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## City Council names new manager

### Watson will serve dual role within City Hall

By Wayne Hodgins  
The Post Dispatch

The Post City Council has named a new manager to run the day-to-day administrative activities at City Hall.

City Secretary Deana Watson has been serving as interim — if only in duty and not necessarily in title — since Arbie Taylor left the post in mid-November.

The appointment of Wat-

son to the position was made after a closed-door session during the regular council meeting Tuesday evening.

Councilwoman Melba Cimental said the appointment — which was unanimous in decision — will be in effect for at least 90 days until Watson can get her grounding.

"We all very enthusiastically welcome Deana to her new position within our city's government," Cimental said.

"She was hands-down the most logical choice."

Over the last several years, Watson has been working toward her certified public manager certification with the state of Texas.

Watson said she was humbled by the choice to name her as the city's newest administrator.

"I'm honored the council has placed enough faith in me to appoint me to this position," she said. "I look forward to serving the residents of Post."

Watson has served as city secretary at City Hall for the

last 15 years.

Cimental said Watson's new appointment would come with a dual title of city manager/city secretary.

"We do not anticipate filling the role of city secretary," Cimental said. "Our town is small enough that we are allowed to have one person serving both roles."

Cimental said the 90-day window would give Watson a chance to become accustomed to the duties and to ensure it's a proper fit.

"If for some reason she doesn't want to continue in the role after that time, we'll



WATSON

address that at the appropri-

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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.com.

### Holiday dance

The Cowboy Christmas Ball will be from 8 p.m. to midnight Dec. 22 at the Dickens County Show Barn. Entertainment provided by recording artist DeAnne Roberts. Hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks. BYOB. Tickets cost \$15 and are available at the Post Dispatch, 123 E. Main St. For information, email contact@spur2020.org or call Cory Winters at 505-314-4852.

### Chamber award noms

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations from members for its annual Outstanding Business and Citizen awards. The banquet will be Feb. 23, and nominations will be accepted through Jan. 8. For information, call Janice Plummer at 495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com.

### Red Kettle project

Members of the Post Lions Club will be "ringing the bells" to help the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Program every Saturday until Christmas at the United Supermarket in Post. This is the fourth year the Lions have participated in the event.

### Rabbit validations

Market show rabbit validations will be conducted at 5 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Garza County Junior Livestock Association show barn. For information, contact the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400.

### Christmas exhibit

"The Joy of Christmas," an inspiring exhibit of Nativities and crèches from around the world, is on display at the O.S. Ranch Museum, 201 E. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call 806-495-3570 for information. Exhibit closes Jan. 26.

### GED class

General Education Diploma classes are now in session and are free to the public. Classes meet from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 18 at Post High School. Enter through southwest doors. For information, email Ed Singleterry at esingleterry@postisd.net or call 495-2770.

### Beef symposium

The 2012 Southwest Beef Symposium will be Jan. 15-16 at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center in Lubbock. Pre-registration is 470. For information, call Bruce Carpenter at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Fort Stockton at 432-336-8585 or visit swbs.nmsu.edu.

## Woman arrested on felony assault charges

By Wayne Hodgins  
The Post Dispatch

A 45-year-old Post woman remained in the Garza County jail Tuesday morning on three assault charges, including injury to an elderly person.

According to Garza County sheriff's records, deputies were called to a residence in the 700 block of West 15th Street about 2:30 p.m. Sunday after a 26-year-old female called 911 to report her mother "was irate and had taken a bunch of pills."

When deputies arrived, they found the girl outside and could hear a woman inside the home screaming profanities and could hear things being broken inside the residence.

When deputies entered the home, a woman, later determined to be Burtch, walked toward the deputy in an aggressive manner. As the woman approached, the deputy was able to place her in handcuffs.

According to the report, the 26-year-old female told deputies her mother had been drinking and taken an unknown amount of Klonopin, a prescription anti-anxiety medication.

While the deputies were interviewing the young woman, they noticed red marks and scratch marks on her neck and also on the neck of a 70-year-old woman, who also was at the residence.

Kimberly Ann Burtch was taken and booked into the Garza County jail on two charges of assault with bodily injury under the Family Violence Act — both class A misdemeanors — and a third-degree felony charge of causing injury to an elderly woman.

She was arraigned Monday afternoon before Magistrate Judge Gordon Terry. Bond was set at \$56,000.



BURTCH

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## 71st anniversary



Wayne Hodgins/The Post Dispatch

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797 of Post, including the Ladies Auxiliary, placed a wreath in Memorial Plaza at the Garza County Courthouse on Dec. 7 in remembrance of those who died during the attack on the U.S.S. Arizona at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu. The local post is named after Garza County's first causality of the attack on Dec. 7, 1941, John Miller. Pictured here are Miller's niece, Claudette Miller of Lubbock, VFW Chaplain Mike Taylor, Ladies Auxiliary member Jaynie Dickson, VFW member J.W. Jolly III and VFW Cmdr. Chuck Ratliff.

## VFW honors Pearl Harbor victims

The Post Dispatch

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797 paid tribute last Friday morning — Pearl Harbor Day — to those residents of Garza County fought

and died that fateful day on Dec. 7, 1941.

Post members, including members of the Ladies Auxiliary, placed a wreath on the Roll on Honor memorial in the plaza at the Garza County Courthouse

in honor of those not only locally but also around the nation who died on the U.S.S. Arizona at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu.

The local VFW Post is

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## County finalizes state aid for water relief

### Process allows water district to proceed with well-rehabbing project

By Wayne Hodgins  
The Post Dispatch

Garza County commissioners this week signed the necessary paperwork that will direct state emergency funds to the water district to start rehabbing at least one of its wells.

In July, officials with the White River Municipal Water District urged its municipal members and

their county officials to apply for about \$2.5 million from the state's emergency disaster fund because of the ongoing drought at the lake.

While members of the Post City Council refused to apply for its portion of the grant, Garza County commissioners moved forward with the application and were awarded \$350,000 to be used to rehabilitate existing water wells within the dis-

trict's well field.

The grants are being administered through the South Plains Association of Governments. The work is being conducted under the auspices of the district and the Longview-based engineering firm of Johnson & Pace.

"There are two designated wells in the well field that are dedicated for Garza County," said project engineer Phil Elledge. "The funds that were received on your behalf from the state will be used to make the necessary repairs to those particular wells in order to make them more productive for the district."

Elledge said the wells are currently pumping about 50 gallons per minute, but after the rehabbing project is complete, he said, they hopefully will be pumping about 120 gpm.

The wells were drilled in 1999, he said, and since that time the casing and filters have become clogged to the point that a lot of sand is being brought up with the water.

In addition, Elledge reported, a similar grant awarded to Crosby County and the city of Crosbyton will be used to drill an additional water well.

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## Corrections

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## Deaths Christina Aguilar

Ana Christina "Flaca" Aguilar was born to Jose Guadalupe and Cindy Jo (Basquez) Aguilar on July 15, 1989, in Lubbock.

Flaca, as she was lovingly called, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Thursday, November 15, 2012, after a life-long battle with her illness. She was surrounded by her family and best friends at Odyssey Hospice in Lubbock.

She was raised here in Post and graduated from Post High School with honors. After graduation she continued her education at Lubbock Christian University, graduating in May of this year with a bachelor's degree.

Flaca loved dancing, basketball, music, spending time with her baby Aubre Lenae Garcia. She loved her Lord and was a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by maternal grandfather, Prudencio Basquez



CHRISTINA AGUILAR

on Nov. 26, 1999; paternal grandfather, Rufino Aguilar on April 3, 1997; and also by her paternal grandmother, Juana Aguilar on Dec. 12, 2003.

She is survived by her parents, Lupe and Cindy Aguilar of Post; maternal grandmother, Anna Basquez of Post; daughter Aubre Lenae Garcia of Post; Diana Basquez and Miguel and Regina Rodriguez, all of Post; Nicholas and Jesus Exiga of Farwell; Emiliano

and Emma Aguilar, Pedro and Eva Aguilar, Juan and Olivia Aguilar and Felipe and Juana Aguilar, all of Indiana; Paz and Cruz Aguilar of Houston; Dora and Leoncio Gonzalez of Portales, N.M., and Valente and Maria Elena Almaguer of Mexico; and many cousins and special friends.

Rosary was said 7 p.m. Monday, November 19, 2012, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, and Mass of the Resurrection was 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at Holy Cross Catholic Church with the Revs. Hugh Thekkel and Paul Karieakatt officiating. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Patrick Gonzales, Mikey Gonzales, David Lee Rivera, Mitchell Mills, Randon Blacklock and D.J. Rivera. Honorary pallbearer was Jacob Rodriguez.

## Marcella Hair

Marcella Hair, 79, of Post went to be with her Heavenly Father on Friday, December 7, 2012, at the University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born February 27, 1933, to Charles and Betty (Daniel) Ammons, here in Post. She attended Post schools and married Jack A. Hair on January 11, 1949, here in Post.

Jack got out of the Army in February 1950. They lived a short time in New Mexico and returned to Post. Marcella was very active in her church, having taught Sunday school and playing the piano for many years. She was a member of the Pink Ladies Auxiliary and was a Den Mother for Cub Scouts



MARCELLA HAIR

in the 1960s. She was a person that always had a good humor and never met a stranger. She is preceded in death by

one son, Jackie Glenn Hair on December 4, 2008.

She was a life long member of the Post Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include her husband of nearly 64 years, Jack A. Hair; four sons: Johnny Lynn Hair, Larry Joe Hair, Michael Jay Hair and his wife, Sharla, and Steve Allison Hair and his wife, Angie, all of Post; 17 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren on the way; brothers Other 'Pokey' Ammons of Post, Sterling 'Bugs' Ammons of Front Royal, Virginia, and Don 'Corky' Ammons of Post; sisters Ann Jackson of Bakersfield, California, Agnes 'Weaver' McKamie of Post and Virgie Jenkins of Brownfield.

Services were 3 p.m. Monday, December 10, 2012, in the Post Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Gregory White officiating with the Revs. Dave Menefee and Chuck Gibson assisting. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Scott Hair, Corey Hair, Robby Dean, Lance Wells, Kenny McKamie and Danny Yocham.

Memorials are suggested to the Post Church of the Nazarene, 202 West 10th Street, Post, Texas 79356.

## Springer to host town-hall forum next week

The Post Dispatch

State Rep.-Elect Drew Springer will host a town-hall forum Wednesday at the Heritage House in Post.

The forum will be one of 22 stops on Springer's two-day districtwide tour.

At the forum, Springer will discuss the upcoming legislative session and introduce his staff to the citizens of House District 68.

The Texas Legislature meets for only 140 days every two years. The next session, convenes Jan. 8 and will last until the end of May.

These town-hall forums will be an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn about the legislative process and how they can be involved to ensure their voice is heard, Springer said.

"It is important for elected officials to interact with



SPRINGER

their constituents on a regular basis," he said. "Getting feedback from the citizens of HD-68 will help me legislate in a way that better represents the diverse needs of our district."

Springer will host his town-hall discussion from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Heritage House is at 109 N. Ave. N in Post.

## Pet of the week



Janice Plummer/For the Dispatch

Ozzie is the last of the dogs rescued from the roadside park in October. He is about 9 months old and a real charmer. He's great with other dogs and loves everybody. His last brother was adopted Saturday, and he needs a family of his own. Contact the Post Animal Refuge Center at postarc@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Post Arc for adoption information.

## Cotton report

High Plains harvest nears completion

By Mary Jane Buerkle Special to the Dispatch

Very little cotton currently remains on the stalk on the High Plains, and gins are running continuously to en-

sure that the 2012 crop is processed in a timely fashion.

Some gin managers expect to be finished by Christmas while others will continue on into the new year.

Although the latest figures from the National Agricultural Statistics Services will not be released for another couple of weeks, Plains Cotton Growers officials estimate a crop of about 3.4 million bales, based on reports from area gins.

Area classing offices remain very busy, as Lubbock has surpassed the 1.7-million bale mark, and Lamesa is approaching 500,000.

Quality remains good, with more than 80 percent of cotton classed in the Lubbock office at color grade 11 or 21 for the week ending Thursday. Average leaf grade for the week was 2.49 and average staple was 35.43. Average strength was 29.97 g/tex and micronaire 3.78 for the week.

However, bark remains an issue at almost 30 percent. Typically, bark is in the 10 percent range, and last year's average was 16.6 percent. This could be caused by a wide array of factors, but it primarily depends on the condition that cotton is in when it is harvested. The early freeze may have had an impact.

December cotton continues to hover around the 70-cent mark while March futures are slightly higher at just more than 73 cents.

How blessed to live in such a community as Post, Texas! Words cannot express our appreciation of all the prayers, kind words, cards, meals and other shows of support we have received the last few months. We especially want to thank Vance Guthrie and Junction 84, the Dalby cooking crew, so many Post merchants and our many, many friends and family for the wonderful benefit that was put on last month. We are so humbled at the love, generosity and support we have received from so many. While I was unable to attend, and thank everyone in person, we would like to express now how much we appreciate it. We are hesitant to try to list everyone for fear that someone may be unintentionally left out. (working on thank you cards, but I am a little slow!) Our hope is that we can be as big a support to each of you, as you have us! Love and blessings to you all!

Shelley and Dicky Odom

## 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 Dwight Howard

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### Donation challenge



Submitted photo

The Community Recovery Center of Post on Tuesday donated more than \$100 in nonperishable food items to the Post Elementary School holiday food drive being conducted by students in the gifted and talented program. CRC director Chris Atkinson issued a challenge to other organizations and businesses throughout Garza County to match the donation. For information about the food drive, call the school office at 495-3414.

### Girl Scouts



Photo submitted by Alicia Graves

Girl Scout Troop 6864 of Post did their part in community service this last week and helped pick up litter around the park. This troop is planning a trip to Carlsbad Caverns in the spring after their annual cookie sale. Pictured (left to right): Averil Graves, Garrett Graves, Ryleigh Graves, Hailea Apolinar, Caitlyn Silva, Evangelina Zubia, J'nia Brown, Shayla Brown. Troop leaders Alicia Graves and Joni Huffman (not pictured).

### 4-H News

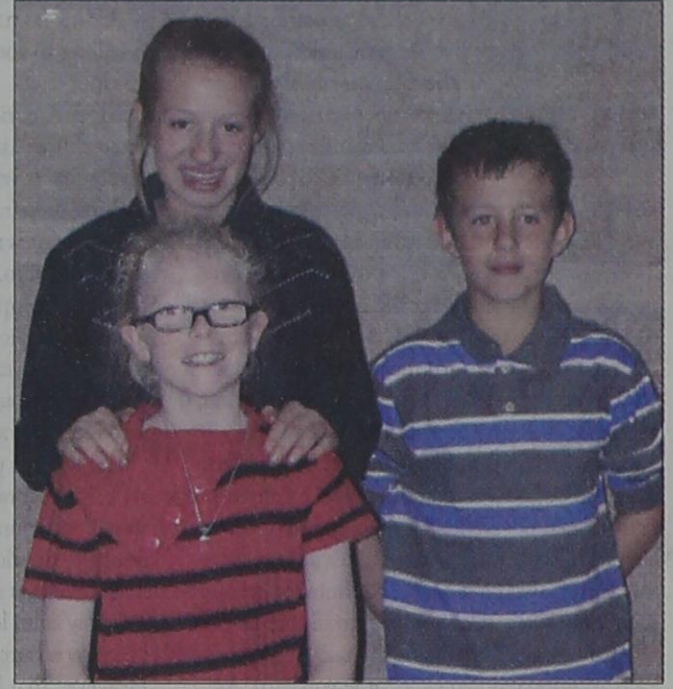
#### 2012 food show



Submitted photo

Three local 4-H members advanced to the District 2 Food Show in Levelland. Those competing were (back) Tori Huckaby, (front) Addee Williams and Latham Huckaby. Nancy McDonald, CEA-FCS, served as project leader.

#### Christmas Scavenger Hunt



Submitted photo

The annual Garza County 4-H Christmas Scavenger Hunt was another huge success. 4-H members (back row) Colton Thompson, Audree Williams, McKenna Campbell, Kelbie Oden and (front row) Emma Thompson, Addee Williams ran door-to-door for over an hour to bring in over 122 nonperishable food items. The 4-H club purchased two lighted trees and toppers. 4-H members all brought ornaments for the trees. Two local families will be surprised with a fully decorated tree, a turkey and more than 60 cans of food for this Christmas season. The youth celebrated with a pizza party following the hunt and each member received a \$5 Sonic card by Club manager Marci Oden. Others attending included Nancy McDonald, Mandy and Buddy Thompson, Janece Williams and Greg Jones.

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# The paperboy

## What is the fiscal cliff?

I speak with a lot of business owners, and I continue to hear fear and uncertainty. Of course, when you turn on the TV and hear of nothing but the fiscal cliff, China and impending doom, all that creates a lot of fear.

Congress appears to be working with President Obama in an urgent manner, but let's face it, neither side is going to bend much.

What is the fiscal cliff? Here is the definition according to investopedia.com:

"A combination of expiring tax cuts and across-the-board government spending cuts scheduled to become effective Dec. 31, 2012. The idea behind the fiscal cliff was that if the federal government allowed these two events to proceed as planned, they would have a detrimental effect on an already shaky economy, perhaps sending it back into an official recession as it cut household incomes, increased unemployment rates and undermined consumer and investor confidence. At the same time, it was predicted that going over the fiscal cliff would significantly reduce the federal budget deficit."

What that means for most U.S. families, according to the experts at the Tax Policy Center, is this: Middle-income families will pay an average of \$2,000 more in taxes in 2013. Many itemized deductions will be subject to phase-out, and popular tax credits like the earned-income credit, child tax credit, and American opportunity credits will be reduced. Retirement accounts such as 401(k)'s will be subject to higher taxes.

Your marginal tax rate is the tax you pay on each additional dollar of income you earn. As your income rises, your marginal tax rate (better known as your tax bracket) rises. For 2012, the tax brackets are 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent, 28 percent, 33 percent and 35 percent. If Washington does not act, those rates will go up respectively to 15 percent, 28 percent, 31 percent, 36 percent and 39.6 percent.

In addition, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that 3.4 million or more people will lose their jobs. The October 2012 unemployment rate of 7.9 percent represents significant improvement over the October 2009 rate of 10 percent. The Congressional Budget Office believes =up to 3.4 million jobs would be lost, post fiscal cliff, due to a slowing economy with layoffs stemming from cuts in the defense budget and other things. This could result in an increasing unemployment rate up to 9.1 percent or more.

Where we stand is here: Obama and Democrats want higher taxes (they say on the wealthy, but it would affect nearly every wage earner in the country) while not dramatically reducing spending.

Republicans want to leave the tax rates where they are while reducing spending.

At this point, it appears that neither side is willing to concede much to find common ground.

Most Americans remain clueless on how the fiscal cliff will impact them. Most small businesses fear it will have a negative impact and are making preparations as best they can.

As it stands right now, taxes are going to go up. In addition, Obamacare is going to place a burden on employers with unfunded mandates.

I can't predict the future, but if I were forced to predict what's going to happen if nothing is done, I'd say our fragile economy will plunge into recession and millions will be jobless.

Because we print money like it's going out of style, interest rates will begin to skyrocket and so will inflation, which will effectively place millions of Americans out of purchasing big ticket items like cars and houses.

I pray calm leadership surfaces and action is taken to ensure much of this does not happen. However, that has been the prayer of many who are aware of the negative possibilities, but those prayers continue to go unanswered.

There is one certainty: the time for action is running out.

Christopher Blackburn is publisher of The Knox County News-Courier and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.



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# Nancy's Notions

## The science of gifting and re-gifting

Let's say you got a book from your grandmother last year. You really enjoyed reading it and your niece has requested the same book this year.

Should you re-gift the book or just purchase a new one?



NANCY MCDONALD

What if your grandmother will be at the gift exchange or she wrote a personal message to you inside the front cover, will that affect your decision?

According to a Wall Street Journal report, many people shy away from re-gifting or hide the fact they are doing it out of fear the original giver of the item will be offended.

A recent study, (yes, there actually was a scientific study on re-gifting!) published in the journal Psychological Science says "don't worry." The person who first gave the item is less likely to be offended than the re-gifter expects.

The science behind re-gifting study found:

- 79 percent of respondents said re-gifting is socially acceptable during

the holiday.

- 22 percent of re-gifters said they re-gift to get rid of an unwanted item. (People under 30 are more likely to re-gift)

- Women re-gift at a 50 percent greater rate than men.

- 58 percent of people believe it is OK to re-gift (with up to 72 percent during the holidays)

The same study shows that some gift-givers spend time and energy trying to find just the right gift. But thoughtful gifts don't necessarily lead to greater appreciation, according to a study published in November in the Journal of Experimental Psychology: General. The benefit of a thoughtful gift is actually more meaningful to the giver, who derives a feeling of closeness to the other person, the study found. People are more appreciative when they receive a gift they have explicitly requested.

Another study found spending more money on a gift doesn't necessarily translate into greater appreciation. That might come as a surprise to many gift givers, who often assume that a more expensive gift conveys a higher level of thoughtfulness.

"Everyone has been a giver and receiver often in the past," says Francis Flynn, a professor of organi-

zational behavior at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business. "Despite knowing what these roles feel like, people often fail, for instance, to draw on the experience of being a recipient when they are shopping for a gift to give."

The take home message? If your friend loves chocolate meringue pie, make him one. If your grandmother loves to bake, get her a new cookbook or kitchen gadget. Friends of ours from the world of cutting horses exchange only homemade gifts. They draw names and make anything from homemade hot sauce to quilts, photo albums or spurs. A co-worker said her mother is giving each of them one of her treasured nativity scenes. The art of gift giving really has nothing to do with dollars and so much to do with thought. Once that tiny key is understood, gift giving, even re-gifting, can become so much more enjoyable both for the giver and the recipient. Don't let commercialism and society's expectations distract us from the real purpose of celebrating Christmas. Happy gift giving!

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

## Yesteryears

### 10 Years Ago December 12, 2002

No action was taken Monday by the Garza County Commissioner's Court regarding land acquisition near Lake Alan Henry for an emergency services building. Constable Daniel Yarbro requested the issue be postponed until more planning could be completed in building requirements.

The Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility took first place in last Saturday's Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau sponsored "Lighted Christmas Parade" downtown.

### 20 Years Ago December 9, 1992

Congratulations are in

order for Radley Nichols and Shelly Haney on their performances in the area all-state choir auditions held recently in Lubbock. Nichols advances to the next level of auditions after finishing as a third chair at the Lubbock audition and will represent Post High School at the all-state choir auditions in Odessa on Jan 9. Haney finished the area auditions as the second alternate and will remain on standby in case another member of her group in the choir cannot compete in the Odessa auditions. If Nichols or Haney successfully make it through the all-state auditions they will earn the right to perform with the Texas All-State Choir in San Antonio during the Texas Music Educators Convention

coming up in February. Mother Nature's blustery winter weather caused the cancellation of the Post Merchant Association's "Cowboy Country Christmas" celebration scheduled for Saturday, Dec 5, in Post. With sleet, rain, and snow whipping around, the plug was pulled on the day's planned festivities.

### 30 Years Ago December 5, 1982

Garza County's cotton harvest is almost finished with only two area gins still expecting a big part of their ginning still to come. Post Gin Co. here in Post, is usually later than most area gins, because of the growing season below the

cap being later every year. They are just getting started, and Hackberry Coop reports they are only halfway through their ginning season.

Seventeen Post Antelopes on All-District are Bill Black, Richard Cisneros, Curtis Clinesmith, Wade Giddens, Will Kirkpatrick, Tim Tannehill, Derek Walls, Milton Williams, Toby Craft, James Lee Mark Odom, Melvin Wynne, Giles Dalby, Daniel Gonzales, L.D. Harper, Irvin Price, Marvin Wynne.

### 40 Years Ago December 7, 1972

Coach Jay Wilson's Post High School girls' team, the Does brought their season record to 5-2 with a win over

Abernathy here Tuesday night. They are Jan Hall, Sylvia Smith, Anita Criado, Jodi Norman, Jenda Gilmore, Pam Feagin, Ann Mitchell, Lee Merrie Cross, Phyliss Kennedy, Becky Dalby, Melanie King.

Garza County's 1972 cotton harvest is really beginning to roll. The Dispatch's first "gin check" of the season yesterday afternoon showed a total of about 5,000 bales of Garza cotton either ginned or on the yard.

### 50 Years Ago December 6, 1962

Over 80 percent of Garza's big 1962 cotton crop was still in the field today with a white Christmas almost a certainty for all the gins in the county.

At least the ginner's are hopeful that their gin yards will be overflowing by the yule holiday. Estimates of the 9162 county harvest range somewhere between 20,000 to 24,000 bales.

Eleven indictments, involving 17 persons, were returned here Tuesday afternoon by a Garza County district court grand jury after two days of work. Leander Richard was indicted on two counts of assault with intent to commit murder and assault with a prohibited weapon for his alleged attack upon Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Merritt with a bowie knife Oct 28. Richard reportedly slashed at Merritt with the knife before the deputy drew his gun and ended Richard's resistance to arrest.

## Church Directory

**Assembly of God**  
Bethel Assembly of God (Bi-Lingual)- 407 May street  
Lifeline Church- 108 N. Broadway

**Baptist**  
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# Legends

## History of dairy business in Post

This week, Legends is all about milk cows. My little brothers, now in their 50s, would complain to our mother, "I don't want that old cow's milk; I want real milk from the store." Those two had the same mindset when it came to chicken eggs. We still tease them about being dumb.

When there are seven siblings, you fight a lot but laugh more. I'll bet you had rather read Legends than hear about my bio, but oh well. I was born in Roxton, a little town about 17 miles from Paris. My grandparents were James Lafate and Emma Vandygriff. The lived near the railroad tracks, a hop and a skip from downtown.

Papa was a farmer and horse trader and also had some mules. That's how I got my nickname, Ginnie, after a mule or a jackass, one or the other.

On one occasion while visiting Papa and Mama, a little black boy from across the tracks came with his bucket to collect sour milk from Mama. He was a real nice kid entering at the back door as Mama said, "Come on in, Junior." As he handed her the pail, he said, "Don't break the clabber Miss Emma." All these years, that has stuck in my mind for some reason.

In December 1996, my Cherokee grandmother passed away, and we were all back in Roxton for the burial. Although we have been gone from our old hometown for most of our lives, the folks in town never forget us, and if they know we are coming many gather on Main Street to welcome us.

That day a black man walked up to my brother Clyde and shook hands. Clyde called me over and informed me this man was Junior. That was a nice reunion for sure. OK, someday I'll write about me, the little girl "With Mullberry Stains On Her Feet," which is the title of my bio.

Now back to our story.

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Young people might want to attend a Saturday night party or take a date to church on Sunday evening, but such pleasure could be considered only if arrangements had been made to get the cow milked.

The cows needed grass, and in the summers they were taken to pastures on the edge of town. This job usually fell to the young boys in the family. As soon as the morning milking was finished, the boys followed the cow to the pasture gate, turned the cow in and walked the mile or so back home. One of the pastures was where the City-County Park is now located. South Lake provided the stock water, and the entrance was at the south end of Avenue K at the present highway department building. U.S. 84 was not there to separate the lake from the gate entrance. Another popular pasture was the "North Pasture." It was located in the vicinity of the present rodeo grounds. A concrete water trough used then still stands on the north side of the highway near North Avenue M.

There were cow trails through the vacant lots that the animals learned to follow, so there wasn't much driving or herding required. About six o'clock in the afternoon, it was time to go after the cows. The boys usually ganged up for the fun of going together. Much of the town site was mesquite-covered prairie, and while driving the cow it was not unusual to get a cotton tail for supper with a sling shooter or a well-placed rock.

The first real dairy was established in Post about 1922. R.P. Tomlinson moved here in 1921, when Mr. Tomlinson took over the management of Two Draw Lake. About the next year he established the Post Dairy at what is now South Avenue M and West Second Street. That was "in the country" then. Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson and their son Bland operated the dairy.

Dairying has always been hard work. The day began at 3 a.m. when the cows had to be milked. It was done entirely by hand then, but, about 1928, milking machines were added and that made the job somewhat easier, unless the machines broke down, then temporary help (usually a school boy or two) had to be called in.

After the milk was processed and bottled, it was loaded on a Model T (later a Model A) truck and delivered door-to-door to the customers. The delivery boy would jump off the back of the truck, leave the milk and pick up the empty glass milk bottle that the housewife had put out.

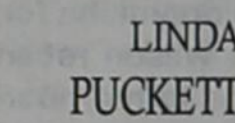
Often, she had left a note in the bottle, telling him to leave an extra quart because they were going to make ice cream, or informing him they were going to be out of town and would not need milk that day.

After delivering to the residences, they worked the cafes and later the grocery stores that stocked a few quarts for their customers.

In a day before modern equipment and refrigeration were realities, the work in a dairy was indeed hard, but Tomlinson's Post Dairy became an "institution" in the life of the community, operating until 1940.

Hope you have enjoyed looking back with me. See ya next week.

Linda Puckett is director of the Garza Museum and Historical Commission.

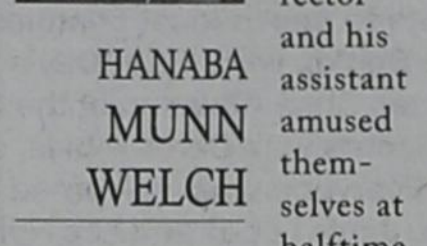


LINDA PUCKETT

## The 501 One-woman marching band

The last time I wrote about a timely topic, so did everybody else. Therefore, I'm staying mum about the fiscal cliff and where it fits on the Mayan calendar. Call me out of sync. I don't care.

My fifth year in college I joined the marching band. (I'd always wanted to be in a band.) The director and his assistant amused themselves at halftime



HANABA MUNN WELCH

from the top bleacher looking to see if I was out of step. Maybe they couldn't tell whether I was blowing that sax or faking it.

Anyone inept at group routines has to try harder. When you're in a marching band, trying harder means extra practice — difficult when the only place to march is up and down an almost deserted city street in the wee hours of the morning alone. I exaggerate.

I talked my friend Rick into pretending he had his tuba and marching with

me this way and that until I had all those lefts and rights and about-faces burned into my brain.

Anybody else out that late was likely to be intoxicated anyway. They probably asked themselves if they really saw what they thought they saw — two college students marching on Race Street with imaginary instruments. How nice of Rick to go with me on that outing! Rick, if you're reading this column in heaven, it's dedicated to you, dear friend.

More likely I'm on the reading list in Purgatory. I say that only because a somewhat autobiographical book written by Stephen King mentions the possibility that Purgatory will have a library. He thinks it will be his punishment to be able to check out only "Chicken Soup for the Soul."

Presumably, if you believe in Purgatory, some people will be forced to read nothing but my 501-word essays.

If you think "essay" is too fine a word, go with the second meaning — simply an attempt. Even the best essays are attempts. It's just that the best essay writers not only try but also succeed. Good for them.

Back to marching, and

if I've told this one before, sorry.

On a December night my friend Beverly and my now-husband Hugh and I marched in a Christmas parade. They had it easy; I was on stilts — the kind you hold with your hands.

We were behind a marching color guard. Hugh and Beverly were in step with the guard. I was not. Did I mention I was playing a harmonica? Beverly was singing and jangling a tambourine. Hugh was beating a stovepipe-looking percussion instrument from one of Beverly's elementary music classes.

For about seven blocks I tried to think how I could get in step. It seemed to me if I could skip just once, I'd be fine. I wanted to skip, but I just couldn't. And maybe that's why I still have all my front teeth.

Closing thought: When I took my stilt act to the nursing home, solo, all the residents seemed delighted. Maybe that's somewhere I'll someday be in step.

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Author unknown

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- milk
- Wednesday: Breakfast bar, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk
- Thursday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk
- Friday: Muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk
- Lunch
- Monday: Pizza, garden salad, carrots with ranch, sliced peaches, milk
- Tuesday: Ultimate taco salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit, milk
- Wednesday: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes with gravy, carrots, hot roll, pineapples, apples, milk
- Thursday: Chicken sandwich sack lunch
- Friday: Peanut butter and jelly sack lunch

- Trailblazers-Senior Citizens Center
- Monday: Hamburger steak, potato wedges, mix veggies, roll, cake, milk
- Tuesday: King beef casserole, Spanish rice, beans, tortilla, brownie, milk
- Wednesday: Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot raisin salad, roll, fruit, milk
- Thursday: Polish sausage, potato salad, roll, black-forrest parfait, milk
- Friday: Baked fish, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, pudding, milk

## Menus Week of Dec. 17-21

- Post ISD
- Breakfast:
- Monday: Waffles, sausage, butter and syrup, fruit, milk
- Tuesday: Muffins, sausage link, fruit, milk
- Wednesday: Cream of wheat, sausage, toast, fruit, milk
- Thursday: Pop-tart, sausage link, fruit, milk
- Friday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
- Lunch
- Monday: Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange wedges, milk
- Tuesday: Crispy tacos, garden salad, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce, milk
- Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, roll, milk
- Thursday: Spaghetti and meatballs, garden salad, green beans, sliced peaches, milk
- Friday: Turkey weenie and cheese wrap, sweet potato tots, cucumber dippers, seasonal fruit, milk

- Southland ISD
- Breakfast
- Monday: Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice, milk
- Tuesday: Sausage and egg biscuit, fruit, juice,

### Cryptogram Solution

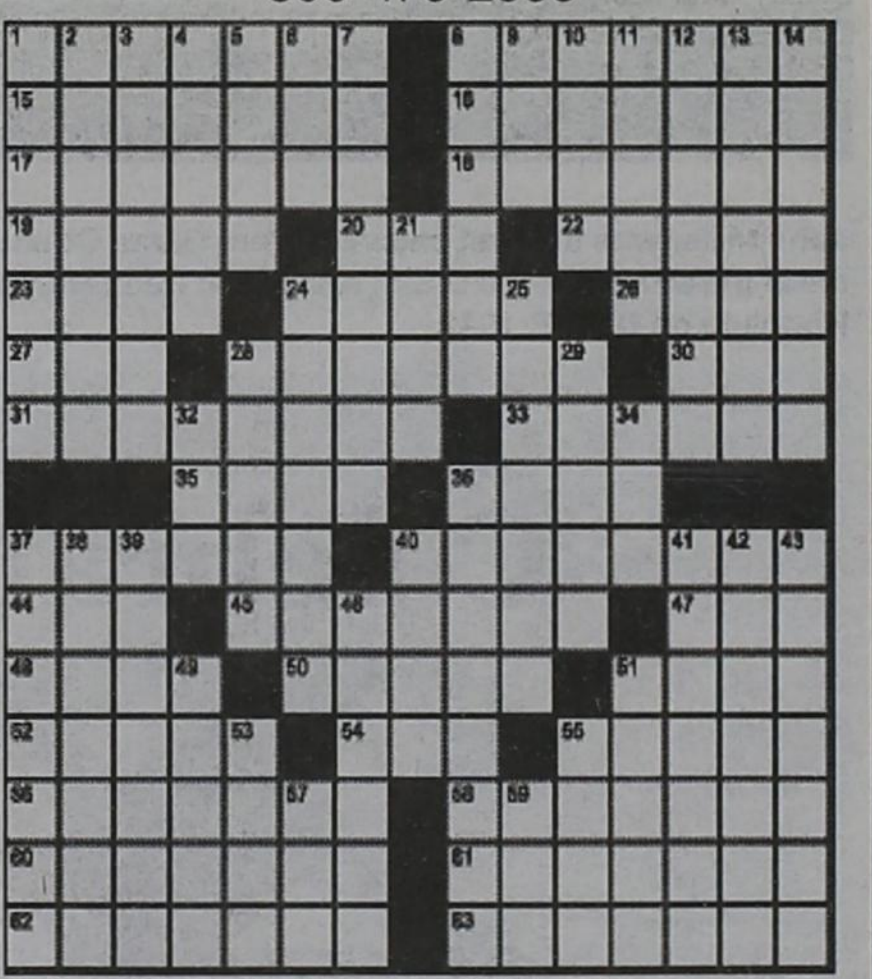
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17. Break into pieces (2 wds)  
18. Take back  
19. Continental money  
20. A pint, maybe  
22. Asian capital  
23. Western blue flag, e.g.  
24. Complain  
26. Bar order  
27. A.T.M. need  
28. Unoccupied  
30. "It's no \_\_\_!"  
31. Slogans  
33. Having winglike extensions  
35. Arabic for "commander"  
46. Ancient greetings  
37. Free  
40. Spider, e.g.  
44. \_\_\_ gestae  
45. Mechanic's equipment box  
47. "Aladdin" prince  
48. "Hamlet" has five  
50. Area of South Africa  
51. Assayers' stuff  
52. Sounds raucously  
54. Howard of "Happy Days"  
55. Gold braid  
56. Indian dish with seasoned rice and meat (var. spelling)  
58. Arranged in rows  
60. The alimentary canal  
61. One who leads a Spartan lifestyle  
62. The milling on coin edges  
63. Having lost the most freshness

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### PUZZLE SOLUTION

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Down  
1. Proof of purchase  
2. An ancient country in west-central Italy  
3. Using something jointly or in turns  
4. Coconut palms  
5. Says "When?"  
6. Basic unit of money in Romania  
7. Trellis on which ornamental shrubs grow flat  
8. News office  
9. "\_\_\_ moment"  
10. Literally, "king"  
11. Bubbly drinks  
12. To settle a problem through discussion (2 wds)  
13. Champion  
14. Having finished one's active working life



## Endowments bestowed



Submitted photo

The Post-Garza County Endowment distributed grants to seven local charities last week. Those attending the reception, hosted by Rosa Latimer-Bell at Ruby Lane Books, were Ruth Davis for the Post Lions Club and Toys for Tots, Rick Maestas of the Post Animal Refuge Center, Chris Atkinson of the Community Recovery Center and Pixie Grisham for Post Cares. Representing the Girl Scouts was Carol Tobias, and Ila Workman accepted funds for Meals on Wheels and Trailblazers Senior Center. Everyone was welcomed by P-GCE Board members Harry Record, Donna Aten, Curtis Hudman, Patty Kirkpatrick, Janie Lopez and Lee Norman. Not pictured is Diann Windham and Debbie Macy. The Post Garza County Endowments goal is to provide a steady source of giving to our local community.

## School donates to Lions



Submitted photo

The Lopes Club at Post Middle School sponsored a Halloween dance and accepted donations for admission. Assistant Principal Robert Wilson recently presented funds raised at the dance to members of the Post Lions Club for their Toys for Tots book drive. Pictured here is Lion Ruth Davis and Robert Wilson.

## VFW HONORS

From Page 1

named after Garza County resident John Miller, U.S. Navy Seaman First Class, the first local causality of the Japanese attack.

One of Miller's nieces, Claudette Miller of Lubbock, attended the Dec. 7 ceremony in Post. This year marked the 71st anniversary

of the attack that propelled the United States into World War II.

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ty to die in the attack on the U.S.S. Arizona at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu on Dec. 7, 1941.

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Kim Reiter's kindergarten students at Post Elementary listen as she explains the events of Dec. 7, 1941, as they watch members of the Veterans Foreign Wars Post 6797 lay a wreath in Memorial Plaza at the Garza County Courthouse last Friday, the 71st anniversary of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu.

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# Texas cotton getting a genetic 'tune-up'

## AgriLife Research contributing new quality to state's No. 1 cash crop

By Kay Ledbetter  
Special to the Dispatch

Can you imagine trying to build a competitive race car with old parts? Chances are, the entry would not fare well at the Indy 500. Very much the same thing might be said about today's crops, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientist.

"Contemporary crops such as Texas cotton are like finely tuned racing machines — they need high quality parts to perform optimally," said David Stelly, AgriLife Research cotton geneticist in College Station. "And they constantly need new ones to replace ones that are no longer functional, as well as those that are still effective but no longer at the cutting edge of competition."

Stelly said his role in the AgriLife Research cotton breeding program is to infuse new genes and gene combinations into the genetics and breeding research arena, "so that we can utilize natural genetic resources to help meet the many challenges breeding programs face."

Transferring genes into a cultivated crop from a wild species "is like swimming upstream, one is fighting all sorts of biological and genetic barriers," he said.

For years, he and his long-time research assistant, Dwaine Raska, have been transferring the alien genes by a special breeding process called "chromosome substitution."

"Using chromosome substitution, we can target one pair of cultivated cotton chromosomes at a time, and replace it with the corresponding pair of chromosomes from a wild species chosen as the donor. On average, each substitution replaces about 2,000 cotton genes with donor genes," Stelly said.

Having already developed chromosome substitution lines for many chromosomes from three donor species, Stelly is working in collaboration with a former graduate student, Sukumar Saha, now with the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service unit at Mississippi State University, and his associates, to document their effects on cotton plant and fiber improvement.

Stelly noted that the chromosome substitution breeding and research was made possible only because of teamwork among researchers and research supporters, especially AgriLife Research, the Texas State Support Committee, Cotton Inc., the Texas Department of Agriculture's Food and Fiber Research Commission and the Agricultural Research Service.

To significantly advance the cotton industry's "racing machines," breeders must shop around to find the best

parts, and figure out how to optimize their contributions to performance, he said.

"Fortunately, nature provides a plethora of genetic variation," Stelly said. "It's up to us to find it, move it into agronomically useful types, and to figure out how to use it wisely. Whether mechanical or genetic, making one change often requires that others be made to achieve superiority."

Contemporary production of cotton in Texas and elsewhere requires cotton seed with superb genes, plus good production infrastructure and technology, superb growers and a good dose of luck, he said.

"If a grower sows cotton seeds lacking a fantastic set of genes that confer high production, high fiber quality, resilience to stresses, pests and pathogens, expectations for the crop would be less than good from the outset."

The grower's requirements pose an extreme challenge for cotton breeding programs that release cultivated varieties, because producers must buy elite genetic types that are good-to-great for all traits, Stelly said.

Because of the ever-present pressure for rapid development of successful cultivars, U.S. breeding programs have historically relied heavily on previously developed cultivars and closely related lines as parents, he said. This recycling of genes from relatively few historically elite agricultural types of cotton has created a genetic "bottleneck."

"We have excellent genetic types of cotton and excellent cotton breeders, but we need 'new blood' or new cotton genes, to create lots of new genetic combinations, of which a few are likely to yield significant improvements," Stelly said.

While Texas leads the U.S. in cotton production, producing about 25 percent of the nation's crop on about 6 million acres, there is competition to this No. 1 cash crop for the state, Stelly said.



David Stelly, Texas AgriLife Research cotton scientist, operates his studies year-round, using a mixture of three greenhouses year-round and two summer fields, one consisting of transplanted seedlings and another from direct-seeding into the soil.

"Industrial technologies and competition from synthetic petroleum-based fibers demand significant modifications and enhancements to cotton fiber physical and chemical properties, especially those that affect dying and high-speed processing," he said.

Also, ongoing climate changes will alter the scope and scale of the challenges found in current production areas, and probably lead to production in new areas with new sets of biotic and abiotic problems, Stelly said.

"We can use genes to address these challenges and competition in the field," he said.

Genetic improvements or modifications can help keep pests and pathogens at bay, fight off abiotic stresses such as cold, heat, water deficiencies, salt and nutrient deficiencies, Stelly said.

Stelly sees the opportunities for genetic improvements as almost unlimited, and very exciting.

"A key ingredient, in almost all scenarios, is the

availability of ample amounts of genetic variation that is available to the breeder to mold new, improved genetic types using the combinatorial 'magic' of Mendelian heredity," Stelly said. "We are concomitantly developing high-throughput DNA marker methods for cotton to expedite that follow-through work with the chromosome substitution lines."

Traditional breeding methods are not very effective for infusing wild germplasm into cotton, he said, because during the back-crossing process, "we think that the alien genes get eliminated very quickly." Stelly uses a modified method for chromosome substitution to avoid those problems almost completely.

The effects differ among

each alien chromosome, he said, ultimately depending on which genes are present on that substituted chromosome, and how they interact with the other approximate 58,000 genes found in Upland cotton.

Stelly said they are beginning to apply genomics tools to determine which genes are present, which are expressed and how they interact. Once developed, the lines produced by the project can be screened and "used by anyone ... and for essentially any trait subject to genetic control," he said.

"The resulting advances will enable the baseline performances of cotton to be elevated, and could lead to unforeseen revolutionary advances."

Stelly said one of the group's main activities at present is to recruit partners — breeders, physiologists, pathologists — in studying these new chromosome substitution lines.

"We are actively seeking partners to help breed derived types that can help the research community pinpoint single-gene and multi-gene effects in manners complementary to other means of genetic analysis," he said. "My expectation is that with the aid of marker-based selection, the cotton breeding community will be able to use these new kinds of wild germplasm resources far, far more effectively than in the past. It just keeps getting more and more exciting."

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## Sports roundup

### Lopes lose at home to Coahoma

The Post High School boys basketball team lost, 61-52, to Coahoma at home Tuesday. Leading scorers were Tavish Soto 18, Austin Garza 12 and Taylor Soto 10.

BOXSCORE	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Post	8	18	8	18	52
Coahoma	18	11	12	20	61

### Lady Lopes take second in Borden Co. tourney

The Lady Lopes walked away with the consolation title this past weekend at the Borden County Basketball Tournament. After a first round defeat by Lubbock Christian High School, the varsity ladies were determined to win their side of the bracket. The remaining three games were dominated by our Lady Lopes pressure defense and transition game offense. Junior Taylor Osborn had 14 points and senior Haily Berry added 10.

Post-Lubbock Christian (Thursday)					
BOXSCORE	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Post	8	14	10	9	41
LCHS	14	13	18	16	61

Junior Taylor Osborn had 14 points and senior Haily Berry added 10.

Post-Borden Co. (Thursday)					
BOXSCORE	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Post	16	18	10	10	54
Borden Co.	2	5	15	5	27

Taylor Osborn had 18 and Haily Berry had 10 points.

Post-Spur (Friday)					
BOXSCORE	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Post	9	14	13	15	51
Spur	7	7	8	12	39

Senior Haily Berry had 10 points; sophomores Callie Oden and Kelbie Odom each had 11 points.

Post-Ralls (Saturday)					
BOXSCORE	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Post	17	8	21	12	58
Ralls	8	14	9	11	42

Haily Berry, Taylor Osborn, and Freshman, Lauren Record each had 13 points, respectively.

### Lady Lopes take win over Forsan

As of Dec. 4, the Post High School girls varsity basketball team was 6-6 heading into the weekend's Borden County tournament with a come-from-behind win over Forsan. Tied at 19 going into the half, the Lady Lopes were spurred on by Forsan turnovers caused by our tough pressure defense. Taylor Osborn led the scoring with 17 points. Callie Odom added 11 with three 3-pointers.

BOXSCORE	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Lady Lopes	6	13	11	14	44
Forsan		15	4	14	9 42

### Post JV girls lose to Forsan

The Post junior varsity girls played an aggressive game against an equally physical Forsan JV. The subvarsity Lady Lopes were much improved this week and played with heart and intensity.

BOXSCORE	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Post JV	3	3	3	4	7 17
Forsan JV	11	0	8	2	21

### Eighth-grade girls win over Roosevelt

The eighth-grade Lady Lopes are showing growth as they execute offense with maturity and are disciplined and dominant on defense. Brooklyn Courtney was the high scorer for Post with 13 of the team's 26 points. Sagrario Alaniz was ruthless as a rebounder, and Baylea Pittman took the helm from the point guard position. Thanks to the hustle and teamwork demonstrated by all of these young women, the eighth-graders brought home a big win against Lubbock Roosevelt.

BOXSCORE	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Post 8th A	6	8	6	6	26
Roosevelt 8th A	2	3	0	0	5



Photos courtesy Post High School photography  
The Lady Lopes played this past weekend in a basketball tournament at Borden County High School.



The Post Antelopes played this past weekend in a basketball tournament at Borden County High School.

## All-District football honors released

### The Post Dispatch

The All-District football team for Class AA, Region 1, Division II, District 2 — which includes Post, Abernathy, Floydada, Olton, Roosevelt and Tulia — was released Monday.

D.J. Brown was named the district's most valuable player.

First team offense honors went to lineman Mondo Martinez, receiver Dalton Holly and running back Bryan Smith.

First team defense honors went to linemen Travis Greathouse and Nathaniel Gill, linebacker Smith and defensive back Holly.

Second team offense was lineman Jason Walden and Gill, tight end Paden Babb, receiver Dylan Pearson and quarterback Pake Jones.

Second team defense was lineman Paul Martinez, outside linebacker Alan Alaniz and defensive back Campbell Kirkpatrick.

Honorable mentions were defensive back Pear-

son, linebacker Alejo Rodriguez, outside linebackers Babb and Caden Dean, kicker Aaron Lopez, punter Smith, receiver Troy Copeland, defensive back Austin Garza, offensive linemen Greathouse and Sergio Soliz.

Those named to the Academic-All District list included: Ricky Garza, Zeb Graves, Michael Holly, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Carson Kirkpatrick, Smith, Rodriguez and Jayson Walden.

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**CITY COUNCIL**  
From Page 1

ate time," Cimental said. "But for all intents and purposes, the city of Post has a new city manager."

In other business Tuesday, the council re-appointed Victor Ashley and Bill Poole as the city's representatives on the White River Municipal Water District board of directors. Before the two-year appointments were made, at least one council member admonished the new appointees.

"I'd like to see them report back to us more often," Councilman Mark Short said. "It

would help communication." Short was referencing what he has, for the last several months, lamented as a lack of communication between the water district and the city.

That lack of communication resulted in a great deal of tension between the two entities during the summer when the district seemingly tried to coerce the city — and the district's other members — into increasing its drought status in order to receive state aid.

The council also voted to accept the low bid of \$79,883.50 from Deerwood Construction of Lubbock for the construction of an eight-inch water line at Sandy Creek to replace the old main.

**WATER RELIEF**  
From Page 1

Elledge said district officials are continuing to work with area landowners in Crosby County — where the district's well field resides — to identify new groundwater well sources.

Tom Fulton, the general manager of the water plant at White River, told commissioners that even with the extra funding and work, district members continue to face tighter watering restrictions.

"Even if we get all of the wells in working order, we still may be looking at more restrictions," he said.

On Tuesday, White River Lake — which serves the municipalities of Post, Crosbyton, Ralls and Spur — was at 28.65 feet below the dam.

At 32 feet below, the lake is considered empty by state standards. The lake's capacity is currently at 5.21 percent, down .81 percent from the same time last month.

**Burn ban**

Commissioners on Monday also re-instated the county's partial burn ban. The ban, which has been in place since July, prohibits all outside burning from one mile west of the Caprock eastward throughout the county.

In keeping with the burn ban and the ongoing drought conditions, commissioners also on Tuesday banned some fireworks throughout the holiday season.

Any firework that includes skyrockets with sticks and missiles with fins will be prohibited through the new year.

**National study reveals trends in beef production, industry**

By Blair Fannin  
Special to the Dispatch

Continued expansion of branded beef programs and cattle herds with black hides are several trends identified in the 2011 National Beef Quality Audit, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Research meat scientist.

Jeff Savell, one of the audit's principal investigators and holder of the Manny Rosenthal chair in the department of animal science at Texas A&M University, provided an overview of the audit's findings before faculty members recently.

Savell said the audit revealed cattle with predominantly black hide color increased from 45.1 percent to 61.1 percent since the 2000 audit. There was also a significant reduction in the amount of mud and manure on hides, he said, as the industry has maximized cattle cleanliness to reduce the threat of potential contaminants coming into plants.

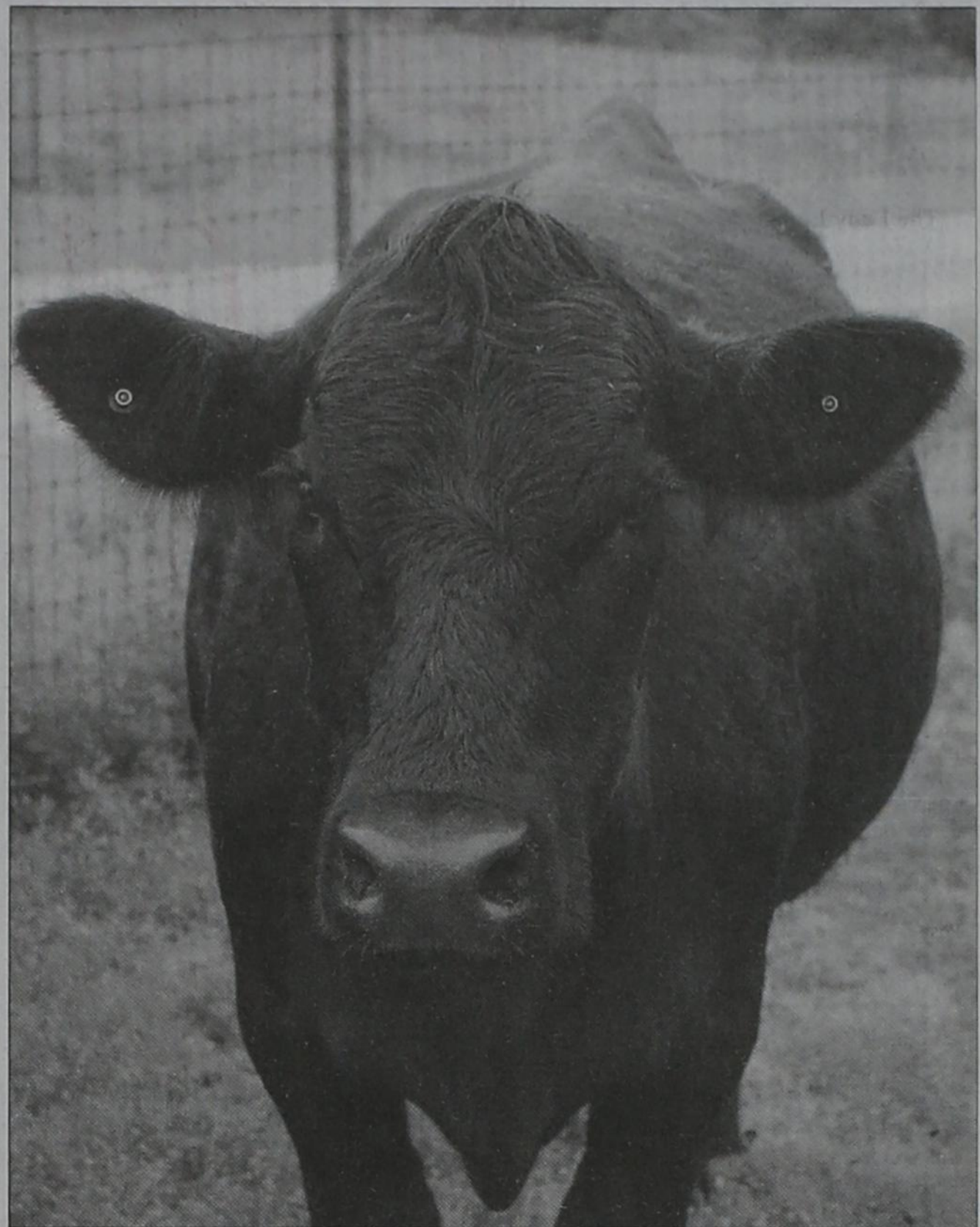
Branded beef programs continue to increase.

"There are 6.4 programs per processing plant," Savell said, as plants have also modified the way they sort cattle as a result of these branded beef programs.

"What used to be pretty common was to bring cattle in, harvest them, and then sort them after they had been chilled and graded some 36 to 48 hours later," he said. "Now they are doing a lot of pre-sorting for age and source and various branded beef programs, and have specialized days of harvest for them due to the respective requirements by these programs."

Carcasses are getting heavier, Savell said, but yield grades are "about the same." Average carcass weight for steers is 852.7 pounds and 776 pounds for heifers.

Of the many national meat-processing plants that were studied, Savell said



Blair Fannin/Special to the Dispatch

The 2011 National Beef Quality Audit revealed cattle with black hide color increased from 45.1 percent to 61.1 percent since the 2000 audit.

harvest floor data indicated that individual electronic identification reached 20 percent compared to 3.5 percent in the 2005 audit. Also found was 15.7 percent having metal clip tags compared to 11.8 percent in 2005.

"Cattle are also getting blacker," Savell said.

That applies to herds and branded beef programs containing black cattle. Black-hided cattle were 61.1 percent in the 2011 NCBA audit versus 56.3 percent in 2005 and 45.1 percent in 2001.

Meanwhile, Savell said animal welfare is a big

concern of major restaurant chains and the beef industry as a whole. Many have evaluated cattle handling operations and made changes, such as chute gates and how they may interfere with cattle movement and

potential bruising.

He said bruised carcasses declined by 77 percent in 2011, signaling heightened awareness and attention by the industry regarding cattle handling.

**CRIME**  
From Page 1

Her next appearance was scheduled for Feb. 25 in Garza County Court.

**18-year-old arrested on drug charge**

Garza County sheriff's deputies arrested an 18-year-old man Sunday night after the gray 2011 Dodge Charger was driving failed to stop at the intersection of 14th Street and Avenue F in Post.

The driver, later identified as Brody Wayne Duncan of Post, was found to be in possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

He was arrested and booked in the Garza County jail on one charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces — a class B misdemeanor.

Duncan was arraigned Monday afternoon before Magistrate Judge Gordon Terry. Bond was set at \$1,500, which Duncan later

posted and was released.

**Driver charged with invalid license**

Garza County sheriff's deputies arrested a 53-year-old man Sunday afternoon after the green 2001 Pontiac Grand AM he was driving failed to stop at the intersection of Avenue K and Fifth Street in Post.

The driver, later identified as Larry Wayne Harper of Post, was found to be driving on an invalid license with prior convictions of driving while license invalid. According to reports, the license had been expired since 1995.

He was arrested and booked into the Garza County jail on one charge of driving while license invalid with previous convictions, a class A misdemeanor.

Harper was arraigned Monday afternoon before Magistrate Judge Gordon Terry. Bond was set at \$2,000, which Harper later posted and was released.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

**For Oil and Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit**

RJD Management Co. Inc. P.O. Drawer 2130, Lubbock, Texas 79408, has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a formation which is non-productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Clearfork formation in the Tyler 82 Lease. Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 11 miles east of Post, Texas in the Hoople Field in Garza County. The waste water will be injected in the Tyler 82 #1 into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3475 to 3600 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

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POST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
For the Year Ended August 31, 2012

Data Control Codes	10		98
	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 7,989,797	\$ 76,601	\$ 8,066,398
5800 State Program Revenues	2,294,570	36,789	2,331,359
5900 Federal Program Revenues	95,632	1,041,989	1,137,621
5020 <b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>10,379,999</b>	<b>1,155,379</b>	<b>11,535,378</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
0011 Instruction and Instruction-Related Services	5,015,880	795,335	5,811,215
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	219,486	-	219,486
0013 Curriculum Development and Instructional Staff Development	156,202	-	156,202
0021 Instructional Leadership	79,778	16,000	95,778
0023 School Leadership	559,357	-	559,357
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	298,337	19,273	317,610
0033 Health Services	83,002	-	83,002
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	241,216	-	241,216
0035 Food Services	8,742	333,488	342,230
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	502,024	-	502,024
0041 General Administration	421,087	-	421,087
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,124,636	-	1,124,636
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	93,502	-	93,502
0053 Data Processing Services	141,938	-	141,938
0061 Community Services	6,902	-	6,902
0071 Principal on Long-Term Debt	82,196	-	82,196
0072 Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	-	-
0081 Capital Outlay	200,500	-	200,500
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Public Schools	1,777,997	-	1,777,997
0093 Payments to Member Districts of SSA	4,968	-	4,968
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	83,649	-	83,649
6030 <b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>11,101,399</b>	<b>1,164,096</b>	<b>12,265,495</b>
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(721,400)	(8,717)	(730,117)
<b>Other Financing Sources and (Uses):</b>			
7913 Proceeds from Capital Leases	306,700	-	306,700
7915 Operating Transfers In	-	8,717	8,717
8911 Operating Transfers Out	(8,717)	-	(8,717)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)</b>	<b>297,983</b>	<b>8,717</b>	<b>-</b>
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(423,417)	-	(730,117)
0100 Fund Balances — Beginning	7,016,448	-	7,016,448
3000 <b>Fund Balances — Ending</b>	<b>\$ 6,593,031</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,286,331</b>



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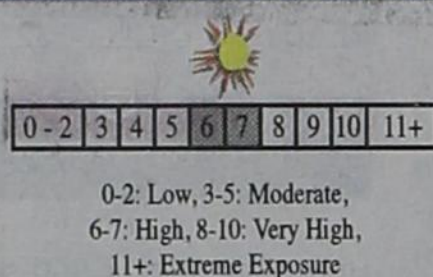


Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny 67 / 39	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny 63 / 33	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny 61 / 33	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Sunny 60 / 29	<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Sunny 57 / 25	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy 59 / 28	<b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy 56 / 24

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

Does lightning strike more women or men?  
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Weather History

**Dec. 14, 1924** - The temperature at Helena, Mont. plunged 88 degrees in 34 hours. The mercury plummeted from 63 above to 25 below zero. At Fairfield, Mont., the temperature plunged 84 degrees in just 12 hours, from 63 at noon to 21 below zero at midnight.

**Dec. 15, 1945** - A record December snowstorm buried Buffalo, N.Y. under 36.6 inches of snow, with unofficial totals south of the city ranging up to 70 inches. Travel was brought to a halt by the storm.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 67°, humidity of 34%. South wind 15 to 25 mph. The record high temperature for today is 77° set in 1969. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 39°. South wind 20 to 25 mph. The record low for tonight is 17° set in 1972. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 63°, humidity of 28%. West wind 15 to 20 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 33°. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	12:42-2:42	12:12-2:12	Tue	4:16-6:16	3:46-5:46
Sat	1:41-3:41	1:11-3:11	Wed	5:02-7:02	4:32-6:32
Sun	2:37-4:37	2:07-4:07	Thu	5:46-7:46	5:16-7:16
Mon	3:28-5:28	2:58-4:58			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:41 a.m.	5:40 p.m.	8:50 a.m.	7:32 p.m.
Sat	7:41 a.m.	5:40 p.m.	9:41 a.m.	8:41 p.m.
Sun	7:42 a.m.	5:41 p.m.	10:25 a.m.	9:47 p.m.
Mon	7:43 a.m.	5:41 p.m.	11:05 a.m.	10:51 p.m.
Tue	7:43 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	11:40 a.m.	11:51 p.m.
Wed	7:44 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	12:13 p.m.	Next Day
Thu	7:44 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	12:46 p.m.	12:50 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
12/4	64	38	55/28	0.00"	12/4	1	12/8	0		
12/5	65	34	55/28	0.00"	12/5	0	12/9	0		
12/6	74	40	55/28	0.00"	12/6	7	12/10	0		
12/7	62	31	55/28	0.00"	12/7	0				
12/8	65	33	55/27	0.00"						
12/9	48	24	54/27	0.00"						
12/10	41	11	54/27	0.04"						

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.

Dixie Divas

The art of grooming and the artless way of pointing it out

Not long ago, I was in Los Angeles and visiting Tink on the set of a television show that he was executive producing. We sat side-by-side in director chairs, watching as the scene was set up and actors took their place. I looked across Tink to see a woman studying me carefully.



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I smiled. She tilted her head then asked, "Are you Mrs. Tinker?" I smiled bigger. "Yes, I am."

"I thought so. You're Southern, right?"

There was no smile, no social engaging from her. I felt like a rat in a laboratory examination.

Again, "Yes, I am." "I can tell," she remarked solemnly. "I can tell by the grooming."

I blinked. Tink did, too. We both were speechless.

When I think "grooming," I think horses. I don't even groom Dixie Dew. She gets a bath and her nails clipped. After a long moment of digesting the comment, Tink finally spoke.

"Grooming?" he asked.

Now, let me tell you — no one washes and cleans more than Tink. He does an extraordinary job with soap, dental floss and cologne. So, the fact he found the comment odd shows it wasn't just me.

She nodded, still unsmiling and looked directly at me. "You have this Texas thing going. The hair, everything."

I laughed. What else to do?

There was a chance, after all, it was a compliment, even if it was back-handed.

"Well, OK. Thanks."

Fortunately, the director called for "quiet on the set" so the dialogue ceased before I got offended and she got to hear one of my quick-witted but dangerously sharp barbs.

My husband is a gentleman in every sense of the word, so I strive to remember that always and not embarrass him with a memorable zinger. Of course, we're still newlyweds, so I'm still

able to contain myself.

There, though, is surely coming a time when my restraint will vanish like dew under the hot summer sun.

Tink and I talked about it off and on for the rest of the day, both puzzled at the oddness, and I have continued to give it a lot of thought. It wasn't big hair that gave that impression that day.

Now, I love back-teasing and stiff hair spray as much as any self-respecting Southern woman, but that morning when I dressed then sprayed and fluffed my hair, I didn't like the look with the peasant-style chiffon shirt I was wearing. So, I "re-fixed" my hair. I flat-ironed it and gave it a straight, edgy, trendy look. It was mostly flat.

I applied a light hand of make-up, paying careful attention to lip gloss and mascara then put on earrings that dangle and bracelets that jangle. If anything, I was under-dressed compared to my Sunday morning church dresses and high heels.

I know what you're thinking, my friend. How did the other woman look? I'm getting there. For therein, perhaps, lies the answer.

Her hair was clean but disheveled, her face scrubbed but pale and bare and she wore no jewelry. She was attired in a rumbled white, ill-fitting cotton blouse, jeans and fat sneakers. I could make further comment, but since Tink chides me for being "mean," I'll stop. You can figure it out from here.

So, I have decided it isn't grooming I or any typical Southern woman have, it is more appropriately termed as "polish." We take a stone rough but pure in its beauty and spiff it up to a high sheen and maximum sparkle. This, I believe, is something to take pride in, not shame.

Later, I saw her again. I chuckled, a bit mischievously. "We're still talking about your grooming comment."

She nodded, her face emotionless. "You can use that in a story."

"Oh, don't worry," I assured her with a sly smile and tone that took her aback.

After all, I'm "groomed" to find good story material.

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