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Obama re-elected

Other statewide races, as expected, go to Republicans

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

American voters chose to re-elect President Barack

Obama on Tuesday night despite a fierce and heated campaign against Republican and former Massachusetts Gov.

Mitt Romney.

With election ballots being counted well into the night and early morning hours, Ohio's 18 electoral votes were on the line as the most important battleground state Romney needed more than any other to oust the Democratic incumbent.

In the end, Obama would receive 303 electoral votes to Romney's 206. The popular vote had Obama up 50 per-

cent at 59.7 million votes to Romney's 57.1 million, or 48 percent.

Locally, Garza County voters overwhelmingly chose Romney by a nearly 4 to 1 margin. The Romney-Ryan ticket garnered 1,262, votes in Garza County polling to Obama-Biden's 276.

As was widely expected, Romney handily carried the

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Voters approve school bond

Precinct 3 re-elects Brannon to commission

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

Area voters residing within the Post Independent School District have approved the issuance of about \$28.5 million of bonds to make a number of improvements to campus buildings and to construct a new high school.

The number voting for was 773 and against was 548.

In accordance with the measure, 22.5 cents per \$100 valuation of assessed property will be levied to help pay for the bonds.

For instance, a homeowner with a residence valued at \$100,000 only will pay \$15.94 per month — less than \$200 a year.

Area homeowners who are 65 years and older

will be exempted from the tax.

The overhaul of campus facilities includes building a new high school, track and bus barn, renovating the existing high school to be used as a middle school, expanding parking and drop-off/ pick-up sites at the elementary school and demolishing the existing middle school.

In addition, artificial turf will be installed at the high school football field in light of ongoing drought concerns and in an effort to conserve water and money.

The call for the bond was the first in Post ISD history.

All funds collected for the bond are not subject to recapture by the state of Texas and will not to be shared with any other school district.

Superintendent Mike Comeaux said he appreciated the support of the board members, facilities committee and the community in rallying behind the effort.

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Battle of the Lopes



Jaycee Johnson/For the Dispatch

The Post High School Antelopes blanked the Olton Mustangs last Friday, 40-0. The Lopes face off with Abernathy tonight for a district title.

Last week's wins set up district title hopes for Post, Abernathy

By Jerry Pyles For the Dispatch

A district title is on the line tonight as the Post Antelopes face the Abernathy Antelopes in the last game of the regular

season. road last Friday and easily handled the Olton Mustangs in a 40-0 routing. Abernathy (8-1, 4-0) also kept its district title hopes alive in a 34-7 wings-clipping of the Roosevelt Eagles.

Post wasted little time putting points on the board. D.J. Brown, the South Plains lead-

ing 2A rusher, returned the opening kickoff 85 yards untouched. Aron Lopez added the extra point, and Post had an early 7-0 lead with only 14 seconds off the clock.

The Bold Gold defense forced Olton (1-8, 0-4) to a Post (8-1, 4-0) was on the three-and-out on the their first possession. On third down, quarterback Pake Jones found Dalton Holly behind the man coverage of the Mustangs. Holly would haul in the 42yard pass for the Lopes second touchdown of the quarter. Lopez added the extra point.

The Mustangs would begin at their own 20 yard line. On first down, Travis Greathouse tackled the Mustang quarterback for a loss. The Mustangs would fumble the snap on second and on third downs, and Paden Babb came screaming in on the Mustangs quarterback and sacked him at the 1 yard line. The Mustangs were forced to punt from their own end zone giving the Antelopes

excellent field position. Post took over on the Mustang 45 and covered the distance in five plays. Austin Garza, returning to action after having suffered a broken

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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.

Church fundy Members of the Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th St., will have a fish fry at 5 p.m. today. Plates are \$7 and include all the

trimmings. For information, call Julia Gomez at 632-5839. Inside garage sale The Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce will

host an inside-garage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the youth room at the Post Community Center. For information, call Betty Posey at 495-2067. Ladies Auxiliary fundy

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 6797 in Post will host an inside garage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the VFW with tables for rent to sell anything - clothing, furniture, crafts, baked goods, etc. Booth rentals are \$25. For information, or to reserve a space, contact Rebecca Jolly at 990-3128 or Janet Ratliff at 495-2026.

4-H dance

The Garza and Scurry county 4-H organizations will host a benefit dance for youth in grades three through 12 from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday at the Garza County Show Barn. Chaperones will be on site. Cost for admission is \$5 with all proceeds benefiting the Post Animal Refuge Center. Call The Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400 for information.

Revival services Graham Chapel Church of Christ, 15th Street and Avenue S, will have a special worship services Sunday through Wednesday with Wiliam Eudy of Mineral Wells who will be teaching "Living What You Believe." Bible study begins at 10 a.m. Sunday, followed by morning worship at 11 a.m. and a fellowship meal. Afternoon services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Weekday ser-

Church fundy Members of Holy Cross Catholic Church will be selling menudo, huevos rancheros, burritos, beans and rice plates for \$5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. For information,

call Eleanor at 495-1031.

vices begin at 7 p.m.

Predator awareness The Texas A&M AfriLife Extension Services from Borden, Garza, Lynn, Mitchell and Scurry counties hill host a predator awareness workshop beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Borden County Event Center. Cost is \$20, and three

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general continuing education units

will be offered. For information, call the Garza County Extension

Office at 495-4400.

Still looking for the good, old days

Post native pens autobiographical account of his life

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

Tom Nolan was only about 10 years old in 1941 when his mother - a widow with four children growing up in the Depression era - pulled up stakes in Post and moved to Dallas shortly after the United States became

involved in World War and best memories are

Even though he hasn't lived here in about 70 years, he still considers Post his hometown.

Nolan has recently penned a book about his life experiences, including his childhood right here in Post City.

The self-published autobiography spans Nolan's entire life from his ment days now in rural East Texas.

"Some of my earliest from the days when my family was living in Post," Nolan said recently from his home near Buffalo, a small town off Interstate 45 about halfway between Dallas and Houston.

"After my father died when I was young, we lived in a couple of

town - next to Ray Baker's store and then birth in 1932 in Garza at the Tincannon cause all those children County to his retire- home off the Lubbock just couldn't get along. Highway. A few years after my father died, my mother re-married a man named Marvin Pennington and we lived in Lubbock for about six months, then out at Roaring Springs,

> Richard Bird ranch. Nolen's mother brought four kids into the family, and Pennington brought three into the family. After

finally settling at the

different places around short period of marriage, the couple separated, Nolen said, be-

So the young mother moved back to Post with her own children into what used to be a service station and café across from the entrance to the cotton

"When the war began in 1941, the plant shut down for three months while it was military clothing," Nolen said. "During that



NOLEN

time, none of the employees - including my mother — were to be paid.

"We couldn't afre-tooled to make ford to stay here, so we

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Corrections If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Wayne Hodgin at 806-495-2816 or thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

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'Drive Alert...Arrive Alive!'

Drowsy driving awareness campaign promoted Nov. 12-18

By Nancy McDonald For the Dispatch

We all know the feeling — your head is feeling heavy; you open the window for more fresh air; turn the radio up louder - you are driving and beginning to feel sleepy.

A 2012 poll conducted by the National Sleep Foundation found that about 1-in-10 Americans say they are likely to fall asleep at an inappropriate time and place, including while driving.

In a 2010 AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety telephone survey, 41 percent of drivers admitted to having "fallen asleep or nodded off" while driving at some point in their lives.

National Drowsy Driving Awareness Week is a campaign to call attention to the need to educate drivers on the importance of getting enough sleep before getting behind the wheel. While drowsy driving is a problem that can affect all drivers, the problem is most prevalent among young drivers, shift workers and those who work long hours.

The majority of drowsy-driving-related crashes are caused by drivers who are younger than 25 years, especially males.

Teens need more sleep than older adults, but they seldom get enough rest. Teens also are more inclined to drive at night and during the early morning hours, when drowsiness is more likely to occur. Parents can help by making sure their teens are getting enough sleep.

Whether young or old, drowsy drivers are a danger to themselves, as well as others on the road. Like alcohol and drugs, sleep loss impairs driving skills, making hand-eye coordination, reaction time, vision, awareness of surroundings, judgment and decision-making more difficult.

AAA estimates that drowsy driving is responsible for approximately16.5 percent of fatal crashes. The risks of drowsy driving can be reduced by educating all drivers to watch out for signs of sleepiness at the wheel.

Nothing takes the place of sleep in preventing a drowsy-driving-related crash. Be sure to be well rested before you drive. Most people know how dangerous drinking and driving is; driving drowsy can be just as fatal as driving drunk.

Know the danger signals of drowsy driving:

- · Difficulty focusing, frequent blinking, or heavy eyelids;
- Daydreaming; wandering/disconnected thoughts;
- Trouble remembering the last few miles driven; missing exits or traffic
- · Yawning repeatedly or rubbing your
- Trouble keeping your head up;
- · Drifting from your lane, tailgating, or hitting a shoulder rumble strip; and
- Feeling restless and irritable.
- Suggestions to keep alert behind the
- · Get adequate sleep. Most adults need 7-9 hours to maintain proper alertness during the day.
- Schedule proper breaks about every 100 miles or 2 hours during long trips.
- · Arrange for a travel companion someone to talk with and share the
- Avoid alcohol and sedating medications. Check your labels, or ask your doctor.
- Countermeasures to prevent a fallasleep crash while driving:
- Find a safe place to stop for a break or for the night.
- Drink a caffeinated drink. Be aware that it may take up to 30 minutes for caffeine to enter the blood stream. This is only a short-term benefit. People who regularly consume caffeine may not experience the same effect.

Source: National Sleep Foundation, drowsydriving.org

Menus: Week of Nov. 12-16

Post ISD

Breakfast

Monday: Pancake and sausage on a stick, syrup, fruit, milk

Tuesday: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit, milk

Wednesday: Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk

Thursday: Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk

Friday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk Lunch

Monday: Chicken and broccoli, penne pasta, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadstick, milk

Tuesday: Ultimate taco salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk

Wednesday: Turkey and dressing, whipped potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, apple-pineapple delight, milk

Thursday: Chicken quesadilla, black beans, baby carrots, oranges wedges, salsa, milk

Friday: Pizza choice, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk

Southland ISD

Breakfast Monday: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice,

Tuesday: Quesadilla, fruit, juice, milk Wednesday: Breakfast bar, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday: Muffins,

yogurt, fruit, juice,

Friday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk

Monday: Ravioli, seasoned corn, garden salad, cinnamon apples,

Lunch

Tuesday: Hot dogs, potato rounds, fresh veggie cup, fresh

fruit, milk Wednesday: Grilledcheese sandwich, vegetable soup, carrots with ranch,

fruit, milk Thursday: Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, garden salad, green beans, apples, crispy cereal

treat, milk Friday: Hamburgers, baked beans, carrots with ranch, sliced peaches, milk

Trailblazers-Senior Citizens Center

Monday: Polish sausage, sauerkraut, coleslaw, veggies, roll, fruit, milk

Tuesday: King Ranch casserole, rice, beans, tortilla, salad, brownie, milk

Wednesday:

Charbroiled patty, veggies, potatoes, Mandarin oranges, milk roll Thursday: Chicken

fajitas, rice, beans, salad, cookie, milk

Friday: Frito pie, potato wedges, salad, applesauce cake, milk

Got something on your mind?

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Weather experts say El Niño has fizzled

Cotton harvest continues at steady pace

By Mary Jane Buerkle Special to the Dispatch

Although forecasts earlier in the year called for a return of El Niño and a cooler, wetter winter, climate experts now say that weather pattern is looking less likely and Texas has an equal chance for either a wet or dry winter.

State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon said last week at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's West Texas Outlook and Assessment Forum in Abilene the drought was likely to shrink considerably this winter, but may or may not break.

However, Nielsen-Gam-

mon said, the early outlook for next winter is not promising, so rainfall through this spring and summer will be

Temperatures are a key factor, said Klaus Wolter, NOAA-Earth System

Research Lab and University of Colorado at Boulder research scientist. If temperatures continue to trend above average, even normal rainfall may not be enough to counter drought, Wolter said.

Wolter said he believes the chance of an El Niño revival over the next couple of disappointing in many areas. months is about 20 percent.

2012 cotton harvest is progressing well across the High management in Bailey and

Plains, with some counties approaching completion while others are still in the early stages.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents reported at the Nov. 2 Plains Cotton

Advisory Group meeting that some counties in the central and eastern portions of PCG's service area are approaching 65-percent completion while some producers in western and southwestern parts of the area have finished up their peanut harvest and are now beginning to move on to cotton.

Yields have been all over the map. A few producers have harvested cotton making more than four bales to the acre, but yields have been

Monti Vandiver, Texas In production news, the A&M AgriLife Extension agent for integrated pest

Parmer counties, said although quality is improving in that area, their average yield would be one to twoand-a-half bales per acre as compared to their average of two to three-and-a-half. He said some fields looked really good in mid-July, but then the heat set in and many producers didn't have the irrigation capacity to keep up.

Reports from the USDA-AMS Cotton Classing Office in Lubbock verify that quality is indeed improving. As of Nov. 1, the Lubbock office had classed 520,038 bales, more than half of that within the last week.

Seventy-seven percent of cotton classed last week was color grade 21 or 11. Average staple was 35.45, strength 30.21 g/tex, uniformity 79.93 percent and micronaire 4.0 for the week. Leaf grade for the week was 2.6.

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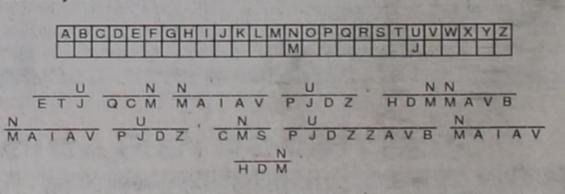
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Cryptogram

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 Ted Turner



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Pumpkin Bread

½ cup organic pumpkin

8 organic, free-range eggs from pastured hens

1/3 cup organic, virgin, cold-pressed coconut oil

½ cup organic yacon syrup

2 tsp organic vanilla extract

1 1/2 tsp organic ground cinnamon

½ tsp ground mace ½ tsp sea salt

34 cup plus 1 tablespoon organic

coconut flour, sifted

1 tsp non-aluminum baking powder 1/2 cup organic, raw walnuts or pecans, chopped

In one bowl combine the pumpkin, eggs, oil, yacon syrup, vanilla, cinnamon, mace and salt. In another bowl combine the coconut flour with the baking powder and whisk thor-Toughly into batter until there are no more lumps. Fold in nuts. Pour into greased 9-by-5by-3-inch loaf pan and bake at

350° F for one hour. Remove the pumpkin bread from the loaf pan in order to cool on a

This recipe is not very sweet, and is actually excellent to serve with organic meats and cheese or, better yet, lots of fresh, organic, raw butter. If a sweeter flavor is desired, add stevia to taste. The baked product will not be as sweet as the batter so add stevia accordingly.

Pumpkin Muffins

4 cups quinoa flour (you can soak and dehydrate it, then blend it; but you can also buy

11/2 tablespoon baking powder (aluminum-free)

1½ teaspoon sea salt ½ cup cinnamon

20 dates (remove pits), or 11/4 cups chopped dates (found in bulk, already chopped, in many health food stores, saves time

2 cups applesauce

and money)

3 cups canned pumpkin 1 cup of water

Sift together flower, baking

powder, sea salt and cinnamon. In a high-speed blender, blend remaining ingredients until smooth. Pour wet ingredients into dry ingredients and fold them together until smooth. Pour into slightly greased muffin tins. Bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes. Makes about 20 muffins. They will rise a bit but are denser than muffins you recall from the standard American diet. No guilt with these, though!

Dr. Benjamin Edwards is a local physician specializing in holistic medicine and nutrition.

Yesteryears

10 Years Ago November 7, 2002

The investigation into an aggravated sexual assault, which reportedly occurred Oct. 11 in the northwest portion of the city, is ongoing, Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke said Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ayala are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Aliana Elyse, born Sept. 2, 2002.

Eric and Shayla Atchley are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Trinity Dawn, Oct. 24, 2002.

Michael Gonzales, a native of Post, is in the drama program at Western Texas College under the tutelage of drama instructor Ray Newton. Gonzales recently played a supporting role in the play "The Front Page" that ran in the college theater to a record audience. He received rave reviews, a reflection of this dramatic talent, according to Newton.

Pvt. 2 Jay Brent Cole, 18, graduated Oct. 23 in ceremonies conducted at the Field Artillery Training Center in Fort Sill, Okla., following five months of training. Cole, a 2002 graduate of Post High School, entered the service June 3. After a 17-day leave at home with his family in Post, Cole will leave for a yearlong tour of duty in Korea. His parents are Tommy and Rosemary Cole, grandmother Edith Crispin, all of Post.

> 20 Years Ago November 4, 1992

Todd W. Newton, president of Post Publishing Co., owner of The Post Dispatch, has announced the appointment of John Cordsen as managing editor at the newspaper. Cordsen begins his duties Nov. 9.

A survey form, including in this week's edition of The Post Dispatch, is being offered as a public service to assist the Post ISD in its evaluation of the general mood of taxpayer toward the building of a new gymnasium.

Bart Mason, senior agricultural business major, recently received the Robert E. Malone Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship in the amount of \$600 was presented to Bart at the Abilene Christian University's Homecoming Aggie Banquet on Oct. 21, 1992. He is the son of Lewis and Jane Mason of Post; grandson

of Quanah and Sue Maxey, and Mrs. G.T. Mason, all of Post.

> 30 Years Ago November 3, 1982

Virgil Ray McCandless of Sanger was charged with failure to keep proper lookout following an accident early Tuesday morning on U.S. 380 near the school. The Systems 99 truck he was driving collided with three parked vehicles belonging to Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Morris. The truck first hit a pickup, knocking it into another pickup in the driveway, which in turn hit the Morris front door. The other vehicle parked in front of the house was knocked backwards several feet. No one was injured in the accident.

The Post Bold Gold Antelope Band will compete in the UIL marching contest at Jones Stadium at 9:30 a.m. today. Band director Steve Ladd and the band members have devoted many hours of practice toward this contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Stone announce the birth of a baby boy, Edward Lewis, born Oct. 26 in Garza Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cole of Post announce the birth of a baby boy, Tracey Joe, born Oct. 27.

> 40 Years Ago November 2, 1972

Garza County and the city of Post may wind up with more than a halfmillion dollars in the next five years from the federal government's new "revenue sharing program." President Nixon signed the bill into law only recently to distribute \$5 billion to hard-pressed states, counties and cities to ease their mounting financial problems. Garza County will receive \$77,895 annually and the city of Post \$34,275 each year, according to the Texas Municipal League breakdown of the city and county distribution within Texas.

J.B. Potts of Post has been elected to the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Council, according to Wayne James, executive director of the association in Lubbock.

J.E. Parker, who served three terms as Garza County Judge, underwent major surgery Tuesday morning at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He was reported yesterday to be "doing well.

Garza County Treasurer Pauline Coleman, who has been in University Hospital in Lubbock since suffering a stroke several weeks ago, is reported to be gradually improving.

Christy Morris, is one of 12 seniors at Wayland and a 1969 graduate of Post High School, who has been selected for inclusion in the 1973 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, according to an announcement from Paul Butler, dean of students at the college. Miss. Morris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Morris.

Grady Shytles of Post has received tuition Equalization Grant scholarship for the current 1972-73 term at McMurry College, according to Wilfod Moore, director of financial

Stephen Beauchamp, Post High School junior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beauchamp was one of two recruits sworn into the Navy Tuesday at the Naval Training Center in Lubbock. The other recruit was from Tahoka.

> 50 Years Ago November 1, 1962

Mrs. Mae N. Smith was named "favorite teacher" during Friday's homecoming. Mrs. Mason Justice was crowned ex-students' homecoming queen at Friday's buffet supper. Mrs. Justice was elected queen over four other candidates.

Leander Richard, 45-year old Post man, is in county jail facing five charges. The big one is assault with intent to murder. Other charges against Richard were gaming, being drunk, abusive language, and resisting

Janie Carradine was crowned band sweetheart by Drum Major Lenny Howell, president of the Post Antelope Band.

Judy Clary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Clary, has been nominated for Ag Sweetheart by the Ag Club at Cisco Junior College. Judy is a graduate of Post High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Derwood Mayberry announce the birth of a son, Walter Brit, Oct 24 in Garza Memorial Hospital.

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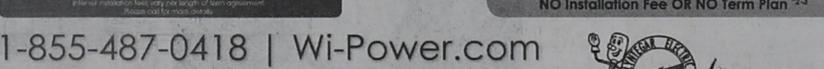
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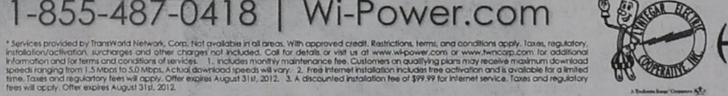
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his week, let's focus on James H. (Jim) Parker's take on the early history of Post City. Parker came to Borden County on April 1, 1906.

In June 1907, he made his first trip into Post City, while hauling some lime and cement from Big Spring that was to be used later on the "eight front store" stone building, (that refer-



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ence was the new Double U company store). A second trip to Post City was due to the hauling of six-inch water-well casing. Parker didn't see Post City again until 1910, right after his marriage to Eula Hollar on Sept. 14. They established

their first home in Post City, and Jim went to work for the Double U. The next 10 years saw Jim working primarily under

UU Co. Foreman Gary White. Upon White's retirement, Jim became the new labor foreman. He either supervised or helped in the tarring and gravelling of the roofs of the Tower Building, Eight Front store, cotton warehouse, the Algerita Hotel, and several other small buildings.

He also helped put the first concrete culvert on the road to Ragtown. The town's name was originated after a storm destroyed the tents at the first town site. Other construction included installation of a bridge, culvert and spillway between town and the reservoir.

Parker also supervised the building of the first public concrete watering trough, located behind the Algerita Hotel, and first concrete septic tank located across the railroad tracks southeast of town.

With about two days of work left, he became ill and was hospitalized for major surgery. Five or six weeks later, he discovered that whomever completed the construction job had left Jim's

tool box at the site. The only damage resulting was a bullet hole in it. F

ollowing about six months of recuperation, Jim returned to work for the UU Co. to help with waterworks and Mr. Post's superintendent. Mr. Post had ordered several thousand pounds of dynamite to use in their rain-making experi-

The Double U Co. crews were called upon to dig, and line with wood, several dynamite pits for dynamite storage. One pit was dug in a mound northwest of Post and a second pit about five miles southwest of town, just west of the old road to Snyder. Jim was assigned to take a 3,000-pound load of explosives over a rocky road to the northwest pit.

For the rain-making experiments, wooden shanty blinds were constructed to shield the workers from the falling debris at the designated dynamite stations in the outlying area of Post.

After all the dynamite stations were completed, the company's orders were to be carried out when favorable weather conditions prevailed; three men with a wagon were to go to the dynamite storage pile and load five cases of the dynamite for each station. Each case consisted of five sticks of dynamite packed in sawdust in a wooden box case. Blasting caps and fuses for each station also were obtained.

After the dynamite was delivered to the station, four men were assigned to prepare and detonate the dynamite. Two of the men were to prepare the dynamite by securing five sticks together, opening the end of one stick to insert the cap and fuse into place. The other two men were to place and detonate the dynamite at the correct time. The firing equipment consisted of a box of matches and a jug of water.

Let the Rain Battles begin, as part two of our story continues next week.

Linda Puckett is director of the Garza County Museum and historical commission.

The 501

The case of the missing laptop

y laptop is closer to me than my alter ego. It's virtually who I am. When I lost it last week, two stages of separation anxiety swept over me.

If you've ever lost a computer or smartphone, or had one stolen, you've probably experienced the same two stages. If not, there's still time.



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I'd recently backed up everything. I stood to lose mostly email messages and cow pictures. So I mentally prepared myself to go back to my old laptop, dinged and dated but still working. It wouldn't be much worse than the time somebody stole my prized new 15-speed Peugeot bicycle, leaving me with just my clunky old Schwinn I'd gotten for Christmas at age 12. Life went on.

The second stage of loss was worse. I realized a crafty criminal could steal my identity! Not good. I really started to worry.

Any dishonest person who got his or her hands on my laptop could get

much information about me - if not my Social Security number, other info. The new me might read my email, order something expensive from Amazon and change the shipping address. Or hide in our hedge and snatch the goods off our front porch at the moment of delivery.

My mind spun. Had I leaned the laptop case against that very shrubbery when I was leaving town for a trip to the farm? Had some miscreant on the lookout for unattended laptops spotted it and snatched it? I fretted, but I didn't tell my husband. Why ruin his day too?

Instead, I used Facebook on my smartphone to tell my smart stepdaughter Rachel about the plight. She sympathized (and understood why I was reluctant to tell her father). Rachel drove across town to our house and conducted a thorough search. No laptop.

No wonder. All along it was in my husband's pickup, leaning against the passenger seat, right where I'd put it, practically under my nose as I searched everywhere else.

The ordeal taught me two important lessons.

If you have a laptop, smartphone or any other device that could provide identity information to a thief, make the information hard to access. Be aware some systems allow a hard drive to be erased remotely, essentially turning the missing device into a blank slate. I was on the verge

The lesser lesson:

Whew! The greater lesson:

of taking that drastic step

when I found my laptop.

The next-best thing to a daughter who stands by you when you suffer a loss — even just a laptop — is a stepdaughter who does the same. It became quite clear to me that the laptop was of little value compared to Rachel, a real treasure in my life.

When I heard people make similar statements about family after losing their houses and possessions to a storm named Sandy, I understood. I really did.

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

Superstorm Sandy leads to

Special to the Dispatch

IRVING — Texans are now paying an average of \$3.30 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch.

That's 9 cents less than a week ago and 21 cents less than the national average, last week was at \$3.51. Drivers in El Paso were paying the most on average at \$3.43 while drivers in Beaumont were paying the least on average at \$3.23.

When Hurricane Sandy made landfall in the Northeast, two of six refineries had announced temporary closures and the remaining four refineries expected to operate at reduced rates in the storm's aftermath.

The storm also had an impact on the demand for fuel. Nearly 9,000 flights were canceled and tens of millions of motorists were staying home

as a result of the storm's damage.

Gas demand at this time of year is usually near 8.5 million barrels per day but for several days after the storm gas demand was down one or two million fewer barrels per day.

This drop in demand has led to a drop in pump prices especially in Texas and other Gulf Coast regions, which normally supply product to the East Coast but felt no direct effects from the

"Unlike Hurricane Isaac earlier this year, Hurricane Sandy impacted an area that is a major consumer of gasoline rather than a major producer," said AAA Texas/New Mexico spokesman Doug Shupe. "So long as there is a smooth restart to production and distribution following Sandy, AAA expects gas prices will continue to drop up to Election Day and move even lower as we approach the end of the year."

drop in fuel demand, prices

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28. Rain clouds

32. Tree trunk

34. Deterioration

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44. Apprehensive

45. Accumulate

47. Air letter

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54. Delhi dress 57. Unsure how to respond

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64. Argus-eyed

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67. Destruction of cells by antibodies

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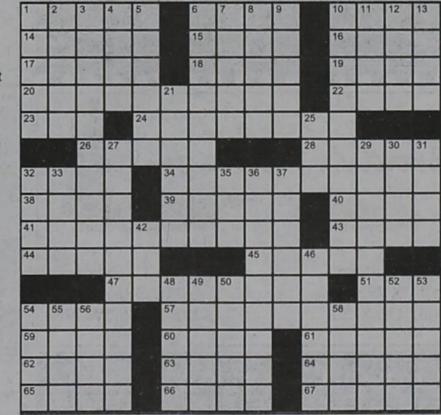
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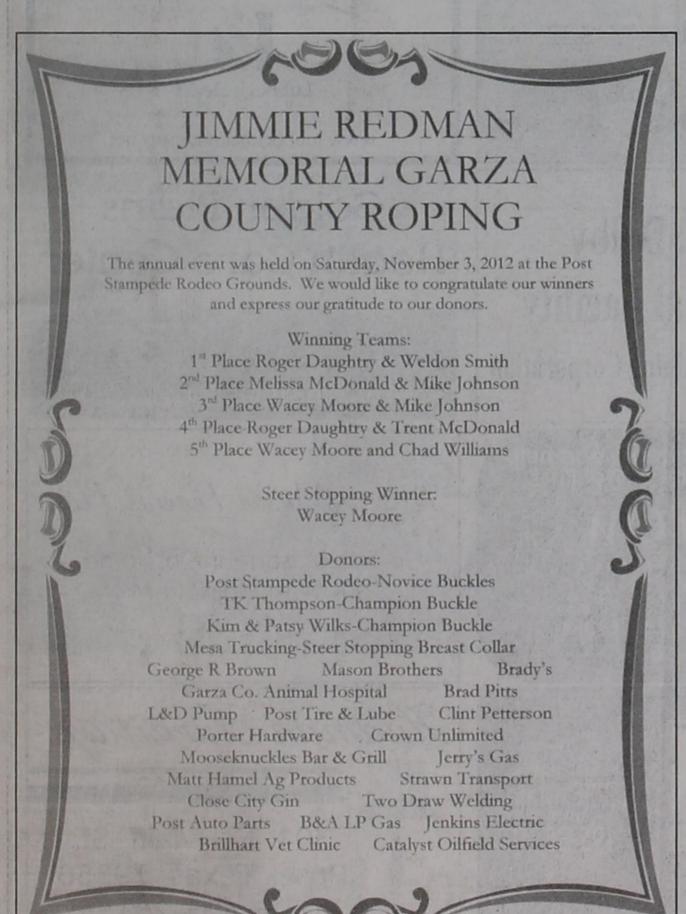
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Reece Belongia **Active Duty**



Colin "Reece" Belongia is a 2010 graduate of the Texas Home School Coalition. He has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and is at boot camp in San Diego. He is the son of Chris Belongia and Robbie and Traci Freeman and the grandson of Geneva Belongia and Jerry and Judy Bush, all of

Orlando Castillo Active Duty



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Gunnery Sgt. Orlando Castillo has served in the U.S. Marine Corps since 2000. He currently serves as assistant Marine officer instructor and senior enlisted adviser for the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps for both the University of Idaho and Washington State University. Castillo served in Operation Iraqi Freedom from July 2008 to February 2009 and in Operation **Enduring Freedom from February** 2010 to September 2010. He is a of Delfina and the late Pete Castillo of Post.

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Eric Alaniz Active Duty



Staff Sgt. Eric E. Alaniz is a member of the U.S. Air Force stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls. He is a 2002 graduate of Southland High School. He is the son of Tino and

Douglas Arnold 1915-1971



Served in World War II as a private first class in the U.S. Army. He was in the Philippines and in Italy, and served on the front lines under Gen. Douglas McArthur. During this time he was living in Lindsay, Okla. He was the father of Bob Arnold of Post.

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Ted Brannon, Damian Hampton and Victoria Muncy **Veterans**



They served our country proudly. My heroes: my husband, Ted Brannon, who served in Vietnam; my son Damian Hampton, who served during Desert Shield; and my granddaughter Victoria H. Muncy, who is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force. Love, Carmen Brannon.



DAMIAN HAMPTON

Jennifer Chandler **Active Duty**



Master Sgt. Jennifer Chandler is the daughter of Barbara Bowley of Lubbock and Darrell Maloney of San Antonio and granddaughter of Chuck and Janet Ratliff of Post. Chandler is on her second tour of duty in Afghanistan and is scheduled to return home in December. She was been in the Air Force for 16 years. She has three children, Jordan and twins Allison and Zachary.

Lefty Davies Veteran



Elbert "Lefty" Davies served in World War II as a chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in the Pacific in the Solomon Islands on Bouganville. He supported the troops building bridges and worked in the carpentry workshop. Lefty, one of five brothers, was born and grew up in Post and worked most of his life as a master builder and carpenter in Garza County. His father, Henry Davies, also a carpenter, helped build Post. Lefty was the grandson of Job Davies,

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Johnny McKinzie Veteran



Johnny McKinzie served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam

from 1968 to 1970.

J.W. Jolly III Veteran



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J.W. Jolly II served in the U.S. Navy from January 1971 to November 1978 as a Hull Tech 2nd Class. He served on board the USS Long Beach CGN-9, a nuclear power-guided missile cruiser for four years, and then USS Tarawa LHA-1, an amphibious helo/assault landing ship for two years. He served two tours in Vietnam, nine months in 1972 and then five months 1973. He was awarded National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with star, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal, Navy Combat Action, Navy Meritorious Unit Citation and Navy Overseas deployment ribbon with two stars. He was honorably discharged in November 1978 and moved to Post in January 1979 to work for Garza County Sheriff's

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Kyle Gunn Active Duty



Kyle Gunn is an active duty U.S. Army Infantry first lieutenant serving as a platoon leader in the 162nd Infantry Brigade. He and his wife, Karah Gunn of Fort Worth, are stationed at Fort Polk in Leesville, La. This winter Gunn will deploy with the 3rd Infantry Division to the eastern mountains of Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Previously, Gunn served as a Counter Improvised Explosive Device Instructor, training Army, Air Force and Navy personnel on tactics for deployment. He is currently doing a Joint Readiness Training Center rotation, a culminating training event that validates deploying units. Gunn is the son of David and Deana Watson of Post and Ray and Jennifer Gunn of

Willard Wayne Ogle Veteran



Staff Sgt. Wayne Ogle was in the U.S. Army and Army Air Crops 43rd Bomb Group 63rd Squadron, called "Ken's Men," from 1940 to 1945. He was a

tail-gunner on a B24 in the Southeast Asian Theater, which included the Philippine liberation, New Guinea Campaign, Battler of Bismarck Archipelago, having been involved in three plane mishaps and crashes. He was highly decorated with many awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters and two Purple Hearts with Two Oak Leaf Clusters and Good Conduct Medal. He was wounded Jan. 28, 1945, and honorably discharged May 25, 1945. He served 59 months and 11 days. He died May 30, 2005, on Memorial Day, and was buried in the veterans area at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo. He is gone but not forgotten. Happy Veterans Day, Dad. Proud of you. Love, your daughter,

Mason, Harvey

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THE POST DISPATCH | FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2012 7 **Shawn Henderson** Veteran



Shawn Lee Henderson served in the U.S. Army from 2007-2010 and was in Iraq in 2009. He was a specialist in the U.S. Army. He was a bodyguard to Gen. Charle H. Jacoby. Shawn attended Post schools and graduated from Tivy High School in Kerrville in 1998. He received his bachelor's from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette in 2002 and his master's from the Urbana University in Ohio. He is the son of Natha Jo Arnold and nephew of John Bill Hedrick, both of Post. He lives in Cuero.

Chuck Ratliff Veteran



Ret. Master Sgt. Charles "Chuck" Ratliff served in the U.S. Air Force from September 1951 to September 1971,

serving during the Korean and Vietnam wars. His overseas assignments includes Japan, England, Germany, Labrador and Vietnam. He was stationed at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock before going to Vietnam, and, upon his return, he was sent to Mississippi, where he retired. Ratliff returned to Lubbock and, along with his wife, Janet, raised their three daughters, Dorothy, Carolyn and Barbara. Ratliff worked at Highland Hospita as director of maintenance until he got job at Garza Memorial Hospital as direc tor of maintenance. Chuck is now retire and devotes all his time to working with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and volunteering with the VA Clinic in Lubbock. The Ratliffs have five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Following is a list of all those local veterans honored in Memorial Plaza at the Garza County Courthouse:

Cross, Edsel A. Alaniz, Eric E. Alexander, Jack Dalby, Amo Anthony, Hubert Davies, Lefty Davis, Alvin G. Aten, Ted L. Dean, Troy L. Aten, W.H. Ault, Jack G. Didway, Walter Earl, Lewis Bartlett, Terry Bevers, Albert H. Edwards, W. Erwert Fannon, James Bevers, Samuel S. Fleming, Joe G. Bevers, William Gary, Billy W. Bevers, Spence Gill, Archie Bilberry, C.B. Gilmore, Harvey Blacklock, Billy Gilmore, Roy A. Blacklock, R.J. Gossett, Don R. Blacklock, Ricky Graves, Russel C. Blacklock, Ron Harp, Jacky Bostick, Frank Harrison, Joshua Bowen, T. Boyd Hays, Eugene Bowen, Charles Hays, Gerald D. Hays, Herbert Hays, James M Hays, Jesse H. Brown, Bobby J. Hays, W.A. (Bill) Buckley, Robert Bull, Malcolm Bullard, Curtis Bullard, Kenith Hodges, Floyd W. Bullard, Judy Hodges, Johnny

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LOCAL ELECTION

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"We're very excited," Comeaux said Wednesday afternoon. state of Texas with 57 percent of moved to Dallas, where "To have gotten this bond passed after this many years was a the vote to Obama's 41 percent. my mother got a job with big hill to overcome. We're looking forward to the future and to getting to work."

When the school board meets in regular session at 6:30 p.m. manding lead for the U.S. Sen. end of the war." Tuesday, members will canvass the election and issue requests Kay Bailey Hutchison's seat. for proposals for general contractors to start work.

"We'll meet with our architects early next week and after terms. the board meets, we'll have a better idea of what our timeline is going to look like and when we can start work," Comeaux outspent by his Republican op- nancially to the family, yet said.

Commission race

Incumbent Precinct 3 Commissioner Ted Brannon was re-elected to his seat on the Garza County Commissioners over Sadler. Court.

Brannon, who opted to switch from the Democratic to the bauer, R-Lubbock, who also years of age," Nolen said. Republican Party for the race, faced former Commissioner represents Garza County, will "My mother agreed to lie John Valdez, who ran as a Democrat.

Brannon garnered 211 votes to Valdez' 175.

Prior to Tuesday's election, Brannon had said no real is- Neugebauer ran away with 85 sues were facing the Commission at this point in time, but said there were a couple of issues he and other commissioners would be monitoring. Those being the possible de-annexation of the prison from the city limits of Post and drought issues, Neugebauer over Peterson. among others.

The city's plan to de-annex the prison will keep the city's Robert Duncan will return to population below the 5,000 threshold, which avoids unneces- the State Capital, handily de- rea on my 16th birthday, sary and costly state regulatory measures.

Brannon said commissioners will continue to be in contact nent. with city officials regarding the process and said a contract with the county to ensure the city continues to provide water ly mirrored results in Garza discovered I wasn't 17, they to the prison will be needed.

The prison brings in an estimated \$250,000 in annual revenue for the county.

An effort by commissioners to continue to monitor the Commission, along with in- where you're not so wet becounty's drought situation is also a top priority for Brannon, cumbent Barry Smitherman to hind the ears." he said, as is the continued litigation between the state and a the unexpired term. number of schools across the state — including Post ISD regarding equalization funding.

"Those are issues that while not entirely specific to the coun- on the Texas Supreme Court. tional Guard, and his unit ty, have a great impact on all of our residents," Brannon said. John Devine was elected to would be mobilized into Brannon said he has been proud to serve the county and his serve as justice in Place 4. In- the Air Force. precinct during his last term of office.

"I feel like I have represented not only my constituents but will return to his Place 6 seat on ried, but, even on an Air all the residents of Garza County fairly and conservatively the bench. during these last four years," he said.

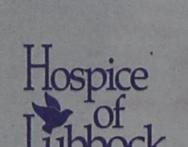


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of the vote to Cruz' 57 percent — at least legally. in statewide tallies.

retain his seat in the U.S. House and tell them I was really of Representatives. Republican 17 and so I signed up." percent of the vote to Libertar- training at Fort Lewis in ian Chip Peterson's 15 percent. Washington State and then Garza County voters also chose was sent to Camp Stone-

Republican incumbent Sen. transport. feating his Libertarian oppo- and some of my buddies

ick was elected to the Railroad sonny boy, and come back

lett will be re-seated in Place 2 would joined the Air Nacumbent Justice Nathan Hecht

Judge Elsa Alcala to Place 8.

Amarillo will serve District 15, including Garza County, on the days was really tough. State Board of Education.

In other statewide election North American Aviation. results, Ted Cruz took a com- We lived there through the

By this time, Nolen was Hutchison is retiring after three about 15 years old. Too old to live at home at that time Democrat Paul Sadler, wildly without contributing fiponent, received only 40 percent too young to join the war

"To join the war, you had Local voters also chose Cruz show you were 18 years old, or you could join with a Congressman Randy Neuge- parent's permission at 17

Nolen completed basic man in California to await

"I was stationed in Kothrew me a party," Nolen Other statewide races close- said. "When my superiors sent me back home with Republican Christi Cradd- the admonition, 'Go home,

Months later — this Incumbent Justice Don Wil- time, of age — Nolen

"By that time, I had mar-Force salary, we were hav-In the Court of Criminal ing trouble making ends Appeals race, incumbent Pre- meet, so I was granted a siding Judge Sharon Keller was hardship discharge," Nolen re-elected as was Judge Barbara said. "I thought I would go Parker Hervey to Place 7 and out and find a good-paying job to support my family, Republican Marty Rowley of but, as I soon came to find out, finding a job in those

> "After struggling off and on for about a year, I decided to go back into the Air Force. So I went to sign up in Alexandria, La., but there was a six-month waiting list. As I was leaving, a Marine Corps recruiter across the hall beckoned me into his office and said, 'How'd you like to receive a paycheck today?" I signed

After a six-year stint with the Marines, Nolen had a number of other jobs including cab driver, running a limousine service and a bus line, a truck driver and an insurance agent.

Nolen said although he's never seen all that successful, he's been fortunate with

life experiences. "I just can't seem to find the time to retire," he said. "I even went back to school at the ripe old age of 68 and received a bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University."

Old age and the plagues that come with it haven't



Tom Nolen's self-autobiography, "What Happened to the Good Old Days," spans his entire life, including his childhood right here in Post City during the Depression.



Photo courtesy Tom Nolen

Tom Nolen is pictured here at Camp Catlin on the island of Oahu in Hawaii.



Photo courtesy Tom Nolen

Tom Nolen is pictured here at Camp Catlin on the island of Oahu in Hawaii.

seemed to slow Nolen Even at the age of 80, I'm down one bit.

than I can count," Nolen show me where they are, said. "But I always seem to I'll go find them." find something else to do.

still looking for those good "I've retired more times old days. If anyone can

For many more moments like these,









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pick up 11 on the next two plays, and Bryan Smith would score his first of three touchdowns on the night from four yards out. Lopez the game giving Post a 21-0 lead after the first quarter.

On the Mustang next possession, outside linebacker Alan Alaniz caused a fumble that was recovered by defensive tackle Paul Martinez. Once again, the Lopes had great field position. Marco Erives would move the Lopes in the red zone on runs of 10 and 12 yards, before the drive would stall. Lopez would come on the field to attempt a 35yard field goal, which just missed.

The Mustangs would put a nine-play drive together before being stopped on fourth down by Babb and Alaniz. The Bold Gold offense would not score any points during the second quarter.

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The Lopes kicked off to next play. start the third quarter, and the defense would stop the Mustangs on downs. Greathouse, Dylan Pearson and

for Post.

down pass fell incomplete, thumb, would gain 15 on and Post would take over run and another 15 on a pass at their own 36 yard line. from Jones. Brown would Post would only need three plays to extend the lead. Jones picked up 13 yards on first down. Smith would get 50 on the second play and would burst through the would add his third kick of Mustangs from the one to complete the drive. Lopez would add the extra point.

> On the ensuing kickoff, Pearson would strip the ball loose, and Campbell Kirkpatrick recoverd the ball. Three plays later, Smith would plunge in from the 3 yard line for his third touchdown of the game.

> Mondo Martinez, who graded out at 86 percent blocking for the game, cleared the way for Smith. Several Antelopes made defensive plays on the Mustangs' next drive, including Rodriguez, Nathan Gill, Greathouse, Matt Nava all making tackles to end the third quarter of play.

The first play of the fourth quarter Babb knocked to ball loose from the quarterback, and Alaniz recovered the The halftime score Post fumble. Post would fumble it back to Olton on the very

> ball back on a Garza interception. Erives would complete the scoring on a nice place team in District 1.

Alejo Rodriguez made stops 51-yard run. Erives would break four tackles and run The Mustangs fourth over a Mustang defender on his way to the end zone.

The final score Post 40,

Alaniz would have 11 tackles, one sack, two tackles for loss, a caused fumble and recovered a fumble. Rodriguez added 11 tackles.

Paden Babb had seven tackles, two sacks, tackle for · loss, caused and recovered a fumble.

Bryan Smith notched 84 yards and three touch-

Dalton Holly had 66 yards receiving

Post is set to face Abernathy tonight for the district title at Jimmie Redman Stadium. Both teams enter the game 8-1 and 4-0 in district.

Post will play for an undefeated district record for the first time since 2004. In 2009 the Lopes played Littlefield for a share of the

Abernathy is led by quarterback Garrett Royal and middle linebacker A.B. Cantu. The last time Post played Abernathy, Abernathy won 33-22.

The winner of Post-Abernathy game will be the district champion and receive The Lopes would get the a first-round bye. The loser will enter the playoffs and play Spearman, the third-

> Dalton Holly Austin Garza

TOTAL

District Standings Abernathy 8-1 4-0 Post 8-1 4-0 Tulia 5-4 2-2 Floydada 1-3 3-6 Roosevelt 1-8 1-3 Olton 1-8 0-4 **AGATE** BOXSCORE 1st 2nd 4th 3rd Final 21 13 Post 0 6 40 Olton 0 TEAM STATS Olton Post 8 1st Downs 88 Total Net Yds 308 Avg. Gain per Play 1.8 6.8 69 231 Net Yds Rushing 41 38 Rushes Avg. per Rush 1.7 6.1 Net Yds Passing 19 77 3 3 Passes Attempted Passes Completed Yds per Pass 2.7 11.0 0 Had Intercepted 0 **Punts** Avg. Punt 33 Penalties 20 45 Penalty Yds **Fumbles Fumbles Lost** Comp. % **PASSING** Comp. Att. INT Yds TD Pake Jones 43% 77 RUSHING Rushes Yds Avg. TD Long DJ Brown 46 6.6 11.9 Bryan Smith 79 7.9 Marco Erives 10 51 Pake Jones Joseph Romero -7.3 -22 32 208 6.5 TOTAL RECEIVING Avg. Catches Yds



week's game at Olton. The Antelopes won 40-0.

Post quarterback Pake Jones looks for an open man down the field during last

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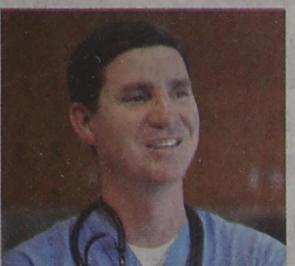
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Sports roundup

JV win propels Post into championships

The Post Bold Gold junior varsity (8-1, 2-0) defeated the Idalou Wildcats, 29-12, Nov. 1 at Jimmy Redman Stadium.

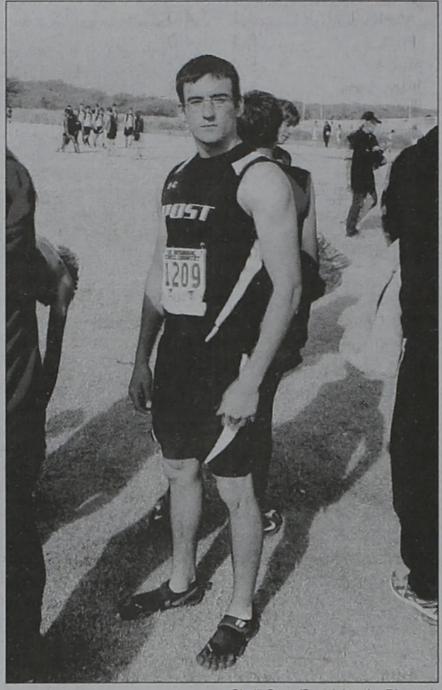
For the second time this season, the Lopes beat a top South Plains 2A program (Littlfield 28-0, Idalou 29-12). Post scored touchdowns in each quarter and shut out the Cats in the second half.

The Lopes would score the first points of the night as Cambry Gilbert took the pitch and got the corner and went out the gate for 65yard touchdown run. Jared Curtis would add the twopoint run giving Post a 8-0 lead. The Wildcats would answer with a touchdown, but the Lopes stopped the extra point. After one quarter the Lopes led, 8-6.

Post would get on the board during the second quarter, as Blaine Reece hit Shandon Wiley for a 55-yard touchdown throw and catch. Wiley had got behind the Wildcats defense and raced to the end zone. Gilbert would add the twopoint play giving Post a 16-6 advantage.

The Cats would keep a drive alive and score a touchdown late in the quarter. Post would stop the extra point and held on to a 16-12 halftime lead.

Reece would add a 20vard touchdown run in the third to extend the lead to 22-12. Both defenses would toughen, forcing



Shelli Crow/Special to the Dispatch

Isaac Stern was Post High School's lone regional cross county qualifier and competed Saturday at the Region 1 meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Stern competed against 166 other runners and ran a personal best time of 18:30.01, which beat his previous best by 22 seconds. "Isaac ran hard and showed what he's made of," coach Richard Soliz said. "He ran at a pace of 6:10 per mile, which is outstanding for Mae Simmons (park). The coaching staff is very proud of him and is looking forward to Isaac having a successful season in track this spring."

several punts for the rest of the third and much of the fourth.

With three minutes remaining, the Bold Gold defense stopped Idalou on fourth down and took over leading 22-10. Wiley would catch his second touchdown of the game from Reece on a 25-yard play. Rafael Gonzales added the extra point.

Post was set to play for the junior varsity district championship in Abernathy last night.

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Wildcat punt, Richey found paydirt again, this time from 45 yards out, and, with the Rosales kick, the Coyotes had a 16-0 The Wildcats looked as

By Trey Richey

For the Dispatch

championship.

own 2 yard line.

After quickly forcing a 3-and-

out for the visiting Wildcats, a

fumble on the punt return gave

the visitors a first and goal at the

Coyote 13 yard line, but the de-

fense handled the sudden change

of possession extremely well

and after a tackle on 4th-and-

goal from the 10 yard line, the

Coyotes took possession at their

Two plays later, senior Tan-

ner Richey followed some nice

blocks by senior center Matt

Roberson, senior Guard He-

Jared Smith, junior fullback T.J.

Basquez and rotating ends juniors

Kurt Shafer and Matt Proulx, as

Richey sprinted 75 yards to pay

After a Rosales kick, the Coy-

not give up at 8-0. After another

defensive stop forced another

dirt and an early lead.

though they were going to turn the ball back over to the Coyotes as they faced a 4th-and-22, but a 23-yard completion kept the drive alive and ultimately put the Wildcats on the board trailing

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straight district title the Coyotes, 16-8, with 1:28 left

Coyotes clasp fifth-

in the first period.

Borden Co. 86, Grady 38

With two seconds left in the The Borden County Coyotes opening quarter, Richey found a played host to the Grady Wildwide-open Basquez on a 26-yard pass and catch to extend the lead cats last Friday night in a game to 22-8 heading to the second that would determine the district quarter. The Wildcats would not disappear though as they scored The Coyotes came out poised on their next offensive play to and fired up to seize an early cut the deficit to six points at 22 control of this game and garner their fifth consecutive district

> Basquez got into the scoring column again, this time with brute strength as he muscled his way to the endzone from 18 yards out, and with the Rosales kick the Coyotes were back up by 14 points at 30-16.

> On the next defensive possession, the pressure by spread rushers Steven Howard and Matt Ham forced an errant throw that was intercepted by Richey and returned 45 yards for the defensive score, and again with the Rosales kick the Coyotes now widened the gap a bit with a 38to-16 lead.

lio Rosales, senior quarterback Smith got into the action as he returned his second interception of the season, covering 35 yards for another defensive score, and again with the Rosales extra point kick the Coyotes were up otes grabbed a lead they would

> The Coyote defense forced another turnover on downs, and, on the final play of the first half, Richey sprinted 58 yards to give the Coyotes a commanding 52to-16 lead. The missed extra point was huge as the Coyotes could have ended the game by the mercy rule on their first series of the second half.

On that first series of the half, Richey scampered 50 yards for the score to push the lead to 60to-16 advantage following the

Clay Miller

Rosales kick. At this time, the Coyotes used this opportunity to play the younger athletes and give them some much-needed experience.

The Wildcats meanwhile would not go away quietly as they managed another score to cut the Coyote lead to 60-24. The Coyotes would answer right back as Richey had his second throwing touchdown as he hit Proulx from four yards out to regain the 44-point advantage at 68 to 24.

The Wildcats mounted another drive to make the score 68-32 in the third period. The Coyotes again answered as Richey set sail on another long run, this time from 34 yards out to make the score 74 to 32.

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The Coyote defense got another stop and the Coyotes looked to end the game, but a couple of penalties contributed to the drive stalling. The Coyotes chose to try a long field goal to prepare Rosales for this moment in the future. The 40-yard field goal attempt, which had plenty of leg, was just a bit wide and the game would continue.

The Wildcats this time managed their final score of the game to cut the Coyote lead to 74 to 38.

Steven Howard and the second-team offense got the points right back as he set loose on a 43-yard sprint to make the score 80-38.

The Coyotes got one more possession, and, hoping to prepare for the future, called a pass play and senior quarterback Jared Smith hit Kurt Shafer on a nice 42-yard pass play to end the game at 86 to 38.

The Coyotes would now be crowned with their fifth-straight district title, and this week has been preparing to travel to O'Donnell for the final district game of the 2012 season.

Leading the way for the Coyotes victory over Grady was Richey with 22 carries for 440 yards and five scores, 3-of-3 passing for 64 yards and two scores and had an interception return for a score while piling up 16 tackles.

Basquez had nine carries for 74 yards and a score and a couple of catches for 60 yards and was in on seven tackles.

Howard had 10 tackles and two carries for 48 yards and a score.

Matt Ham had four tackles; Frank Banman had six tackles and two pass break ups. Kurt Shafer had five tackles, a sack and a 42-yard touchdown reception. Matt Proulx had four tackles and a four-yard touchdown reception.

Korbin Martinez had three carries for two yards and three tackles. Tristen Benavidez had seven tackles. Rosales was 7-of-9 on kicks and was in on 11 tackles, had a sack a tackle for loss and a caused fumble. Matt Roberson had a tackle and blocked well, and Luis Andrade had two tackles.

The City of Post is accepting resumes for the position of City Manager

The City Manager is responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, directing, and evaluating municipal activities, goals and policies and has constant contact with department heads, the public, citizens' groups, other governmental agencies, and local businesses requiring the exercise of diplomacy, courtesy, and tact.

Knowledge of public personnel and finance administration is necessary. Knowledge of local and area government, economic factors and current trends are required. Must also have the ability to establish and maintain satisfactory working relationships with City council members, Department Heads, and other City employees, and citizen groups. Extensive public works/utility experience is required. Benefits include paid medical and dental plus TMRS Retirement. Salary: DOQ. The City of Post is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Please mail, fax or email resume to:

City of Post ATTN: Deana Watson 105 E Main Post, Texas 79356 (806) 495-2811 Phone (806) 990-3724 Fax dwatson@postgarza.net



INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Aldermen of the City of Post, Texas for the construction of approximately 1,000 linear feet of 12-inch water main, and associated appurtenances, entitled:

> WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS REPLACEMENT OF 8-INCH WATER MAIN SANDY CREEK CROSSING

will be received at the office of the City Manager, 105 East Main Street, Post, Texas 79356 until:

> 11:00 A.M. November 20, 2012

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Post in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Post and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

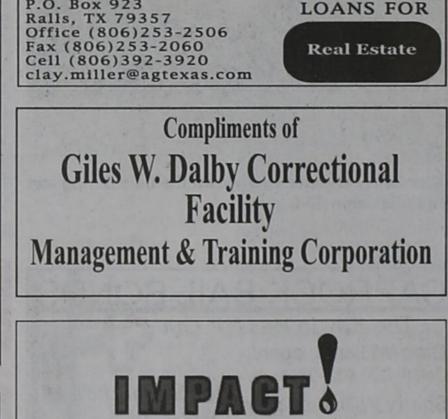
Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City Manager, City of Post, 105 East Main Street, Post, Texas, 79356, phone (806) 495-2811 and the offices of Brandt Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost: Fifty five dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract Documents.

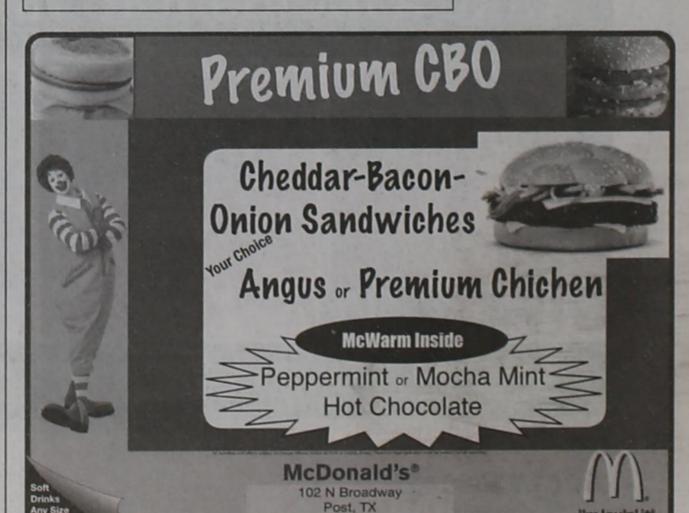
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date.



Rodney Oden

Account Representative

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Local Monsanto representative Rhett Brewster, left, presents nominating farmers Joe Basinger, Mary Basinger, Sue Weaver, Billy Weaver and Joel Basinger with a \$25,000 check to be used by Southland schools to build a learning greenhouse.

SISD grant will help build learning greenhouse

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SOUTHLAND — Studying plants and processes that occur within a greenhouse leads to a deeper understanding of the world and increased curiosity in students.

Thanks to the support of local farmers and America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, Southland ISD has received a \$25,000 grant to construct a greenhouse to help engage students in gardening and farming through math and sci-

America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, an initiative of the Monsanto Fund, gives farmers the opportunity to nominate a public school district in their community to compete for a grant of either \$10,000 or \$25,000 to enhance education in the areas of math and/or science.

More than 1,000 nominated school districts submitted applications. The Monsanto Fund will invest \$2.3 million into rural education through this program.

"We are surrounded by agriculture, yet many of our students do not understand the process of planting and growth that occurs literally out their back doors," SISD Superintendent Toby Miller said. "We hope to create a vertically aligned horticulture curriculum that will expand students' understanding of agriculture, so that by the time they are in high school, they

can immerse themselves in real research and application."

After being nominated by local farmers, school districts completed an online application, and finalists were chosen by math and science teachers from ineligible school districts.

The America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Advisory Council, a group of 26 prominent farmers from across the country, then reviewed the finalists' applications and selected the winners.

"Southland ISD's current ag program does an excellent job of teaching our students ag mechanization, animal science and leadership skills," said Joel Basinger, nominating farmer. "Adding a greenhouse will give faculty the ability to incorporate horticultural aspects into the program. In a rural school like ours, a majority of the funds are directed to core learning and development, so these types of grants are crucial to providing students a broader experience and education."

Southland ISD was presented with the \$25,000 grant during a presentation at its school pep rally Oct. 26.

Another program that is part of this effort is America's Farmers Grow Communities, which gives winning farmers the opportunity to direct a \$2,500 donation to their favorite community nonprofit organization in their county. Farmers can participate in this program through Nov. 30 by visiting growcommunities.com.

Military Academy applications for nominations available

Special to the Dispatch

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, reminds students that the deadline to submit applications for military academy nominations to his office is Nov. 15.

"As a member of Congress, I am proud to nominate outstanding young candidates from the 19th District of academies: the U.S. Military honorably serve our country.

Academy at West Point, the I look forward to working U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. These institutions prepare college-age Americans to be officers of the United States uniformed services," Neugebauer said.

"I have the privilege of giving a few remarkable students the opportunity to receive a great education, Texas to four U.S. service open challenging doors, and

with each student as he or she strives toward this admirable goal."

Open to high school seniors, the deadline to apply is Thursday. If you or someone you know may be interested, contact Mary Whistler at marywhistler@mail.house. gov or call 888-763-1611.

More information about military academy nominations is available online at randy.house.gov.

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FSA county committee elections begins

Special to the Dispatch

Farm Service Agency county committee elections began Monday with the mailing of ballots to eligible voters. The deadline to return the ballots to local FSA offices is Dec. 3.

Eligible voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week can obtain ballots from their local USDA Service Center. Ballots returned by mail must also be postmarked no later than December 3.

Newly elected committee members and their alternates will take office Jan. 1

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm also may be eligible to vote. Agricultural producers in each county submitted candidate nominations during the nomination

period, which ended Aug. 1. While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and con-

servation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues.

Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,700 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees.

Committees consist of three to 11 members elected by eligible producers.

More information on county committees, such as the new 2012 fact sheet and brochures, can be found online at fsa.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0013048001

APPLICATION. City of Post, 105 East Main Street, Post, Texas 79356, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew wastewater disposal Permit No. WQ0013048001 to authorize the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 790,000 gallons per day via irrigation on 209.24 acres of non-public access pastureland. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located ½ mile east of the plant entrance which is located approximately 1,200 feet south of the intersection of South Avenue F and East 5th Street and the irrigation site is located approximately 1/3 mile east of Pond 3 in Garza County, Texas 79356. TCEQ received this application on September 4, 2012. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Post City Hall, 105 East Main Street, Post, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.181388&lng=-

101.364444&zoom=13&type=r

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/ about/comments.html. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Post at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Deana Watson at (806) 495-2811.

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Cotton briefs

High Plains upland cotton harvest price finalized

The USDA Risk Management Agency has finalized the 2012 Upland Cotton Revenue Plan harvest price for areas of Texas with Feb. 28 and March 15 sales-closing dates. The applicable harvest price for these areas, which includes all of the counties in the Plains Cotton Growers 41-county service area, will be 73 cents per pound following the close of this area's Oct. 1-31 tracking period.

The Upland Cotton harvest price for other counties in Texas that have sales closing dates earlier than Feb. 28 was also set at 73 cents per pound following the end of their Sept. 1-30 tracking period.

The 2012 Upland Cotton
Revenue plan harvest prices are
established during the applicable tracking periods mentioned
above by calculating the average of the daily closing value
for the December 2012 ICE
cotton futures contract. The
Revenue Plan harvest price is
used to calculate if a revenue
loss has occurred.

The 2012 Upland Cotton Revenue Plan base price, which is used to establish the initial revenue coverage amount, was set earlier in the year based on the average of the daily closing value for the December 2012 ICE Upland Cotton futures contract during their specified tracking period.

Producers in Texas counties with sales closing dates of March 15, which covers the PCG service area, have a 2012 revenue plan base price of 93 cents per pound.

Texas counties with Feb. 28 sales closing dates have a 94 cents per pound 2012 revenue plan base price, while counties with Jan. 31 sales-closing dates have a \$0.91 per pound revenue plan base price.

Shawn Wade

SURE Benefit Estimator now available

The final version of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's popular SURE Benefit Estimator recently was completed and made available for download.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Risk Management Specialist Jay Yates said virtually all of the information necessary to estimate a 2011 SURE program benefit is

available and has been incorporated into a new spreadsheet.

This version has been updated to include all available information related to the 2011 crop year.

The file is currently available for download from the Plains Cotton Growers website, at plainscotton.org and from the South Plains Profitability

Project website at southplainsprofit.tamu.edu.

To be eligible for a SURE benefit, a farm must have: 1.) at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance; 2.) a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for all economically significant crops; and 3.) been physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county by the Agriculture Secretary under a Secretarial Disaster Designation or in a contiguous county.

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Shawn Wade

Extension names new South Plains administrator

Special to the Dispatch

LUBBOCK — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will gain a new administrator for county programs for the South Plains District effective Nov. 15.

Michael Clawson will assume the role of district AgriLife Extension administrator for District 2, said Darrell Dromgoole, the Extension's associate director for county programs at College Station.

"Mr. Clawson brings extensive experience to this position, having served as an AgriLife Extension agent in Ector, Swisher, Sherman and Motley counties, and as an assistant agent in Liberty County," Dromgoole said. "Michael has distinguished himself throughout his career as an individual who truly embraces the mission of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. He is highly respected for his ability to work with people, his vision for program excellence and for his leadership skills."

Clawson's office will be in the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock, which serves as the headquarters for the 20-county district.

He earned a master's degree in agriculture education from Texas Tech University, a bachelor's degree in animal science from West Texas A&M

University and an associate's degree in business administration from South Plains College.

Clawson has been with AgriLife Extension since 1990. Throughout his career he has garnered a number of awards and recognitions based on his AgriLife Extension work. Those earned this year include both the National Association of County Agriculture Agents Association and the Texas County Agricultural Agents Associations' distinguished service award and the communication state winner award, also presented by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association.

"I am honored for the opportunity to serve District 2 as the District AgriLife Extension Administrator," Clawson said. "I grew up on the South Plains and spent the majority of my career in the area, so I'm well aware of the deep roots our agency has across the region. I am looking forward to working with county commissioner courts, county AgriLife Extension agents, specialists, and other AgriLife faculty in District 2 to develop and deliver quality educational programs to the area's residents."

Clawson fills the position formerly held by Miles Dabovich, who transferred to Vernon as the AgriLife Extension administrator for the agency's Rolling Plains District on July 15.

Varied plate of topics on menu for High Plains Ag Conference

Special to the Dispatch

LUBBOCK — A wide range of agricultural topics will greet participants to this year's High Plains Ag Conference.

The conference will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. FM 1294, Lubbock.

"This year's conference will address traditional and the crops for our area such as corn and grain sorghum, but we'll also be taking a look at strawberry production and pigweed control," said Robert Scott, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service clude:

agent in Lubbock County. "The topics are timely and I think it will be a day well-spent for those wanting to catch up on the latest developments in High Plains agriculture."

The program conducted by AgrLife Extension will offer five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units — one laws and regulations, one integrated pest management and three general; and five Texas Certified Crop Adviser continuing education units — three crop management and two pest management.

The program's topics and speakers will in-

 Growing strawberries on the High Plains using high tunnels; Dr. Russell Wallace, AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist, Lubbock.

• Corn production and drought-tolerant varieties; Jake Becker, Texas A&M AgriLife Research assistant, Amarillo.

 Corn Producers Board Association Update; David Gibson Texas Corn Producers executive director, Lubbock.

 Sorghum and wheat production; Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Lubbock.

 AgriLife program updates; Scott and Mark Brown, AgriLife Extension agents, Lubbock County.

 Pesticide laws and regulations; Debbie Slocum, Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide inspector.

• Pigweed resistance and lessons from 2012; Peter Dotray, AgriLife Research, Lubbock.

Individual preregistration is \$35 by Dec. 3 and \$45 thereafter. The fees include lunch.

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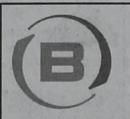
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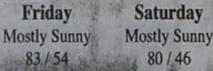
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Why does thunder always

come after the lightning

bolt?



Sunday Monday Mostly Sunny Sunny 65 / 35 59/31



Wednesday

Partly Cloudy



Thursday Partly Cloudy 58 / 34 61/35

Detailed Local Forecast

Tuesday

Sunny

62 / 30

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 83°, humidity of 36%. Southwest wind 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 90° set in 2006. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 54°. South wind 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 31° set in 1968. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 80°, humidity of 33%. South southwest wind 15 to 25 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 46°. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

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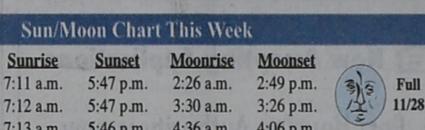
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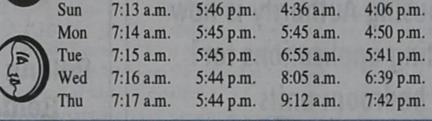
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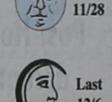
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11/3	67	44	67/39	0.00"	11/2	18			
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copy of it has seen the inside of a beauty shop. My attention was quickly diverted as Sandy gaily called out, "Hey there!" and thus we

to the commotion and chaos. A bit later, a woman, her hair draped in a towel, stopped by my chair to speak. It was Mrs. Lovett, my seventh-grade English teacher, the woman feared by all seventh-graders for her tough composition and literature classes. The teacher from whom an "A" was

began our own chatter, adding

cherished and hard won. I adored her.

In her composition class, she deemed my essays worthy of reading in front of the class and pointing out the vibrancy of the

It's probably fair to say I was her favorite, and she was mine. She began to encourage my writing, telling me I had a gift. I remember the first piece I wrote was about a newspaper editor named Reg Murphy, who had recently been in the headlines for being kidnapped and held hostage until he was released for a ransom.

Mrs. Lovett had instructed us to write on the person we most wanted to meet. Mine was Mr. Murphy. With a wide smile, she read it in front the class as an example of the kind of writing she loved to read. I got an A-plus, and, many years later, I met Reg Murphy. I now call him a friend.

If I were to trace completely the path of my writing, I would be hard-pressed to remember all the stories, all the stops along

the way. Without question, though, I can say my career path begin with earnest in Mrs. Lovett's class.

When that class ended, I had an "A" so I signed up for every class from her I could take. Oh, yes, she was tough. She was demanding. She refused to cheerfully entertain fools. She drove me to be better.

Later, when she was preparing to leave, she came back around the corner, grinning and holding up the copy of that book: "Gone With The Wind."

A teasing smile crossed my face and I quipped, "Now, this isn't the first time you're reading it, is it?"

I laughed at my own joke. After all, this was the book I read cover to cover - all 1,036 pages — the surhmer before my fifth-grade year. It moved me like a mountain shaken by an earthquake. The power of the story and the beauty of the words rattled me to the core.

I knew I had to tell stories like that, the kind that would linger in minds long after the reading was over. And, this was the English teacher who had blessed my literary journey, who had assured me I had the anointing to write such stories.

A sheepish look filtered through her eyes. She nodded slowly. My mouth dropped. "You're kiddin' me."

"No. I've never read it." I've read that book three times. I can quote the opening lines and the very last words and many sentences in between. I can write a thesis on how the book is unique in that there is no resolution at the end, how just when you think it will resolve, a new conflict arises.

How could it be the book that started my literary journey and the woman who encouraged my calling had never met before? That both were pulling me in the same direction, but they were strangers to each other?

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