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Three of these 185-foot blades will be secured to the hub sitting at the left and placed atop a 270-foot tower in a wind-energy project near the Draw community in southern Lynn County.

Supersize it Wind turbines near Draw will be tallest in nation

By Juanell Jones
 Special to the Dispatch

A wind energy project in construction in southern Lynn County is going to boast the tallest wind turbines in the United States, with blades measuring 185 feet towering high on a 270-foot base.

To erect these monster turbines, an enormous crane is also being constructed on-site that, when finished, is said to weigh hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Some of the workers call it "The Beast."

It's a spectacular site, driving just a few miles east on FM 213 off U.S. 87 between Tahoka and O'Donnell, situated in the middle of a cotton field. Some of the components of the turbines already have arrived.

The 185-foot-long white blades with red stripes on the tips are easily seen just north off FM 213, about a mile west of the Draw community.

The turbine components were manufactured in Chi-

na and shipped to Houston, where they were loaded on trucks to complete the journey to Lynn County.

Chinese investors acquired the 61.5-megawatt wind project to install 17 wind turbines of 3.6 megawatts each that will have the largest output per turbine of any in the United States.

Paul Thompson, president of Ascendant Renewable Energy, said Wind Tex Energy sold the wind project in Lynn County to a new entity called Cirrus Wind Energy, and Cirrus Wind Energy was then acquired by China-based A-Tech, China Creative Wind Energy and other Chinese investors.

China Creative Wind is supplying the 3.6-megawatt wind turbines for the wind project, which is now called Cirrus 1, and which is expected to begin commercial operation by year's end so it can qualify for federal production tax credits.

Site work
 Many of the components



Juanell Jones/Special to the Dispatch

These cranes help secure the lower third section of a tower that will rise 270 feet above the ground in the Cirrus 1 wind-turbine project near Draw. When complete, they reportedly will be the tallest turbines in the United States.

Each base features a double ring of 9-foot bolts embedded in concrete, where the base of the tower will be attached. The 270-foot tower is in three sections.

Marco Torres, project manager for Baker Concrete Construction, said he ex-

Torres said workers will be inside the tower to help direct the hub section as it is placed to bolt it from the inside.

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Sheriff warns residents of scam

By Wayne Hodgin
 The Post Dispatch

Garza County sheriff's officials are warning area residents to be cautious of a scam that has targeted at least one Post resident.

Sheriff's Lt. Mike Taylor said this week the victim was scammed out of a large sum of money in a scheme that may have targeted him after he took out a so-called payday loan.

"The perpetrators, reporting to be from the Texas Attorney General's Office, are somehow getting in touch with people who possibly have taken out a payday loan in the past and telling them they still owe money on the loan," Taylor said. "They're telling the victims to wire the money through Western Union or a warrant will be taken out for their arrest."

Taylor said this most recent scam is a classic example of

fraud.

"Anytime someone you don't know asks you to wire them money in state, out of state — out of country — that should immediately send up a red flag," Taylor said.

Although only one victim has been identified locally, sheriff's officials reported a local elderly woman called the sheriff's office recently inquiring about a similar call she had received asking her to wire money or face arrest.

"We are asking anyone who received these types of inquiries to immediately call the sheriff's office and report it," Taylor said. "This seems to be a new way of duping people out of money; a classic scheme that in the past has targeted eBay users and Craigslist users."

For information, or to report suspicious activity, call the Garza County Sheriff's Office at 495-3595.

Dispatch to get a brand-new look

Single-copy sales will increase 25 cents

The Post Dispatch

The Post Dispatch will be getting a face-lift beginning with the Aug. 31 edition.

Editor Wayne Hodgin has been working the last few months on bringing an updated look to the newspaper.

"This redesign will bring a fresh, new look throughout the newspaper," Hodgin said. "We're not only updat-

ing the design to bring it into the 21st century, but also integrating new fonts into the process with a better layout.

"We think it'll make the newspaper much more reader-friendly, while also making it more aesthetically appealing."

Publisher Christopher

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Varsity gets first-ever win

By Wayne Hodgin
 The Post Dispatch

For the last year, coach Charlyn Hohman has been working on building the first-ever varsity volleyball team at Post High School.

On Monday, all that work paid off as the Lady Lopes varsity team won its first game in the local high school history to the Lady Bulldogs of Loraine High School.

Post defeated Loraine in three sets.

"It was a good first win for the girls," Hohman said. "They did better and better each set. We made a few changes for the game that seemed to better help our

middle blockers, Lauren Record and Sara Greer. Sara had an outstanding hitting performance and Lauren provided some great defense while serving 12 points in the second set."

While dropping its first two games of the season to Plainview Christian Academy and Olton, Hohman said her team continues to get better each game.

"We started off pretty strong going off our first two games of the season even before school started," she said. "For a first-year team in a very competitive district, I'm very proud of what we've accomplished. We still have a lot to learn

though."

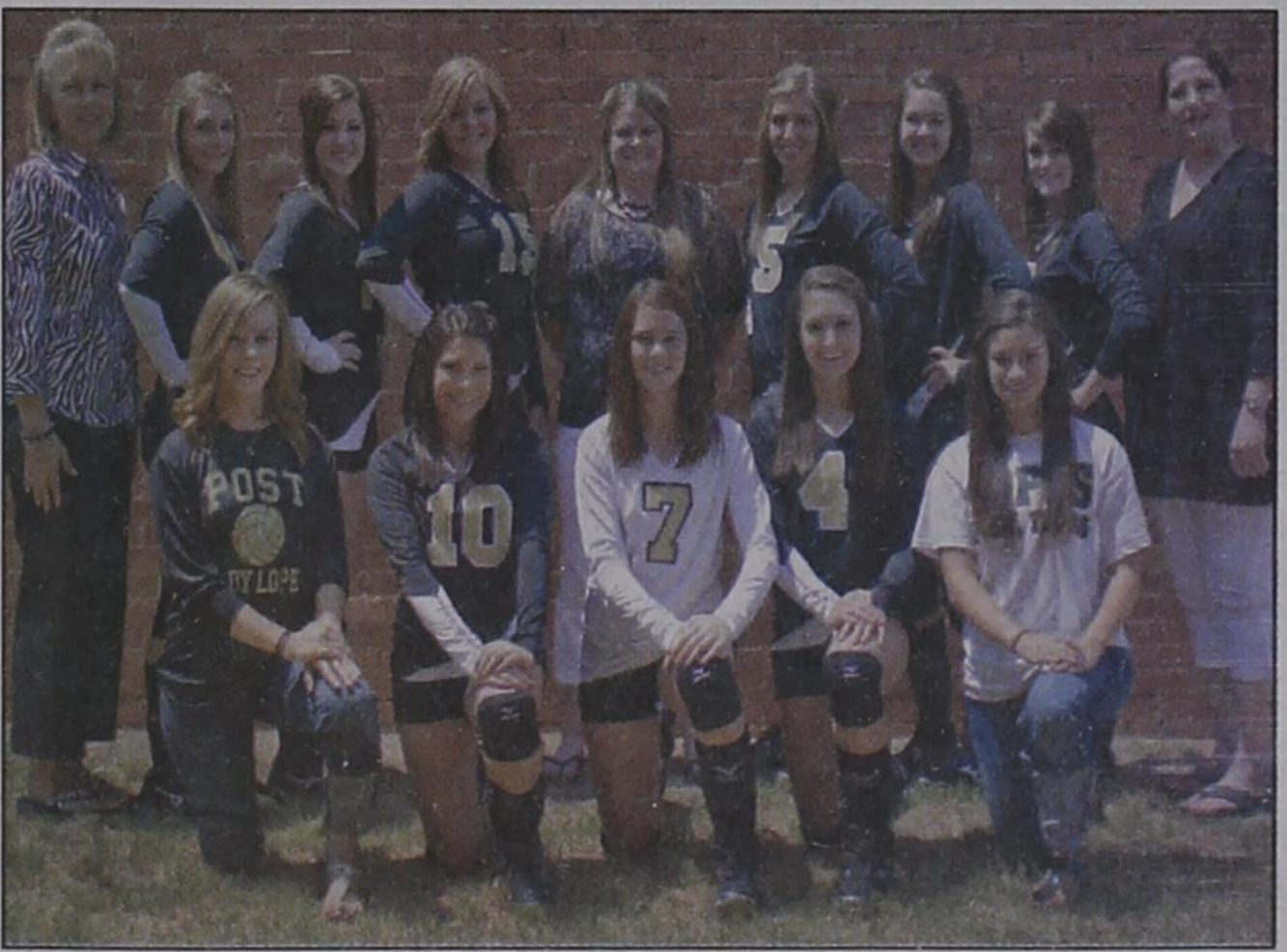
The Lady Lopes also have played in tournaments recently in Sweetwater, Shallowater and Tuesday played in Levelland.

This weekend, the team will travel to Littlefield for another tournament.

In her second year of coaching at Post, Hohman began last year with helping build programs at the junior high and high school levels.

"We didn't have a varsity team last year, preferring to build our programs and prepare them for this year," Ho-

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Lance Dunn/Special to the Dispatch

The 2012 Post High School varsity volleyball team, the first-ever in school history.

Rain Totals		City of Post		White River Lake	
Aug. 15: zero	Month to date: 0.38 inches	Aug. 15: zero	Month to date: 0.47 inches	Aug. 15: zero	Month to date: 21.54 inches
Aug. 16: zero	Year to date: 16.3 inches	Aug. 16: zero	Year to date: 15.25 inches	Aug. 16: zero	Normal: 15.25 inches
Aug. 17: zero	Normal: 14.57 inches	Aug. 17: n/a		Aug. 17: n/a	
Aug. 18: trace		Aug. 18: n/a		Aug. 18: n/a	
Aug. 19: zero		Aug. 19: zero		Aug. 19: zero	
Aug. 20: 0.33 inches		Aug. 20: 0.10 inches		Aug. 20: 0.10 inches	
Aug. 21: zero		Aug. 21: 0.01 inches		Aug. 21: 0.01 inches	
					Source: National Weather Service, Lubbock.

Yesteryears

10 Years Ago August 22, 2002

Lubbock police arrested Joe Fuentes of Scurry County on Thursday, August 15, solving a stolen pickup truck case in Snyder and a break-in burglary at the Post Beverage Barn here.

Meg Nelson was congratulated by Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby on her recent state award in recognition of her contributions to safety programs for Garza County.

"A Night of Show Tunes," directed by Jay Young, will be featured in a single performance at the Garza Theatre Friday evening.

D.E. (Whitey) and Nell Morris will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, August 24 at the Well's Fargo Bank Room. Whitey and Nell were married August 23, 1952 in Levelland.

TSgt. John W. Bilberry, son of Edna Bilberry of Post, was the recent recipient of the 314th

Airlift Wing Quarterly Award. This type of award is given to people who demonstrate outstanding duty performance, significant self-improvement and base/community involvement.

20 Years Ago August 26, 1992

The Post Independent School District board of trustees voted unanimously to name Dr. Bobby J. Bain to serve as superintendent beginning September 1, 1992.

"Chief" Frank Runkles was honored at the Post Boy Scout Camp. The Nakona Lodge Order of the Arrow presented Runkles with a specially designed patch with his likeness. The limited production patch and special plaque were presented in recognition of Runkles long tradition of service.

Giles McCrary and Marie Neff have been preparing for the opening of the OS Ranch

Foundation Museum. The museum features a wide variety of McCrary's collections from around the world.

Children of the late Dillard and Lillie Morris of Post, gathered Sunday, August 9th, in Lubbock. This was the 41st family reunion since the death of their parents.

The annual Maxey family reunion was held recently at the Graham Community Center and the City-County Park. Approximately 120 attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Payne hosted a hamburger supper at their ranch home recently, honoring their son Donny Payne along with Keith Craig and Rodney George, upon their graduation for Texas Tech University.

The Post Antelopes had their first scrimmage against Floydada. It was a rough ride and the "bigger" Floydada line controlled both offense and defense.

30 Years Ago August 26, 1982

The annual "Meet the Lopes" ice-cream supper and introduction of coaches and players will be Saturday night at 7:30 in Antelope Stadium.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Sharp, 907 West 14th, received the honor of "yard of the week."

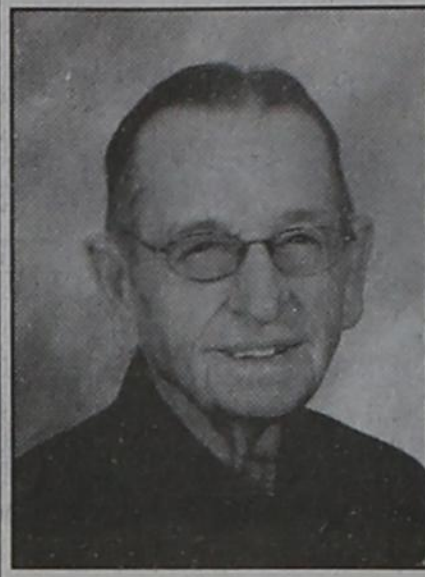
The U Lazy S Ranch hands of Post tied for second with the Pitchfork Ranch from Guthrie, Texas for the honor of "The Best Ranch in Texas," which was held in Wichita Falls this weekend. Also competing from Post was the Double U Ranch who won 10th place.

Following a 35-0 defeat by the Frenship Tigers in Antelope Stadium during the regular season last year, the Antelopes took revenge on the Tigers at Frenship last Friday nights scrimmage with the first team scoring three touchdowns to one for the Tigers and the Lopes second team scored once for two for the Tigers. The Lopes racked up 313 total yards on offense compared to 303 for the Tigers who were rated No. 1 in their district.

Richard Lee Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.F. Welch of Post, has been selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America for 1982.

Postex Plant Manager, Don Smith presented service awards to Lee Bullard who has completed 30 years of continuous employment with Burlington Industries, and to Ruth Hill who has completed 20 years as a lab technician in the quality control department.

OBITUARIES



JODY MASON

Jody "Granddaddy" Mason went to be with his Lord and Savior on Aug. 16, 2012. He was born Feb. 15, 1930, to Grover and Willie Mason. He was the oldest of five children.

Jody graduated from Post

High School in 1948. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1950 and proudly served in Korea.

Jody married Helen Williams on May 15, 1955. They happily shared 41 years together until Helen's death Sept. 21, 1996.

He later married Marilyn Curry on April 18, 1998, and they shared the past 14 years with much happiness.

Jody worked many years in the oilfield, but his greatest accomplishment was his family, especially his sons, Joe and Kelly, with whom he had lunch every day for the past 30 years.

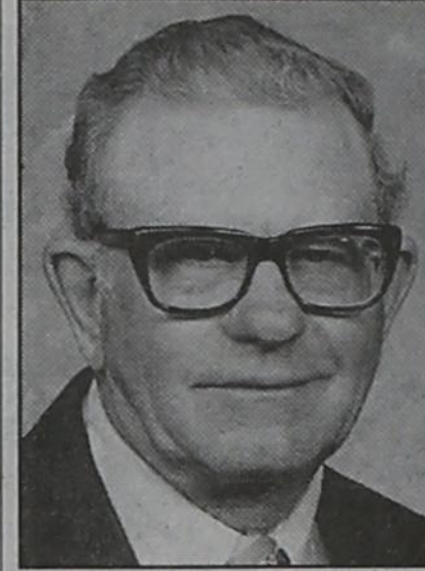
Jody was also preceded in death by his parents and sister, Joy Barron.

Those left to cherish his memories are his wife, Marilyn, children Joe and Melinda Mason and Kelly and Tammy Mason; stepchildren Jan and Bob Baucum, Mike and Gail Haley, Kelly and Cynthia Haley and Cary and Debra Stephens; brothers, Lewis Mason (Jane), GT Mason, sister Jackie Hutton (Jim) and brother-in-law Glenn Barron.

He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Services were Monday at First Baptist Church of Post.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to First Baptist Church Christian School, 401 W. Main St., Post, TX 79356.



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Services for Naham Sul-

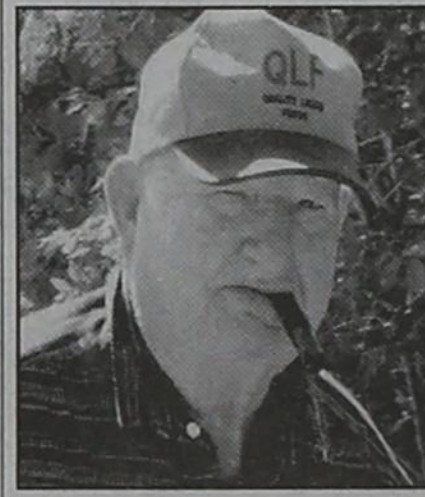
livan, 89, of Post were Saturday in the chapel at Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Travis Sweet, pastor of Post Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mr. Sullivan died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012, in Lubbock. He was born May 20, 1923, in Snyder to George Washington and Eadie Parton Sullivan. He married Elsie Graham on April 7,

1950 in Lubbock. He was a member of the Church of God. He and his wife owned Custom Upholstery in Post for many years.

Mr. Sullivan was preceded in death by his wife on May 17, 2011.

Survivors include son Charles Sullivan of Post, nephews Ira Weed of Dallas, Ray Weed of Houston and George Williams of Post and a niece, Ladonna Kerner.



HERB WALLS

Herbert Walls, 81, of Post, died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012, at the Golden Plains Care Center in Post.

He was born Nov. 27, 1930, in Ira to Pete and Fleta Goss Walls.

He and his parents moved to Garza County in the 1940s to work at the Postex Cotton Mill. He attended school at Hermliegh before coming to Garza County. He married Lois Veach on Sept. 9, 1949, in Benjamin. Lois preceded him in death Feb. 17, 2008.

Herb worked in road construction for many years traveling. Then he worked as a tool pusher on drilling rigs. In 1966 he was elected county commissioner. A position he held until retiring in 1994.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Dale Leslie Walls on Jan. 9, 2005, and also by a great-grandchild, Shiloh Walls, on July 26, 2011.

Herb enjoyed many things, among them were traveling with his family, a good hot dice game and raising and taking care of various animals. He also loved going to auctions of any type, whether he bought something or not. Herb was a longtime Baptist.

Survivors include his son Derek Walls and his wife, Cheryl, of Chico; daughters Martha Jo Roberts and her husband, Doug, of Claude; and Irene Fry of Post; sister Geneva Belongia of Post; grandchildren: Brad, Jeff,

Leslie, Jayson, Lucas, Seth, Austin, Nathan, Rhonda and Justin; great-grandchildren Miranda, Jaycob, Cheyenne, Dylan, Kelsey, Carsen, Kinzi, D'Kota, Sydnee, Aisha, Samuel, Ashley, Taylor and Renee; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were Monday, Aug. 20, 2012, at the Post Church of Christ with the Rev. Travis Sweet officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Brad Roberts, Jeff Roberts, Jayson Fry, Lucas Walls, Seth Walls and son-in-law Doug Roberts.

Honorary Pallbearers were past and present Commissioners Court members.

Memorials are suggested to the Post Church of Christ Building Fund or to the American Cancer Society.

JESSIE MORALES JR.

Jessie Morales Jr. died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012, in Lubbock.

He was born Feb. 20, 1946, to Jesse and Juanita Saldivar Morales.

He is survived by his wife,

Janie Morales; mother; children Suelema Morales Roman, Jesse Morales, Pete Morales and Jessica Morales; stepchildren Michael Garza and Arthur Gomez; 15 grandchildren; four brothers and five sisters.

Services were Saturday at First Baptist Church of Post. Graveside services were Monday at Brookside Memorial Park in Houston under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.

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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 Forrest Gump Cryptogram Solution on page 5

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Tech series to include Pulitzer, Grammy winners

By Lindsay Bradshaw
Special to the Dispatch
Texas Tech University's College of Visual and Performing Arts has announced its 2012-2013 Presidential Lecture & Performance Series events.

This year's series commences with National Book Award-winning author and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Timothy Egan at 7 p.m. Oct. 12 in Texas Tech's Allen Theatre.

"The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl" earned Egan a National Book Award for non-fiction in 2006. Thought to be the worst ecological disaster in American history, this book provided the source material for filmmaker Ken Burns' PBS documentary, "The Dust Bowl," which will air on KTTZ-TV Nov. 18-19.

Performing Nov. 9 will be Grammy Award-winning folk rock singer and songwriter, Marc Cohn. He won the 1991 Grammy Award for Best New Vocalist and earned an additional nomination for the single "Walking in Memphis" the following year.

The spring season begins Feb. 8 with Peter Buffett, an Emmy Award-winning musician, philanthropist, and



TIMOTHY EGAN

author. Buffett will transform his New York Times best-selling book, "Life is What You Make It," into a multimedia event, combining clips from his film, television and philanthropic work with a cello-accompanied live piano and vocal performance.

Twice Grammy-nominated Latin Jazz pianist Nachito Herrera will appear in concert March 1. His love of classical music, combined with traditional rhythms from his native land Cuba, make Herrera a leader in the Latin jazz world. He has shared the stage with notable musicians such as Tito Fuentes and Chick Corea.

Performing April 12 is the legendary Grammy Award-winning and Academy Award-nominated

folk singer and songwriter, Judy Collins. She received a Grammy Award for Best Folk Performance for her 1968 song, Both Sides Now. Additionally, her version of Stephen Sondheim's Send in the Clowns won Song of the Year at the 1975 Grammy Awards.

Closing the 2012-2013 season is the Santa Fe Opera Spring Tour, a concert of popular arias and audience favorites, at 3 p.m. April 21 in the Texas Tech Hemmle Recital Hall. Admission is free with limited seating. No ticket is required.

Unless otherwise noted, all lectures and performances will be at 7 p.m. in the Allen Theatre on the Texas Tech campus. General Admission tickets are \$15 and are available through all Select-A-Seat locations. Call (806)770-2000 or visit www.selectaseatlubbock.com for more information.

Texas Tech students receive one free ticket for each event with a valid Texas Tech ID at the Student Union Building information booth located at the entrance to the Allen Theatre.

Community outreach for these programs was funded in part by the Sybil B. Harrington Endowment for the Arts of the Lubbock Area Foundation.

Welcome back, teachers



Wayne Hodgin/The Post Dispatch

Marshall Cooper, a native of Beaumont and past director of the International Association of Lions Clubs, was the guest speaker at the annual teacher appreciation dinner Aug. 15 at the Post ISD cafeteria. The dinner is hosted each year by the Post Lions Club to welcome local educators and their families back to school.

Coaches visit Rotary



Wayne Hodgin/The Post Dispatch

The Post High School football coaching staff visited at the noon meeting of the Rotary Club on Tuesday. Head coach and Athletic Director Steve Smith spoke to members about the importance of building up his student athletes to become successful members of society. "I don't see it as our job to prepare these kids to compete at the Division 1 level," Smith said. "It's our job to prepare them for life." Pictured are coach Victor Soliz, coach Michael Pittmann, Smith, Rotary Vice President Chris Atkinson and coach Ron Holson. The Rotary Club of Post meets at noon every Tuesday at the Post Community Center.

Regents name interim president

By Dailey Fuller
Special to the Dispatch

Texas Tech University System officials have named Lawrence Schovanec, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, as interim president of Texas Tech University.

The announcement came during last week's Board of Regents meeting in El Paso.

"Dr. Schovanec has 30 years of dedicated service at Texas Tech," said Kent Hance, chancellor of the Texas Tech University System. "He knows our university well and has done an outstanding job as dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. I am confident Dr. Schovanec will lead with enthusiasm and integrity in this role."

Schovanec, who became dean of the College of Arts & Sciences in June 2010, will begin his duties in early September. He will serve for an indefinite period of time as a search committee works to select a replacement for Guy Bailey, the 15th and former president of Texas Tech.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to serve Texas Tech as interim president," Schovanec said. "Because of the contributions of the faculty, students and staff



LAWRENCE SCHOVANEC

and the administrative leadership of the university, we enjoy substantial momentum in the crucial areas of enrollment growth, student success, faculty productivity and scholarship, and research funding.

"As evidence of our progress, Texas Tech now receives a share of the state's National Research University Fund. Working with all university stakeholders, and utilizing our Strategic Plan and business model, my objective as interim president is to enhance Texas Tech's position as a great public research university."

Board Chairman Jerry Turner said Schovanec's appointment assures that Texas Tech University will continue to advance.

"Dr. Schovanec's exten-

sive institutional experience makes him an ideal person to maintain our forward progress," Turner said. "I believe he will keep us on track as we continue to expand and enhance our established academic programs and research profile."

At Texas Tech for about three decades, Schovanec previously served as interim dean of the College of Arts & Sciences from September 2008 through May 2010. Prior to this, he served as chairman of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics beginning in 1998. He joined the faculty in 1982.

Schovanec earned his doctorate in mathematics from Indiana University, his master's degree from Texas A&M University and his Bachelor of Science degree from Phillips University. He has received the President's Excellence in Teaching Award and is a member of the Texas Tech Teaching Academy.

Schovanec has published widely in academic journals and has spoken at numerous professional conferences. His research interests are in the fields of biomechanical and physiological control systems and solid mechanics. He has received more than \$3.2 million in external funding for his research.

Antelopes take the field



Elizabeth Moreno/The Post Dispatch

The Bold Gold football staff got its first look at how the 2012 high school team will compete this year at the first scrimmage of the season Aug. 17 at Jimmie Redman Memorial Stadium. The Post Antelopes played host to Brownfield Cubs. All Post teams, including freshman, junior varsity and varsity, dominated each event against the visiting Cubs. This week, the Bold Gold will travel to Sudan for another scrimmage. The first game of the season will be at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 31 in Morton.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Hello everyone. I hope this week finds everyone well. The weather has been nice, but not much moisture on top of the Cap. Just about two-tenths in the gin gauge. Keep praying for that rain we need.

Robbie and I took Raegan to Angelo State this past weekend. She is going to study to be a nurse. Yes, it was hard on this momma, but I am so very proud of her and just know that she will do great!

Good luck to all the college kids who will be leaving this week and to the younger ones that will start Monday. You know what that means — watch out for the kids getting on and off the school buses and stop when you see the red lights.

All of us out here in Close City want to send out our deepest condolences to a couple of families this week. Jody Mason passed away last week in Lubbock. He was a great man and will be missed by many! Thoughts and prayers are with his entire family.

Another one we lost last week was Herb Walls, also a great man who will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers to his entire family as well.

I've been meaning to let y'all in on a conversation I had with a very nice lady, Rebecca Sweatman, of Albany, La. She was in town to bring the Close City friendship quilt to the museum that was made for her grandfather, Dean Robinson, and given to him when he left the Close City School to become superintendent of the Garza County Schools.

Y'al should really go to the museum and take a look at this quilt. It's beautiful, and you might see a name or two on there that you recognize.

Visitors

We've had a few out to visit: Emily, Paylan and Marley Norman came by with Dad, David; Bullard came to see us and weigh a trailer; Bobby Terry came out for a bit; Cody Nowlain stopped in to weigh a trailer as well; Grady came to see us after not being in for a while.

We have several around the area who are in need of prayers. Please pray for them and their needs in your daily prayers and don't forget the rain for all of us.

Quote of the week: Be-

gin and end your day with a prayer.

Did you know: The average school year in the United States is 180 days. In Japan, it is 243 days.

Close City Birthdays

August 25th — Airmy Gradine Beasley; Mike Aten

August 26th — Laura Jean Carter; Lee Norman

August 28th — Janie Norman Stach

August 29th — Cecilia Contreras

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 San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock 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!

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

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.

Ragtown Gospel Theater

"Mystery of the Hebrew Scribe" is being performed at Ragtown this weekend. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and a 3 p.m. Saturday matinee.

4-H enrollment

Enrollment for the 2012-2013 4-H year will begin Aug. 15 on 4-H Connect. Those interested are asked to contact the Extension Office at 495-4400 for information. Current members must re-enroll at 4-H Connect. Registration will continue through Oct. 31.

4-H fundy

Those interested in placing an advertisement in the football program are asked to contact the Garza County Extension office at 495-4400.

Achievement brunch

The annual recognition event showcasing 4-H par-

ticipation and successes for the previous year will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Heritage House. Everyone who participated in stock shows, photography, shooting sports, horse shows, horse play days, consumer decision making, healthy lifestyles, fashion show, fashion story board, Round-up or Power Camp will be recognized. Everyone welcome. Please call the Extension Office at 495-4400 to RSVP.

Bold Gold Mania

The coaching staff and athletic booster club is asking for donations of water and soft drinks. Donations may be dropped off at the coaches office by noon Tuesday. For information, contact Ron Holson at rholson@postisd.net or call 990-9871.

Beef cattle management

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will have its annual beef cattle seminar from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the Scurry County Coliseum, 900 E. Coliseum Drive, Snyder. Cost is \$10 per person. For information, contact the local Extension office at 495-4400.

Blood drive

United Blood Services will conduct a blood drive at United Supermarket, 123 N. Broadway, from 3 to 7 p.m. Aug. 31 in the bloodmobile. All donors will receive a T-shirt and be entered into a drawing to win an iPad. To schedule an appointment, call 797-6804 or visit bloodhero.com sponsor code: lolpost.

Graham Ole Opry

Events are canceled for the months of July and August. Next event will be Sept. 22.

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 following 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.

Between God and Me

Read Matthew 25: 31-46

The king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

- Matthew 25:40 (NRSV)

While driving home from Philadelphia, my wife and I stopped at a red light before crossing the bridge into southern New Jersey. At the light was a poor man wearing rosaries and carrying a bucket of soapy water and a squeegee. He started to wash the car's front window. I yelled at him to stop and told him that I would not pay him for his labor. The poor man explained that he had to work to eat; if I did not want to pay him, that was between God and me.

My wife pulled out a dollar and gave it to

him when he finished his job and the light turned green. My wife was shocked by my behavior and said that turning down someone in need was not like me. She then recited Matthew 25:40. I was speechless; I knew she was right and that I had sinned.

As we pulled into our driveway at home, I realized that I am blessed and that others need help from those more fortunate. Since this incident, I have been more generous toward those in need. I hope and pray that I am never so close-fisted again.

Steven Philipp (New Jersey, USA)

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch



Outsmarting pain, managing grandchildren

Distraction is a handy management tool for pain and children, not that children are ever exactly manageable. After all, they're people. Pain can also be tough to outsmart.

Right now an electronic device is shooting impulses via four electrodes to muscles around my surgery-wounded knee, distracting my brain from pain that might otherwise annoy. If that's not how the gizmo works, don't distract me with facts. You could damage my premise.

For managing children and adolescents, just substitute creative thinking for electrodes.

Example:
One teacher faced with a challenging fresh batch of high school students simply put them in the dark. (I myself was a teenager when I read about his approach. Although not really unruly myself, I liked to stay up to speed by reading guidelines for adults. Know the enemy.) The students ranged from indifferent to bad to worse. He eyed them and strolled over to the light switch and flipped it, which wouldn't have worked at our school because we had windows.

But in the innards of an inner-city school where darkness was an option, it worked to distract the students from their own agendas. Seconds later, when he turned the lights back on, he had their attention. Inventive.

He probably kept commanding attention with other surprise antics the rest of the year. All I remember is the dramatic lights-off beginning.

Compared to those students, my young grandchildren are angels. But if I don't distract them, they can take control. Do I really want to watch a 5-year-old play smartphone archery for more than, shall we say, 20 games? OK, my fault for letting him talk me into downloading the game in the first place. I've since tried it myself. If I'm not careful, my Sudoku skills may suffer. We digress.

Once a child takes control, you can still make the best of it when opportunities arise for beneficial distractions. Now that my grandson fancies himself an archer, it's time for him to hear the story of William Tell. The next time we carve an apple might be a better time to enlighten him than when he's en-

grossed in phone archery. I'll let him cut the apple himself if he promises to listen to just one famous apple-archery story, a reasonable trade-off, my other management tactic. Then, the next time he asks to hear "Purple People Eater" from my laptop music library, I'll suggest the "William Tell Overture" instead, explaining that the opera is based on the legend of the famous archer. If he hasn't already watched "Lone Ranger" reruns, who knows what sort of images Rossini's stirring composition may evoke in his mind?

For me, nothing short of electrodes will ever erase the vintage black and white Lone Ranger footage that always rolls in my brain to that familiar music.

What's better than the sound of that overture blended with those hoof beats? Nothing.

Maybe what I'd really like is to watch the Lone Ranger with my grandson, neither of us distracted by anything.

Hi-yo Silver away!

Hanaba Munn Welch is a regular columnist and contributor to *The Post Dispatch*. Email her at hanaba.quanah@gmail.com.



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

When you go online to one of a million websites, what is it you see?

I see ads pop up, ads drop down and ads scooting across my computer.

Some of them are generated by the host website. A great many are generated by Google.

Just about all of them are bothersome.

Do they work? Do you click on these ads?

I've been using the Internet for 15-plus years, and it has become a cluttered mess. Sometimes there is so much stuff I don't care for it's really not worth sifting through the junk to get to what I'm searching for.

A piece of irony here: Google has started taking out newspaper ads attempting to get customers to purchase Google ads online.

The ads ran in Canada's *Globe and Mail* and *National Post* newspapers for Google's search advertising business.

It read: "You know who needs a haircut? People searching for a haircut. Maybe that's why ads on Google work."

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Have you been following the presidential race?

One thing I doubt you hear much about is rural America. The only thing I've heard concerning rural America is the Farm Bill.

No doubt the Farm Bill is vitally important, and I hope to heck it has substance to it. Farmers and ranchers are as vital to this country as anyone in any sector. Too bad they're not treated as such.

What in the world was Vice President Joe Biden thinking the other day?

Unless you've been off the planet for the past week, you've probably heard of Biden's latest gaffe.

Speaking to a group with a large percentage of African-Americans in attendance, Biden told the crowd Mitt Romney would "put y'all back in chains."

Let that sink in.

I wonder if Biden apologized to his boss for his thoughtless remark? I wonder if he apologized to Romney?

Ask yourself this: What would have been the reaction of the media had President Bush said exactly the same thing?

I honestly think Bush would have faced rioting in the streets.

Personally, I was outraged at Biden. It makes me question what kind of person he is at his core.

Does Biden get a free pass in the mainstream media because he's a Democrat? If so, that's hypocrisy at its finest. Does Biden get a free pass because he's just a man who can't control his ridiculous mouth? If so, he's not fit to govern. Biden has issues and he's a liability to Obama's re-election efforts. "Yeah, yeah, yeah — it's just Joe Biden, he didn't mean anything by it." Maybe he did, and maybe he didn't. Either way, the guy is a moron.

Christopher Blackburn is publisher of *The Post Dispatch* and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.

Chives: Easy to grow and tasty, too

By Nancy McDonald
For the Dispatch

I have received several comments about this herb series, and I think a few have actually experimented and used fresh herbs in their cooking. Keep it up. They are better for you than preserved herbs, and actually the same goes for most foods.

This week we will look at *Allium schoenoprasum*, or chive. The chive is a member of the onion family. It grows in clumps and reaches a height of 6 to 12 inches. It produces narrow, hollow leaves and attractive violet, globe-shaped flowers in May or June.

This bulbous plant can be propagated by dividing clumps, planting seed or planting bulbs similar to onion sets. Chives are perennial and will grow for many years. To prevent overcrowding though, divide established plants every two or

three years.

In fall, transplant a clump into fresh potting mix, and place indoors on a south or west window to enjoy fresh chives throughout the winter months.

If you allow chive plants to experience a freeze before digging clumps and potting, the resulting plants will be of better quality. Green leaves give a mild onion-like flavor to many foods and often are blended with other herbs for salads, soups and omelets. Snip leaves throughout the growing season. Chives may be used fresh, dry or frozen. The flowers may be harvested too. The bulbs are not used.

Following is an easy potato recipe. So start using your chives!

Sour Cream and Chive Mashed Potatoes
2 pounds potatoes, peeled & quartered
1/2 cup milk



Nancy McDonald

1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 cup chopped fresh chives
Salt & pepper to taste
Place potatoes in a large pot with enough water to come up 2 inches from the bottom. Bring to a boil, and cook for 20 to 25 minutes, until fork tender. Drain and mash. Mix in the milk using a potato masher or an electric mixer until fluffy. Stir in the sour cream and chives, and season with salt and pepper.

Nancy McDonald is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County.

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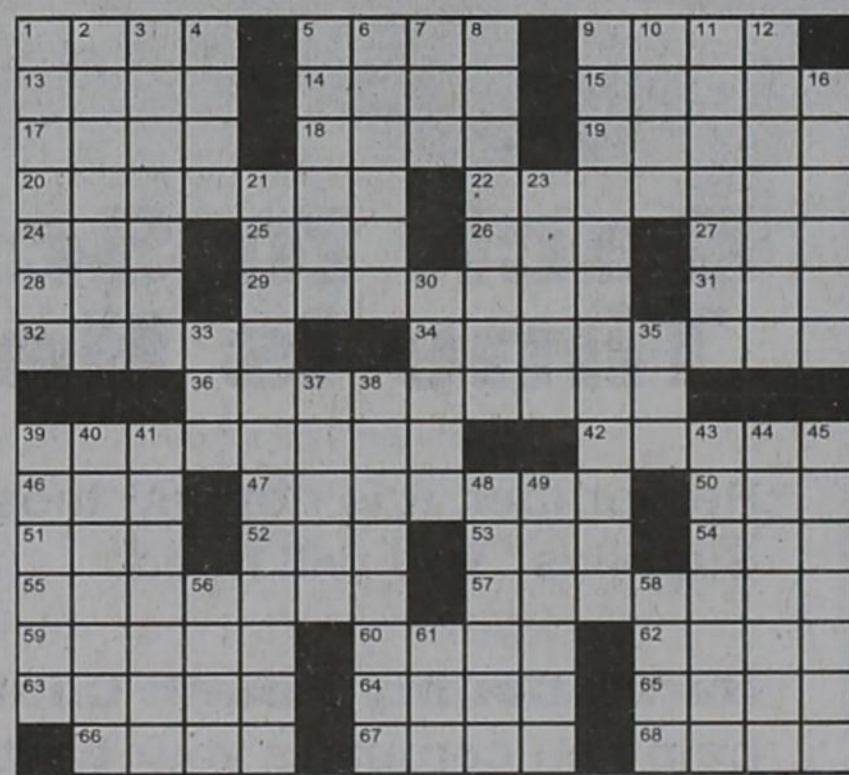
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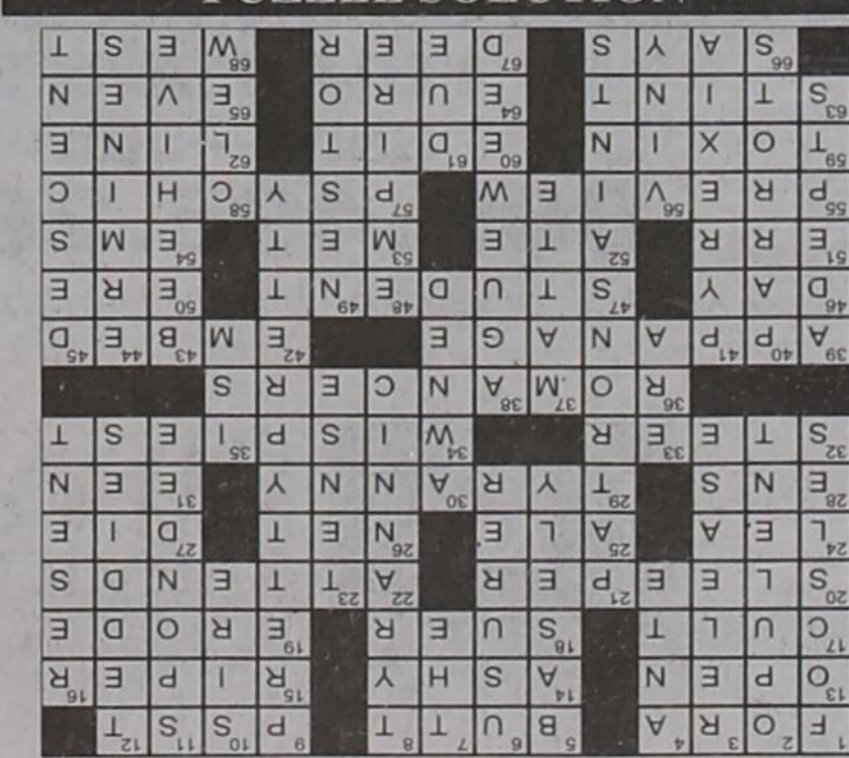
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Wednesday: Cream of wheat, toast, sausage, fruit, milk
Thursday: Egg and cheese omelet, toast, fruit, milk
Friday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch
Monday: Corn dog, Western

beans, carrot dippers, apple-sauce, pudding, milk
Tuesday: Meaty macaroni, garden salad, seasoned corn, garlic bread, sherbet cup, milk
Wednesday: Popcorn chicken, broccoli, rice and cheese, salad, pears, milk
Thursday: Nacho grande, Spanish rice, salad, oranges, cinnamon sugar cookie, milk
Friday: Pizza, salad, corn cobbette, peaches, milk

Southland ISD Breakfast
Monday: Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice, milk
Tuesday: Bacon and egg burrito, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk
Thursday: Muffins, cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk
Friday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch
Monday: Ravioli, tossed salad, corn, oranges, cookie, milk
Tuesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, apple-sauce, milk
Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, refried beans, tossed salad, tortillas, fruit, milk
Thursday: Corn dog, baked beans, baked chips, pineapple and orange salad, milk
Friday: Chicken patty sandwich, baked fries, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, carrots with ranch, fruit, milk

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center Lunch
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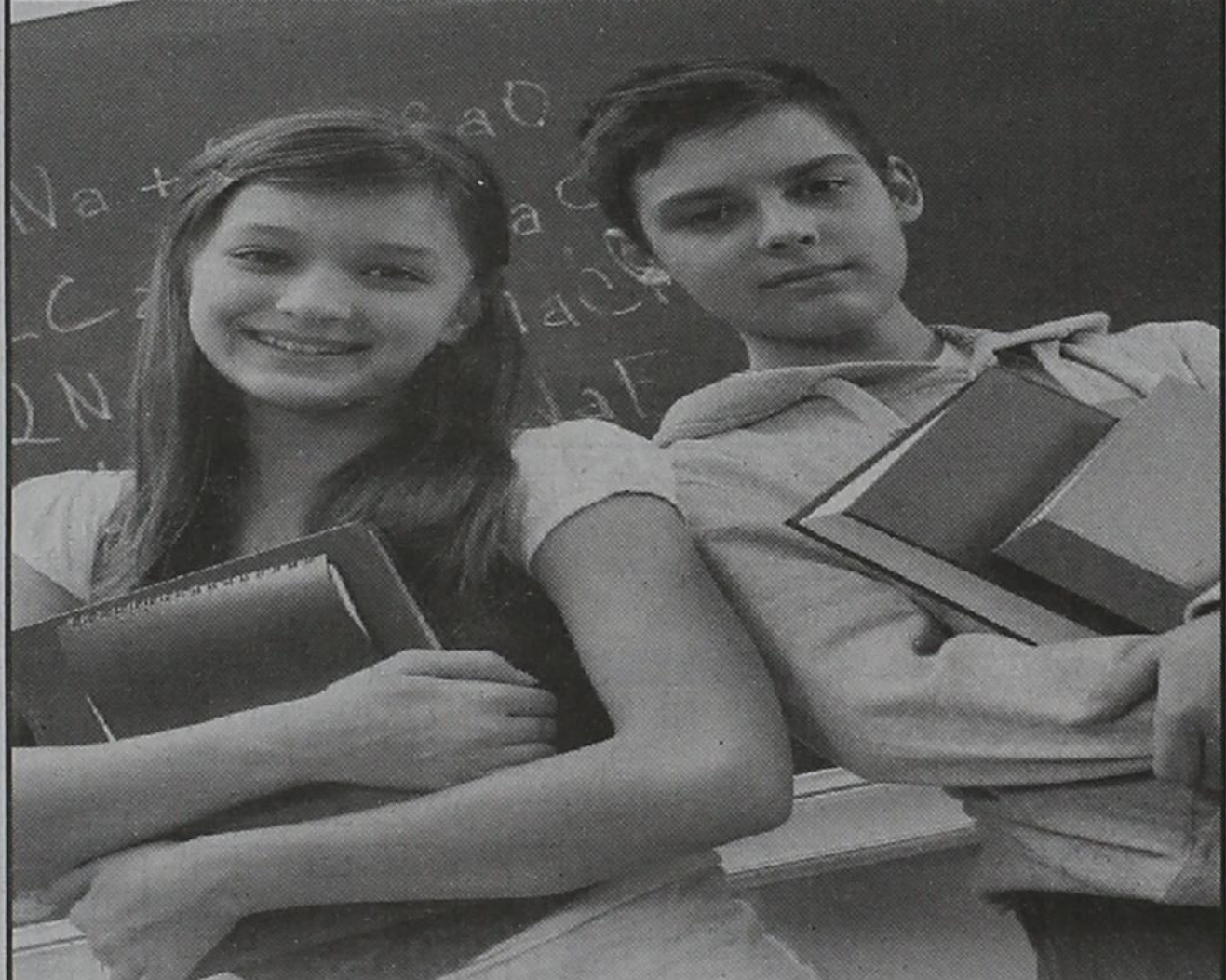
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The Doctor Is In By Dr. Benjamin Edwards

Do you have low-thyroid function?

"Doc, you gotta check my thyroid. I just know it's low."

I've heard this statement too many times to count in my 10-year career, and often times I follow that statement with, "Well, the blood work says your normal."

If you suffer from fatigue, dry skin, cold feet, constipation and inability to lose weight, you have probably asked your doctor the same question.

Unfortunately, physicians these days are trained to rely heavily on the TSH blood test, which studies have shown to be an unreliable marker of peripheral tissue/cellular thyroid hormone level. And even more unfortunately, the modern health-care system only allows physicians to spend about 10 or 15 minutes with a patient, which doesn't leave near enough time for a thorough history taking and examination.

One of America's greatest physicians from the late 19th century, William Osler, once said, "If you give the patient enough time, they will make the diagnosis for you." In the past six months I have had to apologize for myself and on behalf of my profession for allowing more than one patient to suffer for years and years because we relied solely on a blood test and missed the diagnosis of hypothyroidism.

Hypothyroidism, or low thyroid hormone levels, is one of those diagnoses that usually needs to be made clinically, meaning the physician needs to take a very thorough history and conduct a careful exam in order to make a proper diagnosis.

The thyroid is the master hormone, the conductor of the symphony of hormones. If it is out of balance, it can cause an imbalance of many other hormones, and it is impossible to reach optimal health.

In my estimation, a physician's job should be to determine, through careful history taking and examination, which hormones and nutrients, vitamins and minerals a patient is deficient in, teach the patient how to replenish these and allow the body to heal itself.

If you want to learn more about the many symptoms related to low thyroid, I recommend Dr. Mark Starr's book "Hypothyroidism Type II," or visit nahypothyroidism.org.

Also, take the quiz below (one point for each answer), then take it to your physician along with a copy of Dr. Starr's book!

- Do you have fatigue?
- Do you have elevated cholesterol?
- Do you have difficulty losing weight?
- Do you have cold hands and feet?
- Do you find it hard to concentrate?
- Do you have poor short term memory?
- Do you have depressed moods?
- Are you experiencing hair loss?
- Do you have dry skin?
- Are you tired when you awaken?
- Do you have afternoon fatigue?
- Have you had problems with infertility or miscarriages?
- Do you have recurrent infections?
- Do your muscles ache?
- Do you have joint pain?

If you answered yes to less than four questions, then it's not likely you have low-thyroid function. If you answered yes to four to seven questions, low-thyroid function is possible, and seven or more questions, then low-thyroid function is likely.

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- Self-adhering waterproof seaming material.
- 6 inch high 10 gauge metal edging around each tree.
- Irrigation system for existing trees with controls.

Bid opening will be at City Hall, Post, Texas, at 2:30 PM on September 10th, 2012. Bidders must also submit with their bid proof of a minimum of \$500,000 general liability insurance per incident, and workers compensation coverage. The City Council of the City of Post, Texas will review all bids at their regularly scheduled City Council meeting on September 11th, 2012.

Bidders are expected to inspect the property and to inform themselves of all local conditions.

Additional information and a copy of the required specifications may be obtained through the City Manager, City of Post, 105 East Main Street, Post, Tx 79356 or by calling the City Manager at (806) 495-2811.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked in the lower left-hand corner and must be received before the above stated time. Bids must be valid for a period of at least 30 days upon submittal. Bidders must include at least three references including projects of a similar nature. Failure to comply with any bid requirements could result in the bid being considered void by the City.

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The City of Post, Texas, reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality and bids received and to accept the bid that best serves the interest of the City of Post, Texas.

State park event to celebrate legendary bison

Special to the Dispatch

QUITAQUE — An outdoor classroom field day, living history encampments, a benefit barbecue lunch and a Sunday afternoon performance by Texas' own Grammy Award-winning Asleep at the Wheel will highlight the second annual Texas State Bison Celebration Days.

The three-day event — Sept. 14-16 — will raise funds to help continue restoration of the Texas State Bison Herd to its historic range within Caprock Canyon State Park and to allow visitors an opportunity to learn about the natural and cultural heritage of 19th-century Panhandle history.

The celebration allows park visitors to view up close the descendants of the great Southern Plains bison herd that once swarmed the Great Plains.

Regular park entry fees will apply.

The celebration kicks off Friday, Sept. 14, with Outdoor Classroom Field Day.

Schools from all over the area are invited to attend a special educational day to learn about the history behind the buffalo soldiers, Native American life, pioneer women and early area ranching. Young people will view genuine artifacts and be able to interact with living history re-enactors. Last year's event hosted several hundred school kids.

On Saturday, Sept. 15, the public can see and photograph the semi-free-ranging descendants of Panhandle pioneer rancher Charles Goodnight's JA Ranch bison herd saved from extinction in the late 1800s when millions of native bison were slaughtered for meat, hides and horns. Bison Celebration Day also will feature living history encampments, a geocache challenge and a benefit barbecue lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. along with vendor exhibits in the nearby town of Quitaque.

During the celebration, visitors will be able to do-

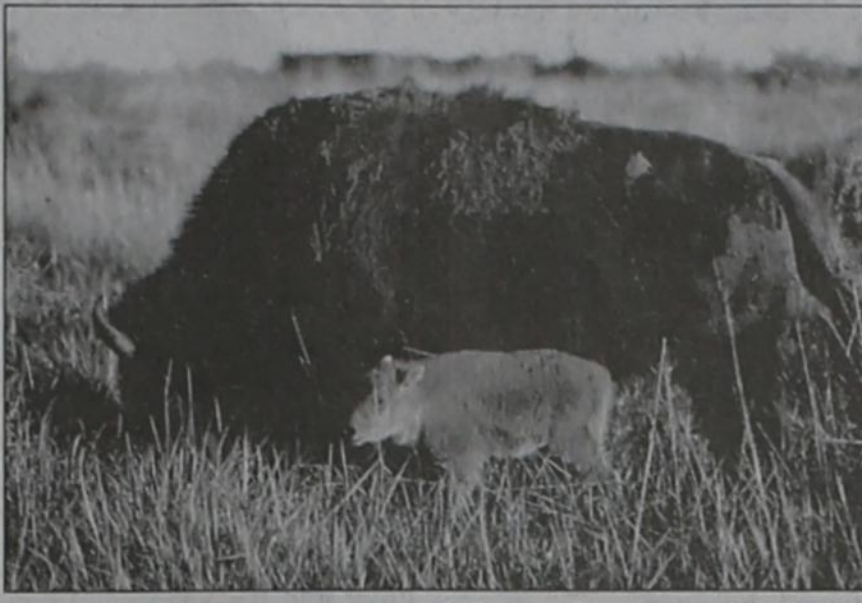


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Bison graze at Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque. The last members of the great Southern Plains herd will be celebrated Sept. 14-16 at the park during Bison Celebration Days.

nate directly to the Texas State Bison Herd Restoration project or purchase merchandise to support prairie restoration efforts.

Donations also can be made online by visiting caprockpartnersfoundation.com or by calling 806-455-1441.

Legendary Western swing band Asleep at the Wheel will play a Buffalo Boogie Benefit Concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, in a meadow on FM 1065 three

miles north of Quitaque and half a mile south of the state park entrance. Tickets for the show can be purchased for \$20 in advance by calling the state park at 806-455-1492 or for \$25 at the door the day of the show. There is no seating, so bring chairs and blankets.

On the web: For more information about Bison Celebration Days or Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway, visit tpwd.state.tx.us.

Nominations open for McCrary Award

Officials with the Community Recovery Center in Post have announced nominations will be accepted from the public for the annual Giles C. McCrary Award.

Either individuals or organizations can be nominated, but must be local, residing in either the city or the county or instrumental in assisting people or organizations in and around Post City.

Submissions, which must include a name of the person or organization nominated and a brief description of why they should be awarded, will be accepted through Sept. 15 at the CRC.

The award will be presented at the CRC's annual fall fundraiser Sept. 15 at the Post Community Center. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include a steak dinner catered by PJ's Catering from the Heart. A live and silent auction also



GILES C. MCCRARY

will be a part of the activities, and entertainment for the evening will feature Kenny Maines.

The event is held each year to help offset costs of operating the CRC. Proceeds generated by the fall fundraiser assist in providing services at low to no cost. For information on the McCrary Award or the fall fundraiser are asked to contact the CRC at 495-3173. All donations are tax-deductible.

Former Southland students meet at reunion

By Mary Jane Jackson
Special to the Dispatch

Ex-students, friends and neighbors of the Southland School met at the Southland School Gymnasium on Aug. 4 for a time of reminiscing with old friends and classmates.

About 150 attended, coming from Kentucky, California, Georgia, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and all parts of Texas. Registration began at 3 p.m. Ronnie Dunn, class of 1959, and president of the Ex-Students Association called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to the reunion.

The pledge of allegiance and national anthem were led by Mickey Mason Cole, class of 1967.

Invocation was given by Ross Dunn, class of 1954. Ronnie Dunn asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in memory of classmates who had departed this life since the

last reunion and to remember, with honor and appreciation, all those now serving this great nation and all who served in previous wars.

A catered meal was served at 5:30 p.m. Earliest graduates attending were Florene (Shelton) King, class of 1940; Albert Lee Field, class of 1941; Edmund Wilke, class of 1941; Dorothy Sue Smallwood, class of 1942.

Former coaches and teachers attending were Tom and Ruth Ann Buchanan of Eddyville, Ky., Bob and Cookie Dyess of Big Spring, Duane and Lena Locke of Lubbock and Bill Bennett of Oklahoma City.

Ronnie Dunn introduced E.L. Dunn, class of

1956, as the presenter of his book "Southland, Lest We Forget." This book follows the early development of the town as seen by the people who lived its history, through boom times and difficult years alike.

Drawing from extensive research, including eyewitness accounts, personal interviews, newspaper articles and photographs, "Lest We Forget" offers a remarkable glimpse into the fate of Southland as it began, evolved and declined.

This account extensively documents Southland's history from 1900 to 1975. Mr. Dunn also gave a presentation of many pictures of the early days.

Two sons of the last

mayor of Southland, Tim E. Field, 1941-1943, were in attendance — Albert Lee Field of Lubbock and Mack Field of Dalhart.

"Lest We Forget" is dedicated to two people, Herbert Cyril and Dauline Dunn, who lived the greater majority of their lives with a mile of the Town of Southland. While their life spans did not include the early beginnings of the Town of Southland, they lived the town's history from 1920 until their deaths in 2007 and 2002, respectively. They are the parents of Edgar L. Jack

and Dayneen Dunn. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to E.L. for this remarkable, outstanding book and his presentation of it out this reunion.

The book is available at the Southland School. Contact Wyanza Basinger at 806-996-5599, ext. 6. The proceeds of the sale of the book goes into a scholarship grant to a graduating senior of Southland High School, as a memorial to Dayneen Dunn, who died of cancer Jan. 1, 1970.

Members of the classes of 1961, '62, '63 and '64, their spouses, former coaches

and teachers met at the Southland School Cafeteria on Friday night enjoying a hamburger cookout by J.W. Basinger.

The classes of 1955, '56 and '57 has dinner at the 50-Yard Line Restaurant in Lubbock on Friday night, followed by a dessert in the home of Theresa Faye and Charlie Woodfin in Lubbock. After the Southland Reunion on Saturday night, the same group went to the home of Hazel Ruth Biddy in Slaton for dessert and reminiscing.

The next reunion will be in 2014.

Beef cattle seminar planned in Snyder

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will host a beef and cattle range challenges seminar Wednesday in Snyder.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Scurry County Coliseum, 900 E. Coliseum Drive. Sessions begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at noon.

The seminar will be led by Ted McCollum, a beef cattle specialist at the Extension Center in Amarillo, and Robert Ferguson, Extension agent from Mitchell County.

Session topics will include climatology outlook, small grains for forage and feed sources for winter management.

Other hosting counties include Scurry, Borden, Garza and Lynn.

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Friday, August 24th- The Post Rotary Club will be selling BBQ sandwich plates from 6:00 p.m. Until 8:00 p.m.
Vance Guthrie and Junction 84 will also be performing live from 8:00 p.m. Until 12:00 midnight.

Saturday, August 25th- Come be a judge!
Judging times are 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, and 1:30.
Winners and awards to be announced at 4:00 p.m.

For more information contact Kerry Dixon-
806-773-9751 or kerry.dixon@mtctrains.com

Registration will be accepted until cooks meeting.

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hman said.
Facing district perennial powerhouses such as Denver City, Lamesa and Brownfield — the latter two of which have dropped from 3A to 2A play this season — Hohman said can only make her team better.

“Those are some really tough schools that have very well-established programs,” she said. “But playing those bigger, tougher teams will make us play better. We just need to work on some of the little things, fundamentals, to

make us better.”
Hohman has made a few adjustments since the beginning of the season in her middle blocker lineup and started a freshman because of an injury.
“I can definitely see those changes were made for the bet-

ter,” she said.
Hohman will look to her more experienced players, including seniors Haily Berry and Kayla Comeaux, to lead their teammates throughout the inaugural season. Junior Matti Smith and sophomores Kelbie Oden and Callie Odum also will be key players this season.

Freshman middle blocker Lauren Record, Hohman said, has stepped into the starting lineup as well.
“Lauren has really had to grow into her varsity position pretty much over night,” Hohman said. “She had a huge game Monday serving 12 of 25 points in one set. She’s made tremendous progress and will be a great leader going into the next few seasons.”

Hohman also will look to sophomore Maggie Shelton, a first-year transfer student from Houston, Mo., to lead the team this season.
“Maggie comes to us this year an experienced program at her former high school in Missouri,” she said. “She’s a great passer.”

Hohman, a graduate of Texas A&M who came to Post last year after coaching successful volleyball and softball programs at Grand Prairie, Bethesda Christian in Fort Worth and Crossroads in East Texas, said learning the sport of volleyball has not only been new to her student athletes but also to many on her coaching staff.
“I really have to hand it to my coaching staff,” she said. “They’re learning just as quickly as the girls on the team are.”

“They’ve all really stepped up to the plate to help build the program from the ground up. I’m looking forward to the season and to what the coming years bring.”

Post v. Lorraine (Monday)
Game 1 — 25-19
Game 2 — 25-14
Game 3 — 25-12
Record: 1-2

Post v. Levelland (Tuesday)
Game 1 — 15-25
Game 2 — 18-25
Game 3 — 8-25
Record: 1-3

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Blackburn said he believes the changes will be met with the same enthusiasm as the improvement in the newspaper’s content lately.

“Post City’s newspaper should look just as sharp as the town does,” Blackburn said. “Wayne is bringing a great look to the paper, and it’s exciting.”

In addition, Blackburn announced, the single-copy sales price of the newspaper will be

increasing from 50 cents to 75 cents.

“Since 2008, we’ve dropped the local advertising rate of the Dispatch 37.5 percent so local businesses could better afford to advertise,” he said. “Unfortunately, our costs are not stagnant and do increase, and that must be reflected on our side from time to time. While many community newspapers are \$1, we’ll settle for 75 cents.”

Hodgin said while the rollout of the new layout and design of the Dispatch will be launched next week, tweaks will continue to be made.

“We’ll continue to adjust here and there until I’m confident we’re putting out the best product around,” he said. “It’s an ever-changing industry in ever-changing times, and we need to reflect that.”

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Tax abatements

In lieu of the company paying ad-valorem taxes, Cirrus officials have agreed to pay Lynn County \$1,000 per megawatt per turbine for the next 10 years. The abatement will amount to an annual payment to the county of \$61,200, or a total

of \$612,000 during the course of the 10-year agreement.

Each of the 3.6-megawatt turbines is expected to generate \$3,600 per turbine in revenue each year for the county.

Lynn County Hospital District officials and the O’Donnell school board also entered into

similar agreements with Cirrus to avoid tax liabilities for the first decade.

After the 10-year period, full taxable value will be paid to taxing entities.

Another wind energy project will border the Cirrus 1 project that also will affect Lynn County taxing entities.

Earlier this year, Wind Tex Energy entered into a partnership with T. Boone Pickens’ Mesa Power Group to co-develop the 377-megawatt Stephens Bor-Lynn wind project in Borden and Lynn counties. Construction has not yet begun on this project.

Juanell Jones is publisher of the Lynn County News.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AND INVITATION TO BID

The City Council of the City of Post [City] hereby serves notice to the general public that it will receive sealed bids from persons interested in purchasing the following real property and improvements located at: **The Garza Theatre, 226 East Main Street, Post, TX 79356-3337.**

Interested parties may contact Arbie Taylor, City Manager, City of Post, 105 E. Main, Post, Texas 79356, phone number (806) 495-2811, to arrange for inspection of the property and for review of the sales contract and Special Warranty Deed.

Interested bidders may obtain a bid packet from Arbie Taylor, City Manager, City of Post, 105 E. Main, Post, Texas 79356. The bid packet contains: a description of the Property, bid instructions and the City’s “Contract of Sale.” Bidders shall return a completed “Contract of Sale,” with the required earnest money, in a sealed envelope marked **“Real Property Bid – Garza Theatre,”** to City of Post, 105 E. Main, Post, Texas 79356, Attention: Arbie Taylor, City Manager. Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. on **December 13, 2011. All bids received at or prior to such time will be opened and read aloud immediately following the deadline to submit bids.** Bids received after such time will not be opened or considered. The highest acceptable best bid or bids will be presented to the City Council for review and possible approval at a meeting on December 13, 2011, at 5:30 p.m.

Bids must be based on a lump sum cash payment (net of all closing costs), payable at closing not more than 30 days following approval of the sale by the City Council. Bidders will be responsible for arranging any desired surveys, title insurance, inspections of the premises, and all other “closing costs” without cost to the City. Bids, which specify other payment terms, will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered. **THE CITY OF POST RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY FORMALITIES.**

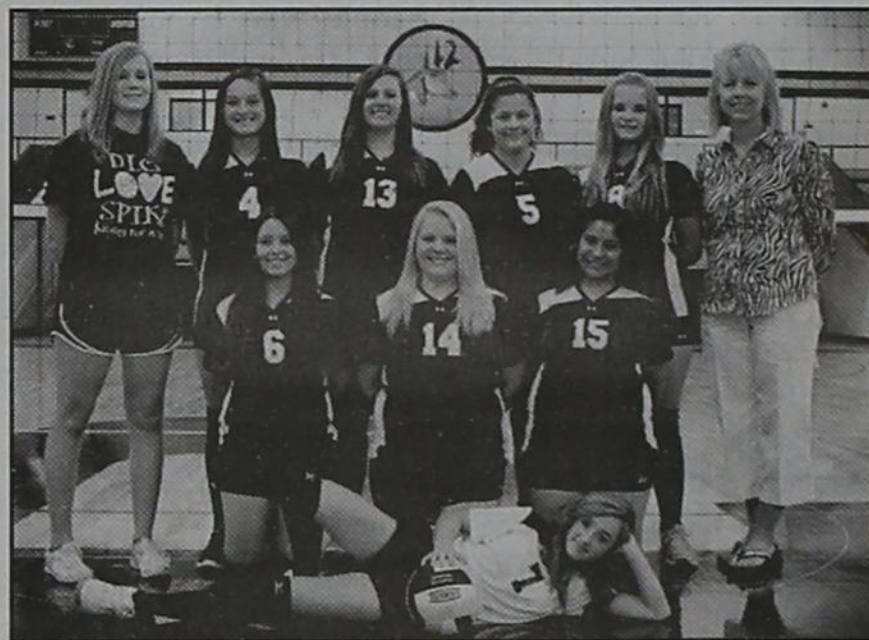
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Post's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Partly Cloudy 93 / 72	Saturday Partly Cloudy 92 / 71	Sunday Mostly Sunny 91 / 70	Monday Partly Cloudy 91 / 69	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 92 / 72	Wednesday Isolated T-storms 89 / 71	Thursday Partly Cloudy 90 / 69

Local UV Index

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 93°, humidity of 43%. South wind 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 105° set in 1977. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 72°. South wind 10 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 54° set in 1966. Saturday, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 92°, humidity of 46%. South wind 15 to 20 mph.

Weather Trivia

What is a significant contributor to greenhouse gases?

?

ANSWER: Charcoal fires.

Weather History

Aug. 24, 1989 - Late afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in eastern Montana and western sections of the Dakotas. Thunderstorms in Montana produced wind gusts to 76 mph at Jordan and golf ball size hail at Rock Springs.

Aug. 25, 1987 - Morning thunderstorms produced heavy rain in eastern Nebraska and southwestern Iowa. Stanton, Iowa reported 10.5 inches of rain. Water was reported up to the handle of automobiles west of Greenwood, Neb.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	5:30-7:30	5:00-7:00	Tue	9:18-11:18	8:48-10:48
Sat	6:29-8:29	5:59-7:59	Wed	10:09-12:09	9:39-11:39
Sun	7:28-9:28	6:58-8:58	Thu	10:57-12:57	10:27-12:27
Mon	8:24-10:24	7:54-9:54			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 8/24	Fri 7:15 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	2:43 p.m.	12:16 a.m.
	Sat 7:15 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	3:44 p.m.	1:10 a.m.
	Sun 7:16 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	4:40 p.m.	2:09 a.m.
	Mon 7:17 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	3:12 a.m.
Full 8/31	Tue 7:17 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	6:14 p.m.	4:16 a.m.
	Wed 7:18 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	6:54 p.m.	5:20 a.m.
	Thu 7:19 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	6:23 a.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
					Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
8/14	100	71	91/67	0.01"	8/14	36	8/18	30
8/15	98	68	90/66	0.07"	8/15	33	8/19	26
8/16	94	73	90/66	0.00"	8/16	34	8/20	28
8/17	83	65	90/66	1.16"	8/17	24		
8/18	91	70	90/66	0.09"				
8/19	87	66	90/66	0.00"				
8/20	91	64	90/66	0.36"				

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.

The useless opinions of other people

By Ronda Rich
Dixie Divas



One day at lunch, I ran into a beautiful older woman, a friend from years past, whom I hadn't seen in quite a while. She had changed very little since I first met her when I was in college.

She's one of those lovely Southern women whose voice softly lilts with each word and her mannerisms are subtly small and lovely. She looked so pretty. Her silver hair was cut stylishly, sweeping across her brow and framing her bright blue eyes.

Our chatter at first was courteous with each asking how the other had been and mentioning what we knew of mutual friends.

"I just read your column this morning," she said, touching on what the subject had been and how she had enjoyed it. "I never miss it." She smiled sweetly. "Jack read it every week. He loved whatever you had to say."

For a moment, I was puzzled at the use of the past tense when talking about her husband. She noticed the look in my eyes, saw that I was trying to process her words. Sadness clouded those sweet blue eyes.

"Did you know that I lost Jack three months ago?"

"No!" I exclaimed with words edged in the shadow of the grief I felt in my heart. I knew how in love they had been for more than 25 years. Martha and Jack. No one had ever seen a man unabashedly adore a woman more than that man had loved her. "I'm so very sorry." I couldn't think of any sorrow greater than what she must be feeling. She had truly lost the love of a lifetime.

Her eyes watered and she swallowed slowly before answering. "He had cancer. He fought for three years. It was really rough."

"How old was he?" I asked. "Too young. Fifty-nine. Oh, I miss him terribly. I never knew that grief could be this intense."

I left the restaurant and spent the rest of the day thinking about Martha and Jack. Here it is now two months since I saw her, and I'm still thinking about it and the life's lesson that it presented to me.

When Jack came into her life, Martha was lovely, not ex-

traordinarily pretty but utterly striking in grace and elegance. She was then as she is now the epitome of Southern charm and warmth. I guess she was in her early 40s and had been divorced for a bit. Jack was 17 years younger, rakishly handsome and never married.

He loved, I believe, Martha from the first time he saw her. Martha, though, was quite taken aback that such a young man would so determinedly set his cap for her.

"Oh, he's too young," she protested for months. "I could be his mother."

Martha, like those Southern women of her generation, worried what people would think.

"Why, people will call me a cradle robber. It isn't seemly for a woman of my age to date such a young man. People will talk."

That's how she was raised, you know.

But Jack persisted. He stood his ground. He proclaimed his love and devotion to her and everyone around her. He never wobbled. Being adored is something no woman can resist so with that and the encouragement of those around her, Martha eventually went out with him. Finally, she married him.

Her greatest worry was she would grow old and become a burden to him. He assured it did not matter. He would love her until the end.

And so he did. For it turned out that what had worried Martha so much was not to be. He died young so it was she who took care of him.

By fretting over what people would think, Martha almost missed the love of a lifetime.

Thank goodness she got over such silliness.

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