girls division, Post was bested by Breckenridge, Hamlin, Albany and Seymour, respectively. Munday led the way for the varsity boys' teams, followed by Shallowater and Stamford. In JV action, Hamlin placed first, followed by Bronte and Vernon.

Leading the way individually for Post High School included Haily Berry with a first-place finish in the triple jump at 36 feet, 2.5 inches. Berry also placed second in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 3.5 inches, and second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.06.

Girls head track coach Richard Soliz, while not disappointed with his team's showing, pointed out the stiff competition from some all-around great teams.

"This was a great meet for the girls to participate in ... the competition was extremely tough," Soliz said. "The girls did terrific, placing fifth out of all 27 teams. I'm very proud of their strong showing."

In boys' action, junior varsity team member Bryan Smith placed first in the discus event with a throw of 111 feet,

6.5 inches. Smith also collaborated with Blake Altman, Freddy Araiza and Christen Perez to place first in the JV boys 4-by-100-meter relay with a time of 48.65.

Varsity boys were aided in their effort with second-place finished for Corbin McDonald in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 3 inches, and Darren Brown in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.81.

Results

Varsity boys

4-by-100-meter relay
Second — Nathaniel Gill, Vance Blair, Darren Brown, Corbin McDonald, 45.24

100-meter dash
Seventh — Nathaniel Gill, 11.93

200-meter dash
Second — Darren Brown, 22.81

4-by-400-meter relay
Third — Darren Brown, Dalton Holly, Matthew Soto, Corbin McDonald, 3:35.77

Triple jump
Third — Corbin McDonald, 45 feet, 0.5 inch

High jump
Second — Corbin McDonald, 6 feet, 3 inches

Long jump
Fifth — Dalton Holly, 19 feet, 3.5 inches

Discus
Fifth — Travis Greathouse, 136 feet

Varsity girls

3,200-meter run
Fifth — Kimberly Rivera, 13:50.01

4-by-100-meter relay
Fourth — Anahica Duren, Kelbie Oden, Matti Smith, Haily Berry, 53.57

100-meter dash
Sixth — Kelbie Oden, 13.57

800-meter run
Seventh — Bethany Curtis, 2:42.31

200-meter dash
Second — Haily Berry, 27.06

1,600-meter run
Seventh — Kimberly Rivera, 6:32.99

4-by-400-meter relay

Fifth — Haily Berry, Bethany Curtis, Matti Smith, Kelbie Oden, 4:35.81

Triple jump

First — Haily Berry, 36 feet, 2.5 inches

Long jump
Second — Haily Berry, 16 feet, 3.5 inches

High jump
Seventh — Kelbie Oden, 4 feet, 10 inches

Junior varsity boys

3,200-meter run:
Third — Ricky Fontenot, 13:04.88

Fourth — Ethan Self, 13:32.56

4-by-100-meter relay
First — Blake Altman, Freddy Araiza, Christian Perez, Bryan Smith, 48.65

800-meter run
Third — Josiel Delgadillo, 2:31.44

Fourth — Jonah Jones, 2:33.18

Fifth — Alejo Rodriguez, 2:34.40

110-meter hurdles
Seventh — Carson Kirkpatrick, 22.00

100-meter dash
Seventh — Blake Altman, 12.78

4-by-200-meter relay
Seventh — Christian Perez, Ethan Self, Alejo Rodriguez, Alan Alaniz, 1:47.75

400-meter dash
Sixth — Bryan Smith, 59.58

300-meter hurdles
Seventh — Carson Kirkpatrick, 51.13

1,600-meter run
Sixth — Ricky Fontenot, 5:57.04

4-by-400-meter relay
Fifth — Bryan Smith, Freddy Araiza, Carson Kirkpatrick, Alan Alaniz, 4:06.96

Triple jump
Third — Christian Perez, 35 feet, 8 inches

Fourth — Ethan Self, 35 feet, 1 inch

High jump
Third — Ethan Self, 5 feet, 2 inches

Shot put
Third — Bryan Smith, 37 feet, 4.5 inches

Discus
First — Bryan Smith, 111 feet, 6.5 inches

Eighth Grade Girls Chosen to participate in tournamnets



Coach Holson has put a special team consisting of 6th grade girls who will be playing Basketball in several tournaments throughout the season. They had their first practice Tuesday with more being signed up. We will have more pictures with names on the next edition of the paper once everybody has signed up.



Anahica Duran, left, of Post, prepares to hand off the baton to Kelbie Oden in the varsity girls 4-by-100-meter relay Saturday during the Piper Relays at Hamlin High School. The team of Duran, Oden, Matti Smith and Haily Berry placed third in the event.

Photos by Wayne Hodgin/The Post Dispatch

Sports Roundup

The Post Dispatch

3 named to academic team

Six students from Post High School have been named to the basketball All-District Academic Team, head coach Jimmy Toney announced Tuesday.

Students honored were junior Dalton Holly, sophomore Campbell Kirkpatrick and freshman Bryan Smith.

Varsity baseball falls to Forsan

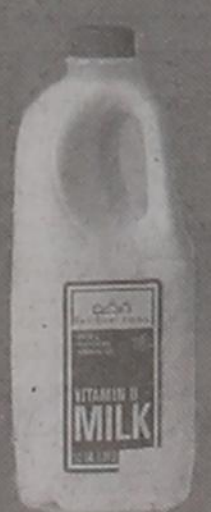
The Post High School varsity baseball team lost

, 1-11, to the Forsan Buffaloes on March 13. The team's record district record stands at 1-1 and its overall record is 3-8 on the season. In last week's game, the Lopes' only score came in the third inning. The game was called after the fifth because of the 10-run rule. Pitcher Dale Diaz went 2-for-1 on the mound. The junior varsity team won, 9-7, and its record is now 2-1. Both teams were set to play Tuesday afternoon in Slaton and then scheduled to face off Saturday at home against Roosevelt. The varsity team plays at noon, and JV plays at 2:30 p.m.

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COLUMNS

Legends: History of the Lazy S

By Linda Puckett

In 1986, Frank Hill and Pat Hill Jacobs put together a great history book of Lynn County titled "Grass Roots Upside Down." They documented so many wonderful family histories, many of which spill over the county line into Garza. I always liked reading anything Mr. Hill wrote. He was quite a historian and newspaper editor. The following is just one of his stories on the Slaughter's Lazy S.

Once the richest man and biggest taxpayer in the state of Texas, Col. C.C. Slaughter became the owner of well over 1 million acres of Lazy S grassland on the South Plains during the 1890s. His four branches included the 140,000-acre Tahoka Lake in Lynn County.

The cattle king was born Christopher Columbus Slaughter on Feb. 9, 1837, in Sabine County. He was the son of George Webb Slaughter, Baptist preacher-rancher-farmer. As a boy, Slaughter was so poor he rode bareback, unable to buy a saddle at the time.

His first enterprise consisted of hauling cow and buffalo hides to river boats at Jefferson. Needing a cow hand, his father hired him to work cattle in the Palo Pinto country. When the first payday came around, the young man was torn between buying a saddle or a few head of cattle. He chose the latter and soon joined his father in cattle drives to Kansas. That alone made them wealthy.

Slaughter married Cynthia Ann Jowell near the Palo Pinto Fort. In 1875 he built the "finest house in Dallas," but sadly his young wife died the next year in 1876.

Returning from a cattle drive to Kansas, Slaughter met a young school teacher, Carrie Averoll. She was a minister's daughter in a farming community. They were married in 1877.

Meantime, prices were rising for cattle on Texas ranches. Slaughter looked west for plenty of open range. He went to a location near the present site of Big Spring to establish the Lazy S (sometimes known as the Long S) where no ticks and little brush bothered cattle, where a mild climate and water could be found. Before long the Lazy S covered large portions of Howard, Dawson, Borden and Martin counties and eventually included Gaines, Lynn and others.

In the 1880s, Slaughter formed the Running Water Land and Cattle Co. and started another ranch in Castro, Lamb and Hale counties with headquarters about 15 miles northwest of present day Plainview.

One dry year, in 1884, the XIT Syndicate in the Panhandle bought 10,000 head of cattle from the Buffalo Ranch to be delivered on the Yellowhouse. The weather had been so dry there was no water from Tobacco Creek to the Yellowhouse, even at Moar's Draw or Tahoka Lake springs.

The colonel sent the cattle in three herds, about 3,300 head each. The first herd made it fine. The second herd, being driven east of Tahoka Lake, smelled the damp air from the alkali lakebed. Very thirsty, they made a run for the lake, got out of the control of the cowboys and milled around in the dry lakebed. Seeing the predicament, the trail boss sent a message to Slaughter, who was at German on the Buffalo Ranch northwest of Colorado City.

With all the cowhands and six-shooters he could find, Slaughter came to Tahoka Lake. The cowboys would cut out 100 to 200 head from the edge of the large herd and work them back onto the plains away from the smell of water. Other cowboys held them there until more could be brought.

Slaughter worked in the lakebed, and after many hours of desperate cutting and herding, the cattle were moved to Yellowhouse safely. However Slaughter almost lost his eyesight as a result of so much alkali dust in his eyes. He traveled to St. Louis to an eye specialist who partially restored his sight. Nevertheless, Col. Slaughter was almost blind the remainder of his life.

At the head of the Colorado River and Tobacco Creek, in Borden and Dawson counties, Jesse Evans from Kansas City, founded the TJF ranch around 1885 or 1886. Slaughter, in turn, bought the head of Tobacco Creek, extending his Buffalo Ranch (Big Spring area) to the south line of Lynn and possibly into the county.

This move left Evans with insufficient water supply and made it necessary for him to build tanks. The TJF lasted only a few years, encountering financial difficulties.

Eventually Slaughter acquired Evans' holdings. During the next few years, Slaughter bought 246,000 acres in Cochran County and founded the Whiteface Ranch, placing his son George as head of operations. By 1890, after other expansions, he owned 1 million acres on the South Plains.

From the John Scarbauer herd that Slaughter bought sight unseen, he built a fine herd of Herefords, which he meant to be second to none. Development of a heavier strain of cattle first began by crossing shorthorns with Herefords.

On the Whiteface Ranch he produced one animal weighing 4,000 pounds. So determined to possess the best cattle in Texas, Col. Slaughter bought at the Kansas City sales, "Ancient Briton," first-prize winner at Chicago's 1893 World's Fair for \$3,500. Then in 1898 he bought "Sir Bredwell," first-prize winner at the 1889 Omaha, Neb., Exposition for a record \$5,000.

F.G. Oxshire and A.J. Harris held leases on ranchland east of present-day Tahoka. Owing a Dallas bank a note they couldn't pay, Slaughter took over and established the Tahoka Lake Ranch. The new spread covered an area from Indian Canyon in Dawson and Borden counties north to Wilson County School Lands, about where the city of Wilson now stands.

The Lazy S became second in size only to the XIT Syndicate (Ten in Texas) in West Texas. The XIT quadrupled the size of Rhode Island.

Before many years, settlers were coming onto the plains. With the Supreme Court of Texas ruling on Lapse Leasing in 1902, it had a far-reaching effect on large spreads of leased land but opened vast empires for settlement by farmers and small stockmen.

Linda Puckett is the director of the Garza County Museum.



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

What is the value of the recent moisture we've received?

You've heard the term, "That was a million dollar rain?" I'd argue the rains this week are far more valuable than that.

Hopefully, and I hold my breath as I type this, we are on our way to an average year in terms of the amount and timing of rain.

Strong crops in 2012 and a year where ranchers can grow their herds would go along way in helping our local and regional economies.

You hear how strong China's economy is and how "evolved" they've become.

In fact, I've heard our national politicians mention China in blushing fashion, almost as if they wish we were more like the Chinese.

I'm telling you straight up that if you think for a second you want the United States to mirror China, you need to back up and re-think your position. At the same time, you need to educate yourself on how China became powerful and how that power is doing nothing for the average Chinese citizen.

Maybe you're aware of their lack of freedom or the fact that their wages are unjustly low, but did you know more than 30 million Chinese people live in caves? That figure is nearly ten percent of the U.S. population.

Let me make one thing crystal clear: The Chinese have gained their power on the backs of hard labor. The government has used the people in ways we haven't seen in this country in nearly 100 years.

It's time we level the playing field with China and charge them to sell their goods in this country. There is no reason to have a trade deficit with them.

China along with Russia are not our friends. They have protected Iran to the point that the Iranians will soon have nuclear weapons. Due to the fact they are on the U.N. Security Council (along with the U.S.), they have a bad habit of neutralizing our agenda.

When I look at the Chinese government, I don't see what some in Washington are seeing. You simply cannot glorify their government for financial success based on the backs of slave labor.

The U.S. has 13 of the top 25 companies in the world in terms of market value including 12 of the top 20. Apple and Exxon are the top two on the list.

China is next on the list with four. Switzerland follows with three while Brazil has two. Australia/UK has one on the list while the Netherlands also has one.

Our biggest problem is financial irresponsibility. Our government is simply too big and wastes too much money. The fix is easy on paper, but tough when egos from both major political parties enter the fray.

Common sense and fiscal responsibility can save the day, but both sides are going to have to suck it up and make tough decisions. I'll believe that when I see it.

Christopher Blackburn President of Blackburn Media Group

The 501
by
Hanaba Munn Welch

The nicest thing about finding someone else's garbage on your property is that they usually leave an address. That's the difference between dogs and garbage. Nobody ever leaves an address with a dog.

Therefore, I prefer garbage.

The last time someone dumped a dog on our place, we kept the critter. Mother sort of liked having a dog. Then the dog started chasing calves. Who wants a semi-chow that chases livestock? We had her euthanized. Oddly enough, my computer spell check suggests substituting either "euphonize," "euphemize" or "heathenize" for "euthanize."

But we came up with no euphemisms for that cow-chaser. There are none.

Nor did we heathenize her. She came that way.

That leaves "euphonize." I don't think we euphonized

her, but let me look up that word.

DICTIONARY PAUSE. Nope, we didn't euphonize her either.

Back to garbage. Somebody dumped three big bags on the edge of our farm - not in the ditch but into a drainage channel. For whatever reason, it's the kind of roadside place garbage dumpers like. Maybe they like seeing their refuse fall at least a modest distance. Otherwise, they might as well toss their bags in a regular ditch instead. But what do I know? I'm no dumper. Just a jumper.

Yep, that's how I got down to where the bags of garbage lay. It took some nerve. At age 13, I wouldn't have hesitated. But at 65, it took me a while to gather my courage, gauge the distance and weigh the risks. If anyone had driven by and seen me perched on the end of the big steel culvert, they would have thought

I was contemplating suicide and wavering. What could go wrong? The green grass looked soft.

My other choice was to climb the spindly barbed wire fence strung between the concrete face of the culvert structure (sounds like some sort of bona fide culvert term, doesn't it?) and the regular fence. If they'd been sturdy climbable fences instead of flimsy makeshift wings for the water gap (and if you don't exactly get the picture, blame my creative terminology), then I might have tried going over, under or through. But every wire looked like a sweater-snagger. So I chose to jump.

Geronimo! But I forgot to say it.

The landing could have been worse. The moment my feet hit the earth, I fell straight back. Happily, my head landed in a big soft tumbleweed. Call them God's garbage. But tumbleweeds decompose. Plastic is eternal. That's the difference.

I soon collected myself and worked the crime scene, taking pictures and meticulously sorting through the garbage. I examined fast food containers, beer cans, children's toy cartons and Christmas wrapping paper. A little mouse looked me in the eye. Then there it was! An envelope with an address and a name.

I called the sheriff.

Then I went myself to the address in town. Sure enough, it's a very neat place. After all, they don't keep extra garbage around. They haul it to the county.

Legal Notice

Prescribed by Secretary of State
Section 2.051 - 2.053, Texas Election Code
5/02

ORDER OF CANCELLATION ORDEN DE CANCELACION

The Garza County UWCD hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on **May 12th 2012** in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

Ferrel Wheeler Prc. 1
Ronnie Graves Prc. 3

El Garza County UWCD por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el **do Mayo 2010** de conformidad con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:

Ferrel Wheeler Prc. 1
Ronnie Graves Prc. 3

Candidate (Candidato) Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta candidatura)

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El Día de las Elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la elección.

Ferrel Wheeler
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Remember When

(Editor's note: The "Remember When" column was mistakenly omitted from last week's edition. We've included it here, along with this week's article.)

60 years ago
March 20, 1952

An early Tuesday morning fire destroyed the Barn Drive-In café, operated by Mrs. Floyd Hines, on north Broadway causing an estimated \$6,500 worth of damage. Post volunteer firemen battled the blaze, which began about 1:30 a.m. from an undetermined origin. Extremely strong winds hindered firemen in extinguishing the blaze and caused them to concentrate on preventing the fire from spreading. Insurance covered only about two-thirds of the loss. The café had been open only a few months. The barracks-type building was valued at \$3,000 and was owned by O.G. Hamilton, who had bought it from C. T. Norris several months ago.

Earl Smith, a 29-year-old oilfield worker, was acquitted last Thursday by a Garza County jury of the murder charge filed against him in connection with the shooting of Marshall "Monk" Gibson at a highway café on the night of Oct. 19, 1951. The jury deliberated about an hour before making its decision. Judge Louis B. Reed read the "not guilty" verdict about 5:10 p.m. The trial portion of the case, prosecuted by District Attorney Carl Cayton, lasted four days. Smith's attorney was Tom Miller of Graham.

The Meadow FFA senior chapter conducting team won first place in the state meet at Huntsville last weekend. The group won the district contest in Post last November and the area meet in Big Spring last November. The team was instructed by Truett Babb.

Incumbents George Tillman and Dowe Mayfield filed as candidates for trust-

ees of the Post Independent School District, Superintendent of Schools D.C. Arthur announced. Henry Wheatley also filed to run. Wheatley will run for the seat held by Earl Rogers, who declined another term. The election is slated for April 5.

The opening date for the new Sunset drive-in theater has been announced for April 13, said manager John Hopkins. "Colorfully decorated with a beautiful neon sunset, the new theater will be as complete and modern as any theater of its type in this section of the state," outfitted with state-of-the-art sound equipment. Although the first movie to be shown had not been decided, admission was to be 44 cents, including tax, for adults and 9 cents for children. The venue also was to be outfitted with "warning devices by which a person may know if any parking places are available in the ramps. If the ramp is full, small lights will be turned on at the end of the ramp."

Garza County farmers can look forward to slightly better than average crops this year, according to the winds. This forecast was made after a test was conducted on the Bryan J. Williams ranch last Saturday morning at sunrise.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SHARP IMAGE ENERGY, INC., [RRC Operator No. 770731] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the RECOMPLETION permit in Sec. 20, Bk. 6, H&GN RR CO/JOHNSON, J E Survey, A-903, TOBE (MISS) and TOBE (STRAWN) Fields, GARZA County, being 1.5 miles E direction from JUSTICEBURG, Texas. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Apr 12, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY. THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION. The location and identity of the well is as shown below: FIELD: TOBE (MISS) -----
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The test followed the old Indian legend method, begun in Garza County in 1906 by J.I. Wilborn. Since that time there have been only three forecasting flops on March 22. Since this is a Leap Year, "one was observed that ... Friday morning should have been the day for taking the wind direction, and in that case it was blowing like blazes out of the West." Mrs. Clark Mullican, who helps conduct the ceremony, said Leap Year doesn't figure into the legend.

W.C. (Charlie) Kiker announced his candidacy for commissioner of Precinct 1.

50 years ago
March 15, 1962

The Post Dispatch featured a story about Garza County resident William Young, gin manager of the Close City Co-op, and his four-row stalk shredder he invented and patented. The shredder attaches to a tractor and is ready to use.

After spending 10 days with his parents, Boyd Dodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Dodson of Post, recently returned to San Diego where he is stationed as a U.S. Navy hospital apprentice at Balboa Hospital. He had recently completed boot camp and was a member of the color guard and carried the battalion flag.

Mrs. S.M. Puckett celebrated her 84th birthday with a dinner at the Puckett home Sunday. Relatives present to celebrate the occasion were her husband, Mrs. Huvell Hutto, Mrs. Hershall Pigg and Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Puckett and daughter Janet of Lubbock, Brode Puckett and daughter Judy of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Layla Pennington,

Mrs. Irvin Scarbrough and Mrs. and Mrs. Bob Short and sons Miles and Steve, all of Post.

Mrs. Mary Wristen was recently elected president of the District XIII Texas State Teachers Association at the annual convention in Lubbock. Mrs. Wristen, who teaches social studies at Post Junior High School, was elected from the office of vice president in the annual election of officers. She presided at the second general session of the convention.

40 years ago
March 16, 1972

Phil Mathews, a senior at Post High School, recently placed third in the regional "Voice of Democracy" speech contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This year's contest was Feb. 27 in Brownfield. The topic was "My Responsibility to Freedom." Mathews is the

son of Mr. and Mrs. Marjon G. Mathews.

Cindy Bird's steer was named grand champion in Saturday's livestock show following bidding in which the steer sold for \$550 above the floor price.

Stephen Myers pig was named grand champion barrow while also winning reserve grand champion barrow and grand champion lamb. There were more than 200 animals exhibited in the Garza County Junior Livestock Show and brought about \$25,000 to the young winners, said Tommy Young, president of the livestock association.

Jim Cornish, publisher of the Post Dispatch, endorsed Dolph Briscoe for governor of Texas in an editorial printed in this issue. Cornish wrote: "The stench of the excesses of power politics in Austin, which has permeated

out across the rest of the state since initial disclosures of the 'stock fraud scandal,' lays like a low cloud over Texas today — as the Democrats campaign to see who is going to sit in the driver's seat as governor for the next two years."

Several members of the Women's Culture Club, Amity Study Club and Amity Junior Study Club will attend the annual convention of the Caprock District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs held Friday and Saturday at the KoKo Inn in Lubbock. The Women's Culture Club was sited for best overall club of which Mrs. C.H. Hartel of Post is chairwoman.

Sandra Bostick of Close City was named overall winner of the youth division at the Garza County Fair last Thursday. She won 16 first-place ribbons and two third-place ribbons.

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- 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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Garage Sale: Saturday March 24, 12 9:00am-? 316 S. Ave H. Lots of items including clothes.

Yard Sale: 706 N. Av M & Hwy #84. Friday, March 23, 12 from 8:00am-1pm.

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Photo by Wayne Hodgin/The Post Dispatch

Adam Smith, left, enjoys his celebration of life party March 16 at the Post Community Center with friends Tanner Moore of Seminole, Perry Smith and daughter Maddi, both of Post.

strangers to have been supporting him and ceaselessly praying for him all this time," Adam's mother, Regina Smith, said.

Last Friday, Adam's friends, family and others gathered at the Post Community Center for a community-wide celebration of life party — not a celebration of life for those who have stood by his side during the last year and a half. It also was a cause to raise awareness for child stroke victims.

"This is all Adam's idea," his mother said. "We just helped make it happen."

Although rare, strokes can afflict children and often go hours or days without being diagnosed. Any one who has suffered a stroke, or known someone who has, knows every second counts.

Doctors first told Adam's family he had the classic symptoms of a migraine headache.

"Childhood strokes are just nearly unheard of — but they happen nonetheless," Regina Smith said. "It was a particularly devastating time because

we just didn't know what was happening."

Luckily, however, a diagnosis soon was made and the drug that breaks up the blood clot in the brain was administered, and Adam was taken to the Fort Worth children's hospital for further observation.

"The doctors told us Adam would remain in the hospital for four to six months," Regina Smith said. "But he was released in about four weeks."

While strokes in children can be devastating, children have a better ability to heal because of the greater plasticity or flexibility of their nervous systems and brains. A child's brain is still developing at that age, therefore their brains have a greater ability to repair themselves. With the help of physical and speech therapy, most childhood stroke survivors recover the use of their arms, legs and speech.

"Adam's balance and coordination, his speech and the ability to swallow were all affected by his stroke," Regina Smith said. "But with the grace of God and the help of his therapists, he's made a re-

markable recovery. His doctors say there's no reason he can't recover 100 percent. They're just amazed that he's doing so well."

Adam still has some speech therapy to finish before he makes a complete recovery, but he and his family attribute his quick recuperation to the Lord.

"At one time we had more than 6,000 people praying for Adam at the same time," Regina Smith said.

That was at the annual Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Field of Faith event in Abilene.

"There were complete strangers who didn't even know Adam who were all fervently praying for him," she said. "Our family has always been a big believer in the power of prayer, and now we're convinced that the more people you have praying the better. "We've been very blessed. It's been a wonderful God-journey."

Tonya Kirkpatrick, a youth leader at First United Methodist Church of Post, has seen first-hand not only the power of Christ's work in the Smith

family but also within the youth members of their church, all of whom have grown close to Adam, who, she said, had set the Christian example for them.

"Adam is a true testament to how God can take a child and use him to spread his truth," Kirkpatrick said. "Adam's a true inspiration for his friends to follow."

"He's taken this ugly thing and turned it into a wonderful, beautiful message as to the power of God's healing."

Kirkpatrick said she's never seen Adam complain about what's happened to him.

"He uses his story as a voice — a platform — to speak very strongly of God and his will for his life," she said. "All you see or hear from him is about the strength God's given him and what he's going to do with it."

"He's a remarkable young, Christian man."

Adam — now a junior at Post High School — said the party he helped throw to thank the Christian community for its support is just another way to praise God and show the power of love and faith. The only gift he asked for was a donation of a stuffed animal that can be given to the children who remain at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth.

"This party won't help me get physically better quicker," he said. "It's an important part of my spiritual and emotional healing to be able to give back to the community that's rallied around me, prayed for me and supported me."

"It's not about these stuffed animals but what they stand for and what they'll mean to someone else who's been through what I have."

For now, Adam is focused on his faith, his education

and his therapy.

"If nothing else, this ordeal has taught me to never falter in my faith," he said. "I've seen a lot of things, but

there's nothing I've seen that I can't attribute to God.

"He's been a rock and foundation for what I've been through."

RAIN...

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isolated small hail storms.

Some areas received as much as 2 inches of rain, but generally estimates of a half-inch to an inch were more prevalent, said Ron McQueen, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

"Over the last week, portions of the area southeast of Lubbock had received anywhere from an inch to an inch and a half of rainfall, and in some places even up to 2 inches," McQueen said. "Looking back at cumulative data from the last two weeks, some of those same areas had received upwards of 3 inches."

McQueen said the rainfall was to taper off by Wednesday evening heading into Thursday as the storm system that brought rain this past week was expected to move eastward.

"The weekend's forecast calls for warmer temperatures with highs in the 80s, but we're seeing some

mixed indications of another round of thunderstorms by Monday," he said.

Producers are beginning to pre-water fields, applying herbicides and performing general fieldwork in preparation for spring planting. Despite recent rains, winter wheat continues to struggle as do pastures and rangeland, according to Texas AgriLife Extension agents across the area. Cattle were mostly in fair to good condition, with ranchers continuing to supply supplemental feed.

"We are still in desperate need for more moisture," said Greg Jones, agent with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County. "The rain we've seen is certainly been a help as we're beginning to see pastures and rangeland green up somewhat, and fields are plowing much better than they were. But we're still in need of deep moisture."

**Trailblazers Senior
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Lunch MONDAY
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TUESDAY
Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, wheat roll, pears.
WEDNESDAY

Turkey tetrazzini, wheat roll, carrots, zucchini, salad, fruit parfait.
THURSDAY
Ham and beans, corn bread, spinach, corn, organic pineapple cup, apple crisp.
FRIDAY
Roast beef, baked potato, carrots, roll, chocolate pudding.

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The 15-percent rule was borne out of the 2009 legislative session during which Education Commissioner Robert Scott was told to come up with a plan for testing and give it to legislators before the 2011 session. He did, but when the plan began coming to light, many problems were found including

confusion among local school systems as to how exactly it would be implemented.

Then parents weighed in on the plans, saying the rule would greatly affect GPA, class rank and college admissions.

Although he still agrees with the foundations for the law, Scott said the extra time

would give state education officials and local systems time to smooth out any implementation of the rule.

"I remain committed to rigorous public school accountability and to implementing the reforms," Scott recently said. "The new assessment system will be better for students and

educators and will better ensure Texas students are ready for postsecondary success."

Eminent domain Southland ISD school board members also Tuesday approved Superintendent Miller to send the necessary paperwork to the state that could al-

low them to enforce eminent domain authority should the issue ever be warranted.

"All state entities, whether public or private, have until Dec. 31 to submit to the Texas comptroller's office the registration now required for condemning authorities to retain that power," Miller said. "Failure to meet the deadline means those entities would not be able to exercise eminent domain powers — ever."

Eminent domain is a power possessed by the state to claim private property within the state in exchange for fair and reasonable compensation, for public use, safety and, in some cases, economic development. Public uses include the running of power, water, gas or utility lines.

Miller reiterated the local board is not considering exercising any eminent domain authority at this time.

"We're not anticipating use

of the power now or in the near future, but if we don't register to do so with the state, we would never be able to use it if we ever did need it," Miller said.

In other business Also on Tuesday, the school board heard revised enrollment numbers for the system that showed an increase of 14 new full-time students on the rolls since the beginning of the year. Southland ISD accepts free student transfers from other districts.

The board also approved the 2012-2013 academic calendar. Classes will begin Aug. 27 and conclude Dec. 21 for the first semester, then resume Jan. 8. Spring break set for March 11-15. Graduation would be slated for May 30.

The board is expected to next meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. April 16 in the board conference room of the administration building.

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