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A Builder in Garza County



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New street signs placed at cemetery



Photo by Wayne Hodgin/The Post Dispatch

A number of new street signs have been erected at Terrace Cemetery west of Post. The signs were secured and funded by the city, which maintains the cemetery, through a grant from the Maxine Durrett Earl Foundation. The cost was about \$6,000. The road leading down the center of the cemetery was named after the city's founder, C.W. Post. Roads going north and south are named for trees and those east and west for flowers. Those pictured here, represented by the city, the cemetery board and the Maxine Durrett Earl Foundation, include: Marie Neff, Linda Puckett, Judy Bush, Peggy Claborn, Arbie Taylor, Laurie Odom and cemetery caretaker John Goen.



TERRY MORGAN

MIKE MUNK

Morgan, Munk cruise to political victories

By Wayne Hodgin
 The Post Dispatch

was no Democratic opposition.

Garza County's two most-anticipated races this election season were soundly decided during Tuesday's general election primary, paving the way for new blood in both the sheriff's and district attorney's offices.

On Wednesday morning, Morgan said he was grateful for the trust Garza County voters have put into him.

"I'm just so thankful for the chance to be able to lead this department and get it going in the direction it needs to be," Morgan said. "I was really fortunate to be able to get out and meet a lot of wonderful people during my campaign and am thankful for everyone who came out

Southland resident Terry Morgan will take the reins of the Garza County Sheriff's Office beginning Jan. 1.

Morgan handily defeated incumbent Sheriff Cliff Laws in Tuesday's general election Republican primary. There

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Cities close to yet another water deal

New negotiations with district have municipalities splitting debt burden

By Wayne Hodgin
 The Post Dispatch

The cities served by the White River Municipal Water District are — once again — close to reaching a contract agreement that will carry them through the next 40 years.

The White River MWD is the regional governing body that oversees the water distribution to the municipalities of Post, Crosbyton, Ralls and Spur.

During April's regular City Council meeting, Post City Manager Arbie Taylor said the contract that had been negotiated for the better part

of six months had been practically abandoned. At heart was new wording water officials had added that would have placed the district's large debt burden back on the municipalities.

The revised contract did not sit well with neither city officials nor the city attorneys.

Tom Fulton, executive director for the water district, has said about \$30 million of infrastructure improvements need to be made within the district, including upgrading miles and miles of water line and repairs to the dam and various well fields.

"Some of those lines haven't been replaced since they were put in more than 50 years ago," Fulton recently told members of the Post Rotary Club.

Taylor likened the contract clause to that of a new car buyer.

"It's like if you go out and buy a car with new insurance

and then total that car and the insurance company says you still have to pay on it — it's counterintuitive," Taylor said.

According to the new contract, Taylor said, the cities only will be responsible for and up to \$6 million of infrastructure debt, with Post sharing the largest portion of that debt simply because of its larger population.

"We feel this is a much better deal for all the parties involved and also will allow the district to upgrade a lot of its infrastructure," Taylor said. "We don't deny the improvements need to be made, but having this cap in place relieves the burden on these smaller towns whose residents can't afford a rate increase each year."

Taylor said the remaining \$24 million on the district's improvement wish list would

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We remember



Photo by Wayne Hodgin/The Post Dispatch

Joe Drowns of Slaton, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797 in Post, prepares to lay a memorial at the Roll of Honor marker at the Garza County Courthouse during a Memorial Day ceremony Monday. The marker lists all those veterans from Garza County who have died in war. Members of the local VFW post organize the event each year, including a breakfast for all veterans and their families prior to the ceremony. This year's guest speaker was Judge Bill Sowder of the 99th Judicial District, who is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and an officer with the judge advocate general's corps.



Post
 May 23-29: zero
 Month to date: 1.79 inches
 Year to date: 6.56 inches
 Normal: 6.88 inches

Lake Alan Henry
 May 23-29: zero
 Month to date: 3.26 inches
 Year to date: 9.45 inches
 Normal: 6.90

White River
 May 23-29: zero
 Month to date: 0.96 inches
 Year to date: 3.98 inches
 Normal: 7.68 inches

Source: National Weather Service in Lubbock

Post Art Guild winners

The Post Dispatch

The Post Art Guild held its annual juried show May 11 and 12. Following are the winners from this year's event.

Best of show

Max Award Winner, Sculpture: "Maiden Flight" by Theresa Martin, \$250.

Still-life: Floral

First place: "Sunflower" by Ginnie Seifert, \$100.

First place: "Iris Medley" by Carol Peterson, \$100.

Second place: "Pearl of Great Price" by Betty Blevins, \$50.

Second place: "The Flower" by Jackie Hinderliter, \$50.

Third place: "Grande Old Entry" by Betty Blevins, \$25.

Third place: "Blue Chair" by Jackie Hinderliter, \$25.

Lanscapes:

Landscapes with Structure:

First place: "Tin Roof" by Ginnie Seifert, \$100.

First place: "Arizona Attraction" by Ginnie Seifert, \$100.

Second place: "Winter Wonder" by Marie Neff, \$50.

Second place: "Texas Barn" by Ginnie Seifert, \$50.

Third place: "Austin's Home" by Carolyn Walker, \$25.

Third place: "Early Morning in Taos" by Carolyn Walker, \$25.

Photography

First place: "Shadows and Arches" by Stan Blevins, \$100.

Second place: "The Smell of Freshly Pressed Powder" by April Pilley, \$50.

Third place: "Forgotten Delivery" by Stan Blevins, \$25.

Other Media

First place: "Navajos" by Theresa Martin, \$100.

Second place: "Windmill Quilt" by Mildred Sentell, \$50.

Third place: "Freedda" by Juanetta Backo, \$25.

Sculpture

First place: "Steel Iris" by Lisa Cowdrey Bartley, \$100.

Second place: "Fly" by Steve Rodriguez, \$50.

Third place: "Indian" by Daryl Dissinger, \$25.

Portraits

First place: "Tobey McQuireby" Angeline Collier, \$100.

Second place: "El Rosario" by Carlos Jordon, \$50.

Third place: "Paper Mister?" by Carol Peterson, \$25.

Animal: Fowl

First place: "Longhorns" by Carolyn Walker, \$100.

Second place: "Matched Teams" by Carol Peterson, \$50.

Third place: "Do I Have To?" by Carol Peterson, \$25.

Human Interest

First place: "Winter Wash" by Ginnie Seifert, \$100.

Second place: "Eagle Dancer" by Carol Peterson, \$50.

Third place: "Scavengers" by Ginnie Seifert, \$25.

Student

First place: "Paco" by Daniela Alaniz, \$50.

Second place: "Wired Aluminum" by Andree Williams, \$25.

Submitted by Sherrie Overstreet

OBITUARIES



CHRISTY COLLAZO

Dory Christine "Christy" Collazo, 37, of Post, passed away Saturday May 27, 2012.

Born in Big Spring on Nov. 14, 1974, she was a dedicated mother, a great daughter, sister and friend. Christy was young and full of laughter and had an unforgettable smile. She was

loved by many and will be truly missed.

She is survived by her mother, Aracelia Collazo; father, Doroteo Collazo Jr.; sons Jaylon Collazo and Nicholas Rodriguez; daughters Ashley Collazo and Alexis Collazo; brothers Adrain Doroteo Collazo, Damian Martinez and Tino Martinez; sisters Pricilla Martinez and Veronica Martinez. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

A memorial service was Thursday morning at Antelope Arena with the Rev. Paul Karieakatt officiating. Rosary was Wednesday evening at Holy Cross Catholic Church with Santiago Gonzales officiating.

Donations will be greatly appreciated.

DELLA DOWNS

Della Downs, 61, of Magnolia, passed away Saturday, May 26, 2012.

She was born in Littlefield to Othel and Lois Chambers.

Survivors include her beloved husband of 45 years, Buddy; daughters and sons-in-laws DeAnn and Britt Logan and Wyletta and Michael Ezzelle; sister Anita King; grandchildren Taylor, Matthew, Haley, Mason, Micah, Mallorie, Walker, Tabitha and Thomas; great-grandchild, Ellie Rose; mother-in-law, Juanita Downs; nieces Sherrie, Tammie, Melissa, Anita, and Patricia; nephews Shane and Jonathan; and her best four-legged, furry friend Cindy.

A memorial service to celebrate Della's life will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at Magnolia Church of Christ, 823 S. Magnolia Blvd., Magnolia, with the Rev. Lonnie Ritchie officiating. Visitation will be at the church immediately following the service.

Floral remembrances may be sent to the church, or donations to Odyssey Hospice of Conroe, 100 I-45 North #300, Conroe, TX 77301.

To sign the register book or to leave memories of Della for the family, visit forestparkthewoodlands.com.

Arrangements by Forest Park The Woodlands Funeral Home of Conroe.



KATHERINE JOHNSON

Services for Katherine "Kat" Johnson, 90, of Post will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 1, 2012, at the First United Methodist Church with John Bill Hedrick officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Lillie Lee Katherine Johnson was born Oct. 21, 1921, in Garza County to Tol and Innis Thomas. She died Monday, May 29, 2012, in Lubbock.

Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Thomas, were early Garza County pioneers. She

married Wagoner Johnson on April 15, 1954, in Post.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her sister Lois and brothers Wilson, Jim and Ben.

Survivors include her son, John and wife, Norma, of Lubbock, son Jerry and wife, Valarie, of Liberty Hill and grandsons Cooper and Tyler of Austin and Jared of Memphis, Texas; brothers A.C. Johnson of Amarillo and Wayne Johnson of Post; and many nieces and nephews, who knew her as Aunt Kitten.

Katherine loved her family, gardening (especially roses), baking, the University of Texas football, basketball and baseball teams, the Chicago Cubs, her dachshund, Brooks, gospel music and the sound of Texas Swing music. She was also proud of Post and its rich history.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials made to the First United Methodist Church in Post.

JANIE SHEPHERD SMITH

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Janie Shepherd Smith, beloved mother, grandmother and friend, passed away April 19, 2012, at her home.

She was born April 28, 1933, in Post, Texas, where she graduated from high school in 1950. She lived for several years in Alpine and Marfa, and eventually settled in Colton, Calif., with her husband, Jimmy, where they raised their family and worked as successful educators.

After she retired as an elementary school teacher, she and Jimmy moved to Flagstaff in the early 1980s. They loved the beautiful mountain community, where they could be close to their beloved children and grandchildren. Over many years, they could be seen at

school functions supporting their grandchildren.

Janie loved reading, swimming, traveling, the ocean, watching sports, holidays and especially spending time with her family. She was a talented artist and loved painting. She placed a high value on education for all people. She truly made a positive difference in the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know her.

She will be greatly missed.

Services were April 21 at Norvel Owens Mortuary in Flagstaff. She was buried at Citizens Cemetery in Flagstaff.

Donations to Alpha Delta Kappa, a teacher's sorority, will be used to fund scholarships for aspiring teachers and can be sent in her memory to Alpha Delta Kappa, in care of Missy Cornett, 2876 Carefree Circle, Flagstaff, AZ 86004.

Blake graduates NMSU

Samuel Elliott Blake graduated May 12 from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M., with a Bachelor of Arts in digital animation.

Blake is the son of Terry Blake and the late Dr. Bradley Blake of Las Cruces, the grandson of Marie Anderson and the late Frank Anderson of Roswell, N.M., and the great-grandson of the late L.E. (Fay) and Ruby Claborn of Post.

Those in attendance for his graduation included Terry Blake, Vicki Anderson and Marie Anderson, all of Roswell, Taylor Blake of Las Cruces and Peggy Claborn of Post.

A reception was held following the graduation ceremony for family and friends.

Submitted by Peggy Claborn

PRAY FOR RAIN!

Yesteryears

30 Years Ago

June 3, 1982

Pam Riley received the Texas State Teachers Association scholarship.

Happy birthday today to Paula Joe Payne, Mrs. Noel Wilson, Cynthia Ann Burns, Lee Ann Hodges, Mrs. Royce Hart and Mrs. Ann Leake.

Post middle school students buried a time capsule in the schoolyard Friday.

Mrs. Nete Roberts and daughter Callie of Hobbs, N.M., and Mrs. Lester Adams of Tahoka were guests of Mrs. Verna Roberts.

Mrs. Artie Young celebrated her 85th birthday recently.

40 Years Ago

June 1, 1972

Kathy and Dan Rankin are this year's outstanding Jaycee-ette and Jaycee.

Willima Jenice Bullard received the Post band's John Philip Sousa Award. She was this year's drum major in the Post Antelope Band.

Joe McCowen, James Mitchell and Jimmy Mitchell made a quick trip to see

the Indianapolis 500 race.

Apoem "Desiderata" was read by Mrs. Helen Richards at a recent meeting of the Needlecraft Club.

50 Years Ago

June 1, 1962

One of the worst late May "dusters" in years Monday wiped out some of the young irrigated cotton above the Caprock in this county.

Some new births are Tina born May 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Esequiel Saldivar, Larry Lee born May 18 to Mr. and Mrs. James T. Williams and Robbie Dale born May 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Autry.

Neal Francis was complimented with a dinner party, in honor of his graduation from high school recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Francis, his uncle and aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. J.Q. Jinkins and Mrs. F.M. Jinkins made some good catches at Clear Fork at Lueders Park and Anson Lake last weekend. On Friday, they witnessed several twisters.

60 Years Ago

May 29, 1952

Jimmy Avery Moore will be riding in the Stampede rodeo this weekend.

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GARY MCDANIEL



DREW SPRINGER



TRENT MCKINGHT

and voted." Morgan still has about seven months to plan out the organization of his office.

"You know, there's going to have to be a lot of thought about exactly how and what we need to do before we get started," Morgan said. "The sheriff's office has a lot of great people already."

Just as with any newly elected official coming into office, Morgan said all employees of the sheriff's office would have to re-apply for a position under his administration.

"The biggest challenge from the start will be restoring faith in the department and in the eyes of the voters," Morgan said. "The public image that has been the face of the sheriff's office is not what it should have been the last several years. My goal is to restore that faith and that image."

Morgan said he also will be working to ensure the financial feasibility of the new law enforcement center and jail.

"It's going to take a lot of time and effort to go out and solicit other counties in our area and let them know we've got the space and the man-

power to house their prisoners," he said. "I'm fortunate enough to have made a great deal of contacts in my years in law enforcement to be able to go out and do just that."

District Attorney

Michael Munk, who has served as county attorney since he was elected in 2008, was elected to serve as the district attorney for the 106th Judicial District, defeating incumbent Brian Kingston by nearly 1,000 votes.

The district includes Garza, Dawson, Gaines and Lynn counties.

Munk was the clear victor in every county, except Lynn — Kingston's home county — where he edged out the incumbent by only eight votes.

In a prepared statement Wednesday morning, the district attorney-elect said he was thankful for the vote of confidence.

"After a very long and exhausting campaign season, I wish to thank all of my supporters who took the time to support me with their votes, encouraging words, and all other efforts made on my behalf," he said. "Thank you for bestowing upon me your trust

and know that I will honor and treasure it in my new journey as your district attorney."

Before his term as county attorney, Munk served as first assistant district attorney for the 106th Judicial District under longtime District Attorney Ricky Smith.

Munk, who had been campaigning for the seat since last fall, has said returning confidence to the post was to be one of his top priorities.

Kingston's campaign was plagued by a number of issues, not the least of which is a continuing driving while intoxicated charge out of Gaines County, which is within his own district.

Munk's plan to reorganize the office has been met with much anticipation.

"I would like to see the commissioners appoint one of the assistant district attorneys to the office of county attorney," he said in a previous interview with the Dispatch. "This attorney would remain in Garza County on a full-time basis, just as I have done, to advise commissioners and represent the county in JP, Juvenile and County courts. This plan would provide our county with a full-

time county attorney and assistant district attorney."

Other races

In other local races, Republican Commissioner Gary McDaniel soundly defeated challenger Jerry Fogerson by more than 150 votes in Precinct 1.

Incumbent Constable Eric Cravy also will hold onto his post another term, as he edged by challenger Ronnie Gilbert by 29 votes.

Although there were no Democratic races decided in Tuesday's primary, during November's general election, Republican Commissioner Ted Brannon will try to stymie a Democratic challenge from John Valdez.

In statewide returns, presidential hopeful Mitt Romney clinched the Republican presidential nomination with his win in Texas on Tuesday to face President Barack Obama in the fall.

Texas Republicans also voted in a Senate primary to

choose a candidate to run for the seat being vacated by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and state Solicitor General Ted Cruz were headed to a runoff in July.

Dewhurst led in Tuesday's voting but fell short of the majority he needed to avoid a runoff. The nominee will be strongly favored to win in November in heavily Republican Texas.

Throckmorton rancher and businessman Trent McKnight and Muenster accountant Drew Springer apparently will square off in a Republican runoff election for District 68 state representative.

Incumbent state Rep. Rick Hardcastle is retiring and chose not seek re-election.

McKnight had collected 49 percent and Springer 35 percent of the vote, pushing aside two other challengers — Paul Braswell and David Isbell.

McKnight campaigned with water, jobs and schools at the top of his platform.

Springer has said he will work for smaller government and fewer regulations, push for small-business growth and protect rural Texas.

The winner of the July 31 runoff will face Democrat Lanhon Odom of Montague County in the Nov. 6 general election. Odom ran unopposed in that party's primary.

Other regional races of note, U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer took a landslide win Tuesday night for the Republican nomination in the 19th Congressional District race from challenger Chris Winn.

Neugebauer will face no Democratic challenge in November. He was first elected to the House seat in June 2003 in a special election and is serving his fifth term.

Sen. Robert Duncan will retain his seat in Senate District 28 as he overwhelmingly defeated challenger Epifanio "Eppie" Garza by more than 80 percent.

No Democrat filed for Senate District 28.

Following are voting totals for local contested races only.

District attorney, 106th Judicial	Dawson County	Gaines County	Garza County	Lynn County
Brian Kingston (i)	419	721	211	299
Michael Munk	730	994	602	307
Sheriff				
Cliff Laws (i)			159	
Phil Mathews			212	
Terry Morgan				497
Commissioner, Precinct 1				
Jerry Fogerson	75			
Gary McDaniel (i)			232	
Constable, Precinct 2				
Eric Cravy (i)	144			
Ronnie Gilbert	115			

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 submissions are preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

Pool party

The Community Recovery Center will host its annual Summer Splash pool party from 6 to 9 p.m. June 8 at the Post city pool. Admission is free, but a wristband must be obtained from the CRC, 405 S. Ave. C, during regular business hours. For information, call 495-3173.

Play days

Horse play day will be Saturday at the Post Stampede Rodeo Grounds. Registration begins at 9 a.m., and events start at 10 a.m. Cost is \$2 per event or \$12 for all events. For information, contact Danya Peterson at 520-405-0221 or the Garza County Extension Office at 806-495-4400.

Summer rec

The year's summer recreation program will be June 4-29 at the middle school gym. Registration is mandatory to participate. Program runs from 8 a.m. to noon. Breakfast and lunch will be served in the school cafeteria. Parents are asked to pick their children up between 12:15 and 12:30 p.m. in front of the cafeteria. For information, contact Lorie Rivera at 495-3253 or 441-8465.

Jackalopes registration and fundraisers

Members of the Jackalope Summer Track Club will have a car-wash fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the United Supermarket in Post and a bake sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 9, also at United. For information, contact Marcie Oden at 806-370-0553 or email cellaandrod@aol.com.

Bible study

"A Quick Journey Through the Bible," an eight-part study designed to give a brief overview of salvation from Genesis to the Resurrection, will be of-

fered at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning June 7 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 205 W. Main St., Post. For information visit the Post Texas Church Facebook page or contact Melissa Morrow at 806-629-4393 or hope.memory@gmail.com.

4-H camp

4-H'ers interested in attending 4-H Camp are urged to contact the Extension office at 806-495-4400. 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.

Computer classes

A free computer class on

how to maneuver the Internet will be at 2 p.m. June 7, 14 and 21 at the Post Public Library, 105 E. Main St. Topics will include computer basics, Facebook, email and downloading photos from your digital camera. Classes are free, but registration is required because of limited space and class size. For information, contact Poko Lambro at 990-9901.

4-H Horse Show

Registration for the District 2 4-H Horse Show is open until June 4. You must register on or before the deadline to avoid any late fees. For information, contact the Garza County Extension Office at 806-495-4400.

Fish fry

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center will have a fish fry from 5 to 8 p.m. June 8. Cost is \$7 a plate.

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.

Trap shoot practice

Every Monday at 5 p.m. at Palmer Gun Club. Anyone interested in joining Shotgun Sports, contact Ray Mason at 781-8022 or Mark Kirkpatrick at 787-5104.

Parkinson's support

The West Texas Parkinsonism Society meets at noon the first Tuesday of each month in the library at the Covenant Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St., Lubbock. Lunch provided.

Donations needed

Five-Stone Ministries, a nonprofit 501c3 organization, is in need of the fol-

lowing items: men's work clothes, men's work shoes, workable washers and dryers. Some women's items also are needed. For information, contact O.L.

Ferguson at 806-781-1156. Monetary donations welcome at P.O. Drawer 669, Post, Texas, 79356. All donations are tax deductible.

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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 Howard Stern

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Hope all are having a good week. Summer is here whether we were ready for it or not. The older I get, the more I dread the heat.

Y'all should really drive out and see the cotton coming up out here. I think everyone is just about finished up planting. Keep this crop and rain in your daily prayers. We need a good one this time.

Sympathies go out this week to the Johnson and Collazo families. Katherine Johnson passed away earlier this week. Her funeral is being held today (Friday). Christy Collazo's funeral was Wednesday. Thoughts and prayers to both families.

We have had several visitors this past week, and I didn't jot them down. So if I

leave you out please forgive my forgetfulness. Those I do remember are Nedra, T.J., Ken Young, Grant Bright and Mr. Henely, and I know there have been others. Feel free to give me a call and remind me if you were one of them.

We send out a few "no name" get wells. You know who you are and hope you are feeling much better!

Quote of the week: "Act as if what you do makes a difference, it does," William James.

Did you know: The King Ranch in Texas is bigger than the state of Rhode Island.

Close City Birthdays
June 1st - Grant Bright
June 2nd - Reece Belongia

June 4th - Tad Ellis
June 6th - Trent Lawrence; Aubrey and Delaney Melton

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham; Mary Gayle Young, Velma Long Brown in Post; Jean Tipton in Robert Lee; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Doris Wilson in Post;

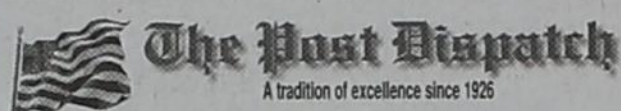
John and Mary Gist in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

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

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Weekly Inspirations

Quiet Wisdom

Read Psalm 32:1-7

Hear, my child, your father's instruction, and do not reject your mother's teaching.

- Proverbs 1:8 (NRSV)

My parents had gone shopping. As I stood alone in Mom and Dad's bedroom and my grandmother was napping in another part of the house, I noticed a box of matches on my Dad's bedside table. As I picked up the box, I could hear in my mind my father's voice saying as he had many times, "Don't play with matches!" Behind the table were lovely white curtains. What would happen if I struck a match and touched the curtain quickly? A small hole appeared in the curtain. I was horrified and quickly tucked the curtain behind the table. Maybe they would never see it.

That night as I got in bed and pulled the covers over me, my stomach began to hurt. It got worse, and I wept. My father came to me and asked, "Son, what is the matter?"

I said, "I have a bad stomachache."

My father sat quietly by my side, "Where does it hurt?"

He put his strong hand on my chest and asked, "Does it feel like a burned curtain?" Then he said, "Son, I think you have learned your lesson. I love you. Now get some sleep."

My stomachache immediately stopped. My conscience was clean. I never forgot my father's quiet wisdom. Through the years as I have grown in my faith, I have come to understand that God's love and forgiveness clear the conscience.

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Prayer: Dear God, thank you for the wonder of forgiveness and the freedom it brings. Thank you for being ready to forgive us even before we ask. Amen.

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

2 Timothy 3:16-17



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Deuteronomy 6:5

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch



"This little piggy went to market."

Nursery rhymes, like all great literature, leave room for misunderstanding.

I'm viewing my toes right now and thinking of those pigs. It has just dawned on me that all but one apparently went on a shopping excursion to the weekly town market. But of course!

Picture them in a quaint European village square, walking on their hind feet, each with a basket over one arm-like front leg. Charming. In my mind's eye, a little blue and white checked cloth is draped over the goods in the baskets. The pigs are smiling.

But until now, I'd always envisioned those pigs piling into a 1940s car — probably a no-frills black Chevrolet — and going to town to the weekly local livestock sale. After all, they were pigs. Never mind that the sale was for cows.

What else was I to think? In my pre-supermarket childhood, the word "market" connoted livestock and the weekly auction. As Mother recited the rhyme to me, toe by toe, it seemed indeed strange that a pig would put himself up for sale along with all the cows going through the dusty ring, but I accepted the notion. Even at age 3, I knew nursery rhymes didn't

always make perfect sense. After all, there was that guy who put his wife in a pumpkin.

The rest of the scenario: "This little piggy stayed home."

Based on the probable fate of the first pig, the second one always sounded like the smart one to me.

As for the last three lines, the only logical part was the ending — the little-toe pig crying "waah, waah, waah all the way home." Such a cry-baby. But at least he didn't get sold.

The roast beef episode puzzled me. What pig eats roast beef? I asked myself that question when Mother got to those toes. Roughly six decades later, I'm still asking.

Mad Cow disease comes to mind. Pigs should think twice before eating roast beef. Quote me.

If you'd asked me about mad cows when I was little, I would have said a mad cow was one that didn't want to get de-horned or otherwise cooperate with whatever regimen my father had in mind.

Picture Daddy in overalls. A cow that didn't want to get in the trailer to go to market — now that would be a mad cow.

Which brings us to yesterday. Those four bull calves didn't exactly step into the

trailer politely. They nearly got mad, squeezed as they were into a space that gave them no choice but to hop aboard. Whew!

From there it was all uphill. Stressful experiences are best remembered set to rhyme:

"The farmer's wife went to market,

She left her husband at home.

They should've had roast beef for supper,

Fried chicken was good to the bone.

The old diesel pickup cried 'rumbledy-ping' all the way home."

Be glad I've spared you the details.

But yes, that was me going 30 mph on the Lloyd Ruby Overpass.

Post Script from Hanaba:

If you have read this column to the end and aren't familiar with the Lloyd Ruby Overpass, it's a part of the highway system in Wichita Falls and is designed to move traffic through at highway speeds. The late Lloyd Ruby, racecar driver, was from Wichita Falls. Seeing his name on an overpass always makes me want to speed. But all I wanted to do last week was make it to the downhill side and ultimately to the livestock auction outside of town. It's as close as I've ever come to getting arrested for going too slow!



The Doctor Is In

By Dr. Benjamin Edwards

Acid reducers are not always the answer

As we discussed last week, stomach acid is vitally important to kill germs on our food and to help digest our food.

In the year 2000, two of the top three drugs prescribed in the world were acid reducers (Prilosec and Prevacid) at a whopping \$7 billion just in one year alone.

Multiple research studies over a number of decades have shown stomach acid production declines with aging in many patients while at the same time antacid usage increases with age.

How could this paradox be true? How can stomach acid levels actually be declining while indigestion, heartburn and reflux are increasing?

The problem lies in the valve or sphincter where the food pipe meets the stomach. This valve should be tightly sealed keeping the very acidic stomach contents inside the stomach where they belong. When that valve relaxes inappropriately or becomes stretched open for some rea-

son, then the acid burn will be felt.

The normal pH level in a human stomach should be in the 1 to 2 range — very acidic. If I probed my 8-year-old son's stomach and measured his pH, it would be very acidic but he doesn't ever feel heartburn. Why is this? It is because his valve is tightly closed.

It is very, very rare to actually have an overproduction of stomach acid. There is only one known disease that actually causes this and it is an extremely rare disease. So, it is not too much acid that will cause these symptoms, but the acid being in the wrong spot — the esophagus.

So, what caused this valve dysfunction? There are two leading theories. First, the germs (like fungus) that are not killed appropriately because of low stomach acid become overgrown and produce their own acid and gas. This overproduction of gas causes distention in the stomach that dilates the

valve open.

Another theory is that the valve has receptors near it that requires an acidic environment in order to send a signal to the sphincter to remain tightly closed.

So, a lower stomach-acid environment actually causes the relaxation that opens the sphincter up. Oftentimes patients can get off of their acid-reducing medicine and get their stomach pH levels back to the normal acidic level by consuming the proper diet and, at times, taking digestive enzymes including hydrochloric acid.

My colleague Dr. Jonathan Wright has written a book on the benefits of hydrochloric acid, "Stomach Acid, Why It's Good For You." I recommend it for anyone on stomach-acid reducers.

Dr. Benjamin Edwards is a physician with the Garza Health Clinic, an affiliate of Physician Network Services of the UMC Health System of Lubbock.

Menus

Week of June 4-8

Lunch:

Monday: Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, veggie dippers, orange wedges, baked chips, chocolate chip cookie, milk

Tuesday: Crispy tacos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, hot roll, juice bar, milk

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, strawberries and bananas, hot roll, milk

Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, green beans, bread sticks, apple crisp, milk

Friday: Submarine sandwich with lettuce and tomato, pickles, tater tots, sliced peaches, brownie, milk

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center

Monday: Chopped barbecue, pinto beans, potato salad, Mandarin oranges, milk

Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, veggies, corn, Spanish rice, tortillas, fruit cocktail, milk

Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, apricots, milk

Thursday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, peas, veggies, roll, lazy cake, milk

Friday: Chicken fried steak, mash potatoes, okra, corn, pumpkin squash, milk

Post ISD

(The summer food program runs June 4 through June 29. Meals are served from 8 to 9 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and are provided to all children without charge.)

Breakfast

Monday: Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk

Tuesday: Muffins, sausage link, fruit, milk

Wednesday: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk

Thursday: Cinnamon rolls, sausage link, fruit, milk

Friday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I study my surroundings and what do I see? I see water trucks, wind turbines, farm equipment, heavy rail traffic, wheat harvest, cotton emerging and on and on.

Basically, I see the backbone of American commerce all around me. You can find the same thing happening all over rural America.

As rural Americans, we are vastly under represented. So much so, I'd be willing to bet if you sat down a member of Congress and asked them point blank what we do out here, you'd get a blank stare.

In rural America, we are producing what our urban neighbors consume. Food, fiber, fuel, lumber, energy, mining ... that's what we do out here. Us hicks out here in flyover country make the world run.

What do we get as thanks? Do we get stimulus money? No sir. We get higher dropout rates, higher teen pregnancy rates, lower paying jobs and negatives too long to list. We are the forgotten Americans, and it is wrong!

You hear urbanites speak of their aging infrastructure — and they have very valid points indeed. But what of our aging infrastructure? What happens when our goods and services have a tough time getting to their destination?

I'm a rural American. My interests are in rural America. Every citizen of this country has an interest in rural America and the vast majority don't even know it.

We are hardworking and patriotic and as a collective,

we can make a difference. As a group, we are 60 million to 80 million strong. We could have the loudest voice in the world, but there are obstacles in the way.

For the past few months, there are a few of us who have been discussing a way for rural Americans to unite and gain some semblance of state and national voice for ourselves.

The Democrat and Republican men and women I've spoken with all agree on one thing: The end result must be non-partisan and must weave together all rural America. In order for us to truly have a voice that commands the respect and action rural Americans deserve, we have to present a united front.

In coming issues, we're

going to take action ourselves. We're going to create a vehicle which unites rural Americans in a positive way. We're going to put in place a mechanism which lets our elected officials know there is a huge segment of the population which is greatly ignored.

If this interests you and you have ideas you'd like to share, please email them to info@blackburnmediagroup.com. We would very much like the input from as many as possible.

Rural Americans must realize that we are alone. It is up to us to have our voices heard.

Stay tuned...

Christopher Blackburn is the publisher of the Post Dispatch and CEO of Blackburn Media Group

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Library kicks off summer reading program

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

The Post Public Library kicks off its annual summer reading program Monday.

This year's theme is "Get a Clue ... At the Library," librarian Peggy Ashley said.

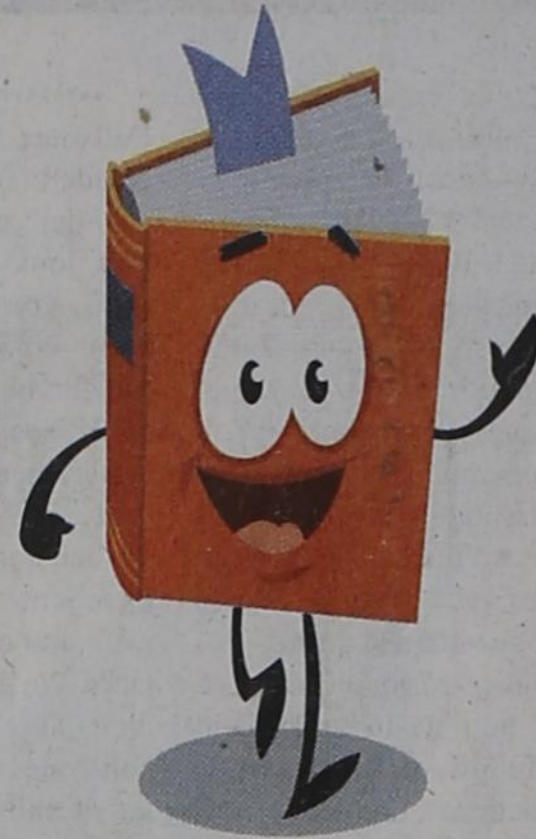
"Research shows a drop in literacy skills among students who don't read over the summer," she said. "So encourage them to read what they want as long as it is on or above their grade level to maintain what they have worked so hard to achieve this past year."

Ashley said summer reading also can help fill an achievement gap and advised parents to encourage their children to build reading time into their schedule each day.

"Keep track of what is read, try new authors and interests, and encourage older family members to read to younger siblings," she said.

Ashley encouraged parents and children to come to the Post library and start a book club and said now is an opportune time for children to get a library card if they don't have one.

"Library cards are free," she said.



Registration for the Texas summer reading program is going on now. A free reading log is available, along with a bookmark, to help plan summer success.

Pet of the Week



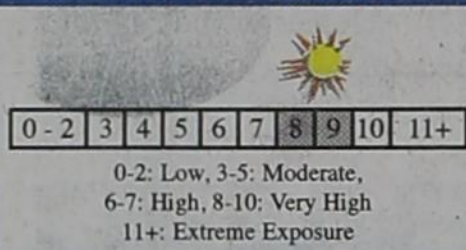
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Star, an older border collie mix, is the oldest dog at the Post Animal Rescue Center and has been there about two years. She is a loving dog, but does not like other dogs — only people. She is well-behaved, doesn't dig and loves attention. For adoption information, contact the shelter on Facebook at Post Arc or email postarc@yahoo.com.

Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Mostly Sunny 86 / 65	Saturday Mostly Sunny 98 / 70	Sunday Mostly Sunny 101 / 68	Monday Mostly Sunny 95 / 71	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 96 / 74	Wednesday Sunny 98 / 74	Thursday Mostly Sunny 95 / 72

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

How many times is the Empire State Building struck by lightning?
Answer: On average, more than 20 times per year.

Weather History

June 1, 1812 - Apple trees at New Haven, Conn. did not blossom until June 1, the latest such occurrence during the period beginning in 1794. Snow whitened the ground in Cleveland and Rochester, N.Y.

June 2, 1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather across much of the south central United States through most of the day and night. Thunderstorms spawned 12 tornadoes and there were 123 reports of large hail and damaging winds.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 86°, humidity of 26%. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 105° set in 1998. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 65°. South wind 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 47° set in 1983. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 98°, humidity of 24%. South southwest wind 15 to 20 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 70°. South southwest wind 15 to 20 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	9:01-11:01	8:31-10:31	Tue	---	11:39-1:39
Sat	10:02-12:02	9:32-11:32	Wed	12:40-2:40	1:10-3:10
Sun	11:05-1:05	10:35-12:35	Thu	1:37-3:37	2:07-4:07
Mon	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	6:37 a.m.	8:50 p.m.	5:59 p.m.	4:06 a.m.
Sat	6:37 a.m.	8:51 p.m.	7:10 p.m.	4:52 a.m.
Sun	6:36 a.m.	8:52 p.m.	8:19 p.m.	5:45 a.m.
Mon	6:36 a.m.	8:52 p.m.	9:23 p.m.	6:45 a.m.
Tue	6:36 a.m.	8:52 p.m.	10:21 p.m.	7:50 a.m.
Wed	6:36 a.m.	8:53 p.m.	11:10 p.m.	8:57 a.m.
Thu	6:36 a.m.	8:53 p.m.	11:53 p.m.	10:04 a.m.

Full 6/4, Last 6/11, New 6/19, First 6/26

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
5/22	91	63	84/58	0.06"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
5/23	101	66	85/58	0.00"	5/22	27	5/26	32
5/24	96	67	85/58	0.00"	5/23	34	5/27	34
5/25	102	69	85/59	0.00"	5/24	32	5/28	30
5/26	92	72	85/59	0.00"	5/25	36		
5/27	96	71	86/59	0.00"				
5/28	97	64	86/59	0.00"				

Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.

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have to be funded through grants obtained from various state and federal sources.

"That wish list is really going to have to be prioritized and maybe even pared down," he said. "It was just too infeasible for that much debt to be carried on the backs of our taxpayers."

Despite the much-needed improvements within the district, the elephant in the room, so to speak, still sorely needs addressing.

Taylor said the water level at White River Reservoir was dropping about a foot a month and has been for the better part of the last year.

"We desperately need a deluge of rain," he said. "We're all praying that a huge storm system blows through and just stops right over the lake, or in the watershed between Plainview and Floydada and Crosbyton and Lubbock."

At the City Council's next meeting, slated for June 12, Taylor said he would recommend to council members they place the city under Stage 2 drought status, which means less residential watering and car-washing and more restrictions placed on commercial businesses.

"I would suspect that if

our rain situation hasn't improved drastically by the fall, we'll be in Stage 3," he said.

In an effort to not only increase conservation awareness but also to help sustain the water district through its improvement plan, water officials soon likely will increase water rates charged to the municipalities by 5 percent, Taylor said.

The district charges the city of Post \$3 per 1,000 gallons used. The increase will hike that rate to about \$3.15 per 1,000.

"Post raised its rates last year," Taylor said. "So I would suspect the council will not want to raise rates again this year, and the city is in a good spot to be able to absorb that increase at this point without raising city rates."

Currently, the city of Post's base utility rate is \$32.45, which includes not only water usage but also sewer and trash collection.

Taylor did say that water officials have said they will again raise rates next year.

"If they go ahead with their plan to increase rates again next year, we won't have any choice but to raise our city rates, too," he said.

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