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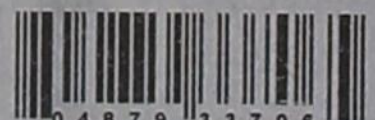


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# Texas mourns loss of Giles Dalby

## Longtime political force 'personified West Texas'

By **Wayne Hodgkin**  
The Post Dispatch

Legendary Garza County Judge Giles Dalby was remembered this week as a self-sacrificing public servant who never hesitated to put the interests of others above those of his own.

Dalby, 80, who died Friday at his home at the Cross H Ranch outside Post, was memorialized Tuesday afternoon at a service at Antelope Arena, attended by scores of family members, friends and local and state dignitaries.

He was buried later that day on his sprawling 17,000-acre ranch east of town in a service featuring "Taps" and a 21-gun salute. His burial site, not far from his home, overlooks a magnificent vista of the Caprock and the land Dalby loved.

Dalby retired in December 2006 as the longest-serving constitutional county judge in the state of Texas after 34 years of service to Garza County residents.

As a prelude to Tuesday's service, a moment of silence was observed for those affected by the Boston Marathon bombings only the day prior.

In eulogizing Dalby on Tuesday, his granddaughter Lindsey, said, "He didn't need to be judge. He just wanted to help out the county he loved."

Sen. John Whitmire, Dalby's onetime son-in-law and longest-serving member of the Texas Senate, said the judge was comfortable in any setting.

"He was the same person whether he was sitting with the governor of Texas at the capital or with the ranch hands out at the barn," Whitmire said. "He was as down to earth as you get."

"We know he's in a better place now — no illnesses or health issues. They've probably already made him a judge."

During Tuesday's eulogizing sermon, the Rev. Jerry Koch of the First Presbyterian Church of Post, where Dalby was a longtime member and elder, said Judge Dalby had a way of making

people feel at ease.

"He made us all feel special and deeply connected to him in his own way," Koch said. "He truly was a gentle giant, rooted to this great land he loved so dearly."

### Dalby's lasting legacy

Dalby was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades throughout his life. He was awarded the first Giles W. Dalby Award for Judicial Leadership in 2006 by the Texas Association of Counties and the Texas Judicial Association in 2004 he was awarded the organization's Trailblazer Award.

One of his most recent accolades, Dalby was honored with the Ranching Award at the National Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock last September in what was one of his last public appearances.

During his years in office, Judge Dalby maintained a focus on economic development. He was instrumental in the building of Lake Alan Henry; establishing the correctional and juvenile facilities, which were named after him; and played an integral role in developing the Postex Cotton Mill after its closing in 1983.

He served on a number of professional organizations, including president of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas, the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association and the Texas Association of Counties.

Lee Norman, who succeeded Dalby as county judge, said Dalby set a high standard to follow.

"I think we can equate Judge Dalby's legacy in the late 20th and early 21st centuries to that of C.W. Post in the late 19th and early 20th centuries," Norman said. "Both were visionaries and set high standards for how they wanted this country, as rough and raw as it is, to grow. Many people, including myself, felt like Judge Dalby was the heart and soul of Garza County just as much as Mr. Post was."

Norman said he felt one of Dalby's greatest local ac-

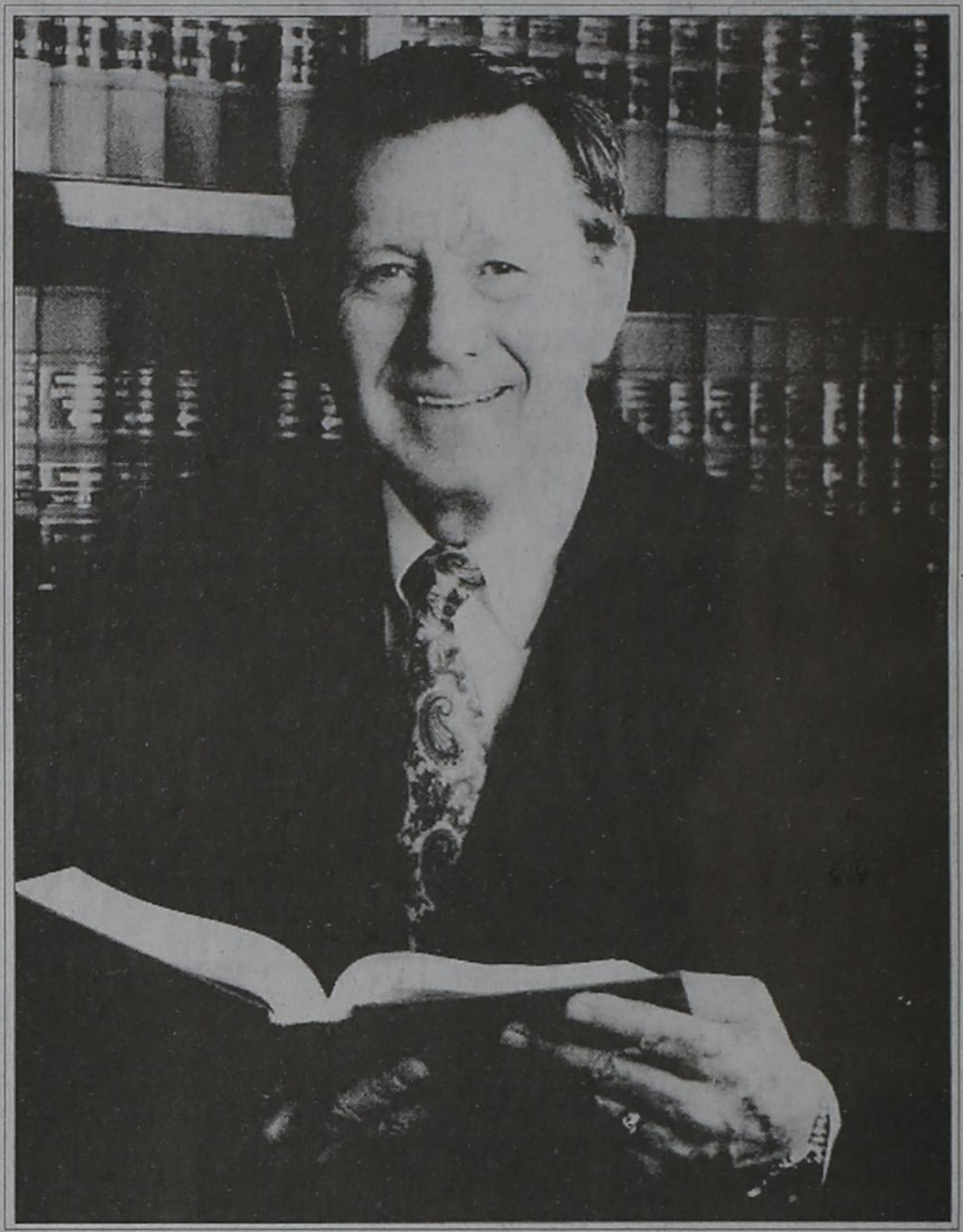


Photo courtesy of the Garza County Museum

**Giles W. Dalby, a Garza County judge for 34 years, is the longest-tenured judge in the state of Texas and the first recipient of the Giles W. Dalby Award for Judicial Leadership. The award was established to recognize Dalby's character, integrity and service to the judiciary, county government and community.**

complishments was helping to establish a facility that met the mental health needs of local residents.

"The Community Recovery Center here in Post was established because Judge Dalby and his wife, Nelda, saw a tremendous need right here in their own community; needs we might take for granted on a daily basis," Norman said.

Longtime County Attorney Preston Poole said Dalby's legacy would be felt by each new judge who comes into office.

"Judge Dalby was very conscious that defendants in court would receive a fair trial," Poole said. "His ties to the community as-

sisted him in having an understanding of the community in which he served."

### Condolences from around the state

John T. Montford, who served as the Democratic state senator for District 28 from 1983 to 1996, said Texas will miss the longtime politician, businessman and rancher.

"I was a great admirer of Giles Dalby," Montford said. "He personified the West Texas spirit as a successful businessman and rancher. He was a man of great integrity and compassion. I will cherish the years I was able to work with him as a member of the Senate."

Montford said Dalby was a man who could be counted on for sound advice.

"The thing about Giles was that he was always a good sounding board," he said. "Many times I would call him up and seek his advice on a number of difference issues. He was a tremendous force throughout the state of Texas and a great personal friend."

Alan White, chairman and chief executive officer of Plains Capital Corp., said Plains Capital had lost a dear friend and mentor with Dalby's passing. Dalby was a director for the bank for years.

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Our hearts were heavy with the loss of Emory (Chic) Stevens. Then God blessed us with a show of love from friends and family with calls, visits, flowers and food. We thank you for all the things you've done for us. The food brought to the house to Marge Tannehill and Cecilia Mason for help.

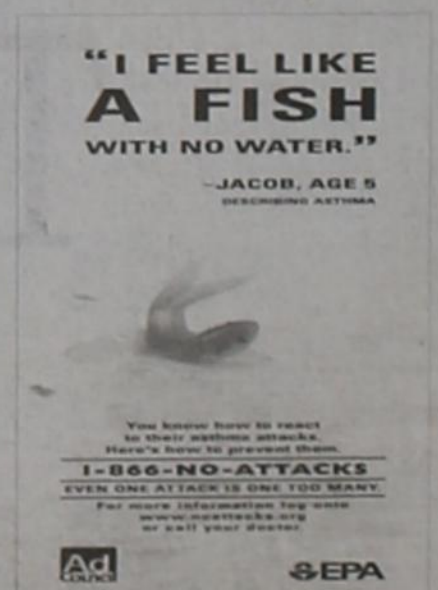
The special service from John Bil Hendrick, Charles McCook and Margie Maestas, Curtis and Richard Hudman of Hudman Funeral Home, the bearers Rodney Oden, Joe Bilbo, Robbie Bilbo, Mike Aten, Robbie Williams, Rynn Norman and Ray Mason, the ladies and men that helped with lunch after the service, to Hospice that was with us.

Gary and Kim Rogers of Roger Construction for the meal you catered we will always be grateful. May God bless you all.

The family of Chic Stevens  
Glenda, Kirk, Traci, Branda  
and Blace



**Giles Dalby, right, of the O.S. Ranch, accepted the Ranching Award at the American Cowboy Culture Awards banquet Sept. 6 during the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration at the Lubbock Civic Center. Dalby is shown here with his wife, Nelda, and son Giles Jr.**  
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## DALBY

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"Judge Dalby was an exceptional asset to our companies during his 30 years of service on the boards of directors of PlainsCapital Corp. and PlainsCapital Bank," White said. "It is with great sadness that we express our deepest sympathy to Nelda and the entire Dalby family."

Other remembrances from around the state included those from Gov. Rick Perry, who praised Dalby's service not only to the public but also to his own family.

"Giles Dalby was a rancher, jurist, father and a man of great integrity and unique West Texas values," Perry told the Dispatch. "The legacy he leaves as a father and public servant will leave a substantial hole in Garza County."

Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance, who once worked closely with Dalby as U.S. congressman in District 19, said Dalby was

a dear friend.

"He was the best spokesman in the state for rural Texas and was well respected in Austin and Washington, D.C.," Hance said.

### 'Papa' remembered

Dalby was the son of shipping and transportation magnate Arno Dalby and his wife, Blanche Connell, whose family was instrumental in the founding of not only Garza County but also Post City and of the O.S. Ranch.

He is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Nelda; and four children, Elizabeth Elliot of San Angelo, Rebecca Dalby of Houston, Charlie Mosser of Lubbock and Giles W. Dalby Jr. of Post; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Granddaughter Sarah, in her eulogy Tuesday, summed up Dalby's unique life philosophy, "Family was of the utmost importance to my grandfather," she said. "And family is not always who your blood is."



Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch

A horse-drawn wagon carries Giles Dalby's casket and body to his final resting place in a family burial site on the Cross H Ranch. The wagon is driven by Dalby's son, Giles Jr., and grandson Giles Wilson.



Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch

Flags were flown at half-staff Tuesday at the Garza County Courthouse and other county and city government buildings and sites in honor of Giles Dalby's life and service to the county.

## Nancy's Notions

### Dangers of distracted driving

With technology at their fingertips, drivers are constantly faced with distractions, such as talking or texting, which places their safety and that of others at serious risk. April is National Distracted Driving Awareness



NANCY MCDONALD

Month, and the Texas Department of Transportation is launching the "Talk. Text. Crash." campaign to raise awareness of the dangers associated with distracted driving and to encourage Texans to put down their cell phones while driving.

Distracted driving is becoming increasingly common and dangerous, causing traffic crashes and fatalities. This deadly trend is widespread in Texas, where nearly one in four crashes involves driver distraction, according to TxDOT. In 2011 alone, over 81,000 Texas crashes involved distraction in the vehicle, driver inattention, or cell phone use. Sadly, 361 of those crashes were fatal. Cell phone use contributed to 3,147 crashes, 40 of which were fatal.

Drivers can be distracted by conversing with other passengers, eating, smoking, manipulating dashboard controls, reaching for something in the vehicle, and talking or texting on a cell phone. Among the many distractions drivers face on the road, cell phone use is one of the most common and a major cause of distracted driving traffic accidents and fatalities. At any given moment during the day-light hours, over 800,000 vehicles are being driven by someone using a handheld cell phone, according to the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Teen drivers are more likely than other age groups to be involved in a fatal crash where distraction is reported. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted; 11 percent of all drivers under the age of 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crash. In Texas, 46 percent of urban teens and 52 percent of rural teens talk on a cell phone while driving, and nearly the same percentage text while driving, (Texas Transportation Institute).

"Drivers simply do not realize the dangers that are posed when they take their eyes and minds off the road and their hands off the wheel and focus on activities other than driving," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT's traffic operations division director. "Talk. Text. Crash." reminds Texans of the consequences associated with distracted driving. Eliminating distractions and putting away their cell phones while driving can and will save lives." The "Talk. Text. Crash." campaign aims to reduce distracted driving, not only for National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, but throughout the year.

Your local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agents remind drivers to put away their cell phones and wait until they arrive at their destination to use their phone.

Although cell phone use is the most easily recognized distraction, all in-vehicle distractions are unsafe and can cause crashes or fatalities.

Keep your eyes on the road and arrive alive.

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

## County judge honored for education efforts

Special to the Dispatch

Garza County Judge Lee Norman has been honored by the Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile to be prepared to handle his duties as county judge.

Judge Norman was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy March 1, 2013, at a reception in Lubbock, Overton Hotel, during the 2013 Spring Judicial Education Session.

The Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law and the Texas Association of Counties, names as Fellows each year those judges who attain significant judicial education above that required by state law.

The educational program of the Texas Judicial Academy is overseen by



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County Judge Lee Norman has been recognized by the Texas Judicial Academy.

the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty as well as representatives of the Texas Probate College and National Judicial College.

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# Deaths

## Giles Wilson Dalby

Giles Wilson Dalby, 80, of Post, went to be with the Lord on April 12, 2013, surrounded by his loving family. He was born September 1, 1932, in Lubbock to the late Blanche Connell and Arno R. Dalby. He married the love of his life, Nell Floyd, on June 2, 1952, and enjoyed 60 wonderful years together.

Dalby served many years as an elder at First Presbyterian Church of Post. According to Giles, his proudest accomplishment was his family, followed by his service to Garza County, the state of Texas and his association with Plains Capital Bank.

Memories will forever be cherished by his children, Elizabeth Elliott and her husband, Robert, of San Angelo, Rebecca Dalby of Houston, Charlie Mosser and husband, Johnny, of



GILES DALBY

Lubbock, and son Giles W. Dalby Jr. and wife, Mendy, of Post; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family would also like to acknowledge Dorothy Pringler, Rhonda Valdez and Lee Wayne Great-house for their years of love

and care to the family. He is also survived by special cousins Lynn and Buddy Forbess of Lubbock and Mary Louise McCrary of Lubbock.

He is also survived by longtime friends Joe Kirk Fulton, Jim Sexton, Bob Macy, and Jack Kirkpatrick.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are requested to First Presbyterian Church of Post (910 W. 10th St. Post, TX 79356) or the Community Recovery Center (P.O. Box 622 Post, TX 79356).

A celebration of life service was Tuesday at the Post Antelope Arena with burial to follow at the Cross H Ranch under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Family and friends are asked to visit his memorial website at [imorial.com/gilesdalby](http://imorial.com/gilesdalby).

## Tammie Montoya

Mass for Tammie Montoya, 49, of Post was Saturday at Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Hugh Thekkel officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Tammie died April 2, 2013, in Lubbock. She was born November 5, 1963, in Floydada to Pedro Barbosa and Margarita Ramos. She married Ruben Montoya on September 15, 1982, in Gail. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her



TAMMIE MONTOYA

husband, Ruben Montoya, of Post; sons Stephen Montoya of Post, Patrick Montoya of Louisiana and Giovanni Montoya of Post; daughter Donna Montoya of Post; her mother,

Margarita Ramos, of Post; brothers Jesse Barbosa of Colorado, Terry Barboza of Post, Willie Barboza of Post, Leonard Barboza of Post, Pete Barboza of Post, Felix Barboza of Brownwood, Frank Guerrero of Florida, Raymon Salas of Post, Miguel Torres of Post and Feliciano Torres of Post; sisters Moneka Tirgos of Denver City, Sylvia Pacheco of Albuquerque, N.M., and Marianna Cazares of Abilene and five grandchildren.

## Letter to the Editor



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Post Librarian Peggy Ashley and Community Recovery Center Director Chris Atkinson show the display of pamphlets and brochures available to the community on a variety relative to teen issues at the Post Public Library.

## Thank you Maxine Durret Earl Charitable Foundation

The Community Recovery Center, its staff and Board of Directors would like to express their sincere thanks to the Maxine Durret Earl Charitable Foundation and its trusted Board of Directors for a grant award that will allow us to keep our community and citizens more informed and better aware of alcohol and substance abuse issues and trends by allowing us to place public information stations in areas of public access.

Without the assistance of The Maxine Durret Earl Charitable Foundation this would have not been possible. These information stations contains informational brochures relating to past and current drugs of abuse, including synthetic drugs and "legal" highs, how to talk to your children about alcohol and drug abuse and supporting recovery efforts for those dealing with these issues.

These information stations will have information relative to teen issues such as self-harm, eating disorders, bullying, social aggression and other teen related issues. We would like to thank the following agencies for allowing up to place these information centers in their respective locations: Post Public Library, Southland High School, Garza County Adult/Juvenile Probation Department and Post City Hall.

We are continuing to work with other agencies and organizations throughout the community to place more information stations.

Individuals or organizations interested in placement of one of these information stations can contact The Community Recovery Center at 806-495-3173.

CHRISTOPHER ATKINSON  
Director, the Community Recovery Center

## Frances Craig

Frances Craig, 80, of Post went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, April 14, 2013.

Frances was born to Ivy Murden "Butch" and Alice Mae (Kent) Webb on August 18, 1932, in West. She was raised in West and graduated from West High School. After graduation she worked in Waco and later married Harold Craig on September 15, 1956, at West.

Harold was in the U.S. Air Force at the time and they made their home there in West. In 1969 they moved to Post, and she worked for H&M Construction and later went to work as a librarian's aide for the Post ISD. She retired in 1997 but served as substitute teacher for several years.

She was a lifelong Baptist and was a member of First Baptist Church. Frances' special interests were her grandchildren and family, her



FRANCES CRAIG

church, cooking, reading and enjoying her many friends.

Frances is survived by her husband of 56 years, Harold; sons Harold Kent Craig of Grand Prairie, Kevin Lynn and wife, Donna Craig, of Mansfield and Keith Webb and his wife, Libby Michelle Craig, of Lubbock; brothers Bobby Webb and his wife,

Joyce, of Lorena and John Webb and his wife, Ann, of Allen; sisters Billie Malone and Betty Winton and her husband, James, all of Waco; Shirley Bailey and her husband, Wayne, of Lubbock; grandchildren Kelci Craig, Kyle Craig, Karah Craig, Kate Craig, Chandler Craig, Sydney Craig, Libby Craig, Emmy Craig and Carter Craig.

Services were Wednesday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Steve McMeans of the Indiana Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock officiating. The Rev. Jack Maddox of the First Baptist Church of Post assisted. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice of Justice-Mason Funeral Home in Post.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Christian School, 402 W. Main St., Post, TX 79356.

## Church Directory

### Assembly of God

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

### Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church- 210 E. 6th Street, 990-2342  
First Baptist Church, Post- 402 W. Main Street, 495-3554  
First Baptist Church, Wilson- 806-628-6333  
Grace Baptist Church- 820 N. Avenue S- 990-3497  
Justiceburg Baptist Church- Justiceburg  
Pleasant Home Baptist Church- E. 14th & N Ave F  
Southland Baptist Church- Southland  
Temple Bautista- 315 W. Main  
Trinity Baptist Church- 915 N. Ave O, 990-3038

### Catholic

Holy Cross Catholic Church- Ave K and Main Street- 495-2791

### Church of Christ

Church of Christ- 108 N. Ave M 495-2326  
Graham Chapel Church of Christ- 15th & Ave S

### Church of God

Church of God of Prophecy- 602 W. 14th, 495-3644  
Power House Church of God and Christ, Pine Avenue

### Disciples of Christ

First Christian Church- 812 W. 13th, 495-3716

### Evangelical Methodist

Faith Chapel- 1105 Green Street, Wilson (806) 628-0018

### Methodist

First United Methodist Church- 216 W. 10th, 990-2942  
Graham Chapel United Methodist Church  
(Pastor: John Hedrick) - 611 FM #1313 806-549-1400

### Nazarene

Post Church of Nazarene- 202 W. 10th, 495-3044

Grassland Church of Nazarene- 327-5656

### Presbyterian

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# High School Track

## Post track teams finish strong; advance to area

LUBBOCK — The Post High School track teams competed April 10-11 in the District 3AA meet at Roosevelt High School. The teams were scheduled to compete Thursday in the area meet in Wolfthorh.

**Varsity Boys:** Team finished 4th with 80 points  
 100 M Dash; 2nd Place, Darren Brown; 11.16  
 400 M Dash; 4th Place, Dalton Holly; 53.89  
 1600 M Run; 2nd Place, Isaac Stern; 5:12.06  
 3200 M Run; 2nd Place, Isaac Stern; 11:33.35  
 110 M Hurdles; 3rd Place, Campbell Kirkpatrick; 17.31  
 300 M Hurdles; 5th Place, Campbell Kirkpatrick; 44.37  
 4x100 M Relay; 5th Place, Nathaniel Gill, Aron Lopez, Bryan Smith, DJ Brown; 45.72  
 4x200 M Relay; 4th Place, Nathaniel Gill, David Hernandez, Caden Dean, Aron Lopez; 1:35.93  
 4x400 M Relay; 6th Place, DJ Brown, Bryan Smith, Isaac Stern, Aron Lopez; 3:50.44  
 Long Jump; 4th Place, Nathaniel Gill; 19'8"  
 Shot Put; 2nd Place, Bryan Smith; 42'2.5"  
 Pole Vault; 2nd Place, Paden Babb; 11'0"  
 Discus; 2nd Place, Travis Greathouse; 133'11"  
 Discus; 5th Place, Bryan Smith; 120'11"

**Varsity Girls:** Team finished 2nd with 158 points  
 100 M Dash; 5th Place, Madison Carr; 13.95  
 200 M Dash; 1st Place, Haily Berry; 26.42  
 400 M Dash; 2nd Place, Taylor Osborn; 63.74  
 400 M Dash; 6th Place, Sarah Stinson; 66.77  
 100 M Hurdles; 1st Place, Miranda Apolinar; 17.00  
 300 M Hurdles; 2nd Place, Miranda Apolinar; 48.95  
 4x100 M Relay; 1st Place, Miranda Apolinar, Taylor Osborn, Bethany Curtis, Haily Berry; 52.07  
 4x200 M Relay; 2nd Place, Kelbie Oden, Cheyenne Gill, Madison Carr, Bethany Curtis; 1:54.23  
 4x400 M Relay; 2nd Place, Sarah Stinson, Bethany Cur-

tis, Taylor Osborn, Haily Berry; 4:17.36  
 Long Jump; 1st Place, Haily Berry; 17'1"  
 Long Jump; 4th Place, Kelbie Oden; 15'6.5"  
 Long Jump; 5th Place, Cheyenne Gill; 15'6"  
 Triple Jump; 1st Place, Haily Berry; 37'1"  
 Triple Jump; 2nd Place, Kelbie Oden; 33'11.25"  
 Shot Put; 1st Place, Sara Greer; 30'5.75"  
 Shot Put; 4th Place, Rebecca Taylor; 28'6.5"  
 Shot Put; 6th Place, Taylor Osborn; 28'3"  
 Discus; 1st Place, Taylor Osborn; 103'4"  
 Discus; 3rd Place, Rebecca Taylor; 86'10"  
 Discus; 5th Place, Sara Greer; 82'1"

**JV Boys:** Team Champions with 196 points.  
 100 M Dash; 2nd Place, Blaine Reece; 12.07  
 200 M Dash; 2nd Place, Dylan Pearson; 24.66  
 200 M Dash; 6th Place, Austin Garza; 25.67  
 400 M Dash; 2nd Place, Sammy Soto; 55.47  
 800 M Run; 3rd Place, Alejo Rodriguez; 2:23.37  
 1600 M Run; 1st Place, Blake Boren; 5:28.68  
 3200 M Run; 3rd Place, Blake Boren; 12:45.66  
 3200 M Run; 4th Place, Hayden Belongia; 12:55.61  
 110 M Hurdles; 3rd Place, Carson Kirkpatrick; 18.03  
 110 M Hurdles; 4th Place, Shandon Wiley; 18.58  
 110 M Hurdles; 6th Place, Wyatt Gray; 19.68  
 300 M Hurdles; 3rd Place, Carson Kirkpatrick; 45.36  
 4x100 M Relay; 2nd Place, Blaine Reece, Ethan Self, Shandon Wiley, Cambry Gilbert; 47.38  
 4x200 M Relay; 2nd Place, Jarred Curtis, Ethan Self, Austin Garza, Cambry Gilbert; 1:40.31  
 4x400 M Relay; 1st Place, Blaine Reece, Austin Garza, Cambry Gilbert, Sammy Soto; 3:48.25  
 Long Jump; 3rd Place, Jarred Curtis; 17'10"  
 Long Jump; 4th Place, Blaine Reece; 17'7.5"  
 Long Jump; 6th Place, Cambry Gilbert; 17'5"

High Jump; 1st Place, Cambry Gilbert; 5'8"  
 High Jump; 5th Place, Ethan Self; 5'4"  
 Pole Vault; 1st Place, Wyatt Gray; 10'0"  
 Pole Vault; 3rd Place, Tristan Fannon; 8'0"  
 Triple Jump; 2nd Place, Ethan Self; 39'5"  
 Triple Jump; 3rd Place, Jarred Curtis; 38'0"  
 Triple Jump; 5th Place, Shandon Wiley; 36'0"  
 Shot Put; 6th Place, Jayson Walden; 33'6.5"  
 Discus; 1st Place, Alejo Rodriguez; 99'11"  
 Discus; 2nd Place, Jayson Walden; 98'6"  
 Discus; 5th Place, Sergio Soliz; 93'4"

**JV Girls:** Team Champions with 192 points.  
 100 M Dash; 1st Place, Seaira Scott; 14.43  
 100 M Dash; 2nd Place, Maggie Shelton; 15.01  
 100 M Dash; 3rd Place, Quincey Quintana; 15.24  
 400 M Dash; 1st Place, Kelsey Griffin; 1:19.60  
 800 M Run; 1st Place, Kelsey Griffin; 3:09.49  
 1600 M Run; 1st Place, Kaitlyn Walden; 6:58.00  
 3200 M Run; 1st Place, Kaitlyn Walden; 15:53.00  
 100 M Hurdles; 1st Place, Lauren Record; 21.18  
 4x200 M Relay; 1st Place, Lauren Record, Maggie Shelton, Katie Dunn, Seaira Scott; 2:04.55  
 4x400 M Relay; 1st Place, Quincey Quintana, Lauren Record, Kelsey Griffin, Katie Dunn; 5:17.67  
 High Jump; 1st Place, Kelsey Griffin; 4'4"  
 Long Jump; 1st Place, Quincey Quintana; 12'3"  
 Triple Jump; 1st Place, Lauren Record; 27'10.5"  
 Discus; 1st Place, Alex Perez; 86'2"  
 Discus; 2nd Place, Lauren Record; 64'6"  
 Discus; 3rd Place, Mollie Burtch; 42'8"  
 Shot Put; 1st Place, Alex Perez; 24'8"  
 Shot Put; 2nd Place, Seaira Scott; 23'0"  
 Shot Put; 3rd Place, Mollie Burtch; 19'8.5"



The Post High School girls track team after the district meet last week at Roosevelt.



The Post High School boys varsity and junior varsity track teams after the district meet last week at Roosevelt.



Isaac Stern runs to a second-place finish in the varsity mile run at the district meet at Roosevelt.

Compiled by Beau Riker

## High school baseball

### Late single sends Post soaring over Roosevelt

LUBBOCK — Post and Roosevelt traded the lead seven times Tuesday, but the Antelopes ended up on top with a 6-3 win in seven innings over Roosevelt.

Post took the lead in the sixth inning and held on for the victory. The Antelopes went up for good on a two-run single by Pake Jones off Michael Gilbert, bringing home Cambry Gilbert and Christian Saucedo.

The Antelopes were led by Saucedo's hitting. Saucedo went 2-3 and scored three runs. He singled in the fifth and sixth innings.

Jones baffled Roosevelt, striking out 13 batters and allowing one earned run, four hits and two walks over seven innings.

The top of the first saw the Antelopes take an early lead, 1-0. A single by Dalton Holly, plating Saucedo started the inning off.

Roosevelt quickly matched the Antelopes' strong inning with a one-run inning of its own in the first. Roosevelt scored on an RBI double by Levi Sherrill.

Roosevelt matched its one-run second inning with one more in the fifth. In the second, Roosevelt scored on a wild pitch, scoring Matthew Alonzo.

The lead was Antelopes' to lose after sixth inning. More runs

came home on a groundout by Dylan Pearson.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Idalou	1	0	0	5	0	1	1	8	12	1
Post	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2

### Idalou drops Lopes, despite Pyles' big day

POST — Despite four hits, the Post Antelopes lost 8-0 to Idalou on April 12.

Brayden Pyles was hot from the plate for the Antelopes. Pyles went 1-3. He doubled in the seventh inning.

Callen Johnson got the win for Idalou. He pitched seven shut-out innings. Johnson struck out five, walked one and gave up four hits.

Idalou was sparked by Branum Stephens and Hayden Davey, who teamed up for five hits and two RBIs.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
PST	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	6	12	5
RSV	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	4	1

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CRUDE PETROLEUM  
AND NATURAL GAS IN  
THE STATE  
OF TEXAS

Corrected language on No.

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Austin, Texas  
April 5, 2013

**CORRECTED/RESCHEDULED  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

**ON THE APPLICATION OF SAGA PETROLEUM, L.L.C. OF COLORADO  
TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY RECOVERY AUTHORITY  
FOR THE SOUTHWEST GARZA UNIT LEASE  
GARZA FIELD  
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS**

**CAUTION: TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING IN OPPOSITION TO THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND FILE WITH THE COMMISSION THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST AT LEAST FIVE WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING DATE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU PREVIOUSLY FILED A NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST IN RESPONSE TO A PREVIOUSLY ISSUED NOTICE OF APPLICATION. [ Please read this entire Notice of Hearing for further instructions.]**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2013), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on

MAY 22, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 2001 et seq. (2013). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. of Colorado to consider Unitization and Secondary Recovery Authority for the Southwest Garza Unit Lease (Lease No. 61155), Garza Field (Field No. 34113001) in Garza County, Texas.

1. Approval of the Corrected Second Amendment to the Unit Agreement for the Southwest Garza Unit (Unit) that expands the Unitized Formation to include the lower San Andres formation. A copy of this Corrected Second Amendment is on file with the Docket Services office of the Railroad Commission of Texas at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701.

2. Approval of the expanded Unit as a secondary recovery unit pursuant to Chapter 101 of the Texas Natural Resources Code;

3. Approval of secondary recovery operations by waterflooding in the enlarged Unitized Formation that is part of the Garza Field (Field No. 34113001) as recognized by the Railroad Commission; and

4. Railroad Commission recognition of Saga's Southwest Garza Unit (Lease No. 61155) as an entity for density purposes.

Saga has more than 85% of the working interest and more than 65% of the royalty interest within the Unit Area of the Unit committed to the Corrected Second Amendment of the Unit.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, H. Philip Whitworth, at (512) 495-6300. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file a notice of intent to appear at the hearing, even if the party has previously filed a notice of intent to appear in protest in response to the Notice of Application. The notice of intent to appear at the hearing must be filed with Docket Services, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a party in opposition appears at the hearing without having filed a timely notice of intent to appear in response to this Notice of Hearing, the hearing may be postponed and re-set for a later date at the applicant's request or on the examiner's own motion. If the applicant fails to appear at the noticed hearing, the application may be dismissed without further notice or opportunity for hearing. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing by a Court Reporter, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services of any discrepancy or omission.

**THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.**

# The Paperboy

## Hard to keep info away from the public

On occasion, we must file a request for information. The process is easy and the outcome is usually the same. The entities cooperate.

When an instance does occur, it is usually out of ignorance of the law and not a deliberate attempt at keeping information from the public.

Below are some questions and answers related to the Public Information Act as provided by the Texas Attorney General's Office.



**CHRIS  
BLACKBURN**

**What is the Public Information Act?**

The Public Information Act, formerly known as the Open Records Act, is located at chapter 552 of the Government Code. The Act provides a mechanism for citizens to inspect or copy government

records. It also provides for instances in which governmental bodies wish to, or are required by law to, withhold government records from the public.

**What types of records are subject to the Public Information Act?**

Any information collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental body is subject to the Public Information Act. The format (paper, electronic, microfilm, etc.) of the record does not affect its status as a public record.

**What is a "governmental body"?**

For purposes of the Public Information Act, the term "governmental body" encompasses all Texas public entities at the state and local levels. It does not include the judiciary. Private entities may be considered governmental bodies if they are supported in whole or in part by public funds or they expend public funds. The Public Information Act does not apply, however, to private persons or businesses simply because they provide goods or services under a contract with a governmental body.

**How do I make a public information request?**

The request must be in writing and must be addressed to the governmental body. While the request does not need to be addressed to any particular person, it is a good practice to clearly label your correspondence as a "Public Information Request" or "Open Records Request." Requests sent via fax or email must be addressed to the public information officer or to the person designated by that officer to receive such requests.

**How long does the governmental body have to respond to my request for information?**

The Act provides that a governmental body must respond "promptly" to a request for information. If a governmental body is unable to produce the requested information within ten business days, the officer for public information must send you correspondence certifying that he is unable to do so and he must set a date and time when the records will be available to you.

**May a governmental body ask me why I want the records?**

No, a governmental body is forbidden from inquiring about the purpose for which the records will be used. However, if a request is unclear or very broad, the governmental body may ask the requestor to more clearly identify or narrow his or her request. Additionally, a governmental body may require additional identifying information to determine that the requestor is eligible to receive certain types of information.

**When may a governmental body refuse to release the information I request?**

If the information you request falls within one of the exceptions to disclosure found in the Public Information Act, the governmental body may refuse to release the information while it seeks an open records decision from the Attorney General. Unless the governmental body has a previous determination from a court or the Attorney General regarding the precise information requested, a governmental body cannot determine on its own to withhold information.

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# Yesteryears

10 years ago  
April 17, 2003

Early voting by personal appearance in the local municipal, school district and health care district elections is under way.

Voters in the City of Post, the Post Independent School District and the Garza County Health Care District will go to the polls May 3 to decide a variety of posts and proposals; however, voters can cast their ballots early by personal appearance through April 29.

A single central location will be utilized for balloting during the Garza County Health Care District May 3 elections.

According to an April 3 letter from the U.S. Department of Justice's Voting Section, the health care district has been authorized to set up a single balloting station during the upcoming election.

Jonathan McGregor, Adam Nobles and Russell Eaton are headed to Austin to compete in U.I.L. literary competition. McGregor advanced from regional competition in Ready Writing as second alternate, Nobles took first place at regional in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Eaton advances in Persuasive and Extemporaneous Speech.

The Post Antelopes outpointed Tahoka 10-7 in a District 4-2A game played Fried at Antelope Field.

Post's victory secured a playoff spot for the Antelope baseball team headed by first year head coach Max Kattwinkle.

20 years ago  
April 21, 1993

Post Cares will be one of the many agencies that will benefit from an afternoon tea scheduled for April 25.

The event is sponsored by the National Organization Share Our Strength's, Taste of the Nation.

Along with Post Cares (which will receive 10 percent of the days proceeds), 70 percent of the ticket proceeds will go to the South Plains Food Bank.

"I think it will be a worthwhile deal," said Dr. James Bell, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Post.

With a funding crunch apparently solved, Garza County Judge Giles Dalby is looking for volunteers to help with the summer recreation and education program in the county. Judge Dalby said volunteers are needed to make the summer program work.

"Last year we had such a success with the program," said Judge Dalby. Of the program that between 100 and 150 Post and Garza County youth took advantage of the activities offered. "Hopefully we can get as good a program this year."

Good old country music is the main fare for Country Caravan, which is coming to Post on April 30, 1993.

The Caravan Band, featuring the musical talents of students and faculty from the Creative Arts Department at South Plains College, Leveland, accompanies nine young, talented vocalists. The band is also featured in several instrumental acts, which will have the audience clapping in their seats.

30 years ago  
April 20, 1983

Post Chamber of Commerce president Jack King assigned members of the board of directors to a variety of committees during the regular monthly meeting Monday evening.

Among the committee assignments is the Fourth of July celebration, with Joe Giddens as chairman.

The directors authorized the committee to include a fireworks display for this year's celebration and planning for the event will begin this week.

Stan Whitfield with the TV cable company informed The Dispatch Monday that the sale of the Omni Cablevision Company to Star Cable TV was now in effect and that crews had been moved to Post to begin trying in the new lines and putting in new amplifiers.

The new cable company, whose headquarters are in Waxahachie, Tex., had previously told the city council that they would have the new system tied in within 45 days following the purchase of Cablevision.

One of the last schools developed by the Garza County School System was located 11 miles West of Post on the Garza-Lynn County line.

This school was named Garlynn and was consolidated with Magnolia school in the mid-thirties.

The former students and teachers of Garlynn are having their first reunion on July 24, 1983 at the community center in Grassland, Tex.

40 years ago  
April 19, 1974

A second place oil painting "Girl with a Peach," by Mac Carow, Lubbock, won the \$100 juror's selection cash award in the Post Art Guild's annual Easter Art Show here Saturday and Sunday.

The Post High School band was rated "superior" in sight reading last Thursday at the University Interscholastic League concert and sight reading contest in Seagraves and also received a rating of "excellent" in concert competition.

Post Chamber of Commerce directors have decided to hold quarterly membership breakfasts — the first to be announced — and authorized the expenditures of up to \$100 for improvements in the City-County Park.

Two Post Boy Scouts, David McBride and Bruce Blanton, along with some

500 other Scouts attending an Order of the Arrow Conclave in Plainview over the weekend, missed by only a few blocks being in the path of the early Sunday morning tornado that destroyed a part of that city.

The conclave was being held at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview.

50 years ago  
April 18, 1963

Nearly all the cropland has been laid by, but it's still too dry to plant, even for those who like to get some of their planning done in April, County Agent Syd Conner said, today.

Moisture measured in Post on the county agent's gauge thus far this year is .19 of an inch above the moisture total for the four months of 1962, but it still isn't enough to plant on, the agent said.

The division manager and district manager of General Telephone Company of the Southwest have told The Post Dispatch that as far as their company is concerned there is no chance of extended area service being started in July in areas of eastern and southern Garza County that are now without telephone service.

The telephone men's statement followed a recent talk before the Rotary Club here in which James Wright, manager of Caprock Telephone Co. Inc., of Spur said the extended area service "should begin sometime in July."

With several streets yet to go, work is continuing on the City of Post's current paving repair job, City Supt. Henry Tate said today.

Between 15 and 20 blocks had been patched before the recent rain hit, temporarily halting the project, Tate said.

The paving patching is being done with water emulsion at very little cost to the city, Tate said. The cost is between \$3 and \$6 a block for materials as compared with a cost of about \$150 a block for seal-coating.

Compiled by Anna Gibson

Thanks for reading The Post Dispatch

## 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.

### Prayer and fasting

White River Municipal Water District officials have called on local residents to pray for rain this week from April 14-21. Please continue in these next few days in prayer and fasting for our county and others around us that are in a desperate need for water.

### Holy Cross Catholic Church Fundraiser

Members of Holy Cross Catholic Church will be selling gorditas and chili rellenos plates with tea for \$7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Parish Hall.

### Track club

The Post Jackalopes will have signups for the summer track club in the Post Middle School commons area (enter through northeast door with wheelchair ramp). Please bring a copy of your birth certificate. Dates to register are as follows: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. today and April 29. Call Marcie Oden at 806-781-3247 for information.

### Horse validations

Four-H Connect horse validations will be conducted Friday through May 1. Cost is \$10 through April 15 and \$20 from April 16 through May 1. For information, contact the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400.

### Goat/lamb validations

State goat and lamb validations will be due no later than 5 p.m. April 19. Cost is \$10. For information, contact the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400.

### Steer validations

Steer validations will be due no later than 5 p.m. April 19.

Cost is \$10. For information, contact the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400.

### Graham Ole Opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday April 20th from 7:00 till 9:30 pm at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399. There is no admission charge; hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the building. Concession stand with drinks and snacks will be available. For more info call Noel White at 806-495-3261

### Willis benefit

There will be a barbecue brisquet benefit for Troy and Carolyn Willis at 5 p.m. April 27 at Trailblazers. Plates cost \$7. Donations will be accepted.

### Looking for talent

Daron Norwood from KSSLFM is looking for talent! Saturday, May 4 from 9:00-11:00a.m. Any age! Anyone! Top 3 contestants will move on to Thursday's showcase live on radio! To submit before May 4th please bring a bio and picture with either a CD, YouTube video address, or video of your voice to the Furniture Warehouse Sales building at 2828 34th St. Lubbock

### Scholarship opportunity

Community Recovery Center officials are now accepting applications for the C.J. Schoenrock Memorial Schoenrock scholarship presented each year to a graduating senior pursuing a degree in the areas of counseling and/or education. Qualified applicants are requested to submit an application to the selection committee no later than May 7. For information or applications, contact Chris Atkinson at 806-495-3173

### Volunteers needed

Post City Festivals is in need of volunteers to help build a number of the miniature houses on site at Silent Night Village. If interested, call Jackie

Cruse at 990-9907.

### GED prep

The Post Public Library website now offers life-learning resources for GED test preparation, job search and workplace skills. Visit wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/pplib to register. For information, contact librarian Peggy Ashley at 990-2149.

### GED test

The GED test is being revised and will be in use starting January 2014. It is being revised to better prepare students for college entry. As a result, the test will be more difficult to pass. If you or someone you know is interested in obtaining their GED, now is the time to pursue this goal. Classes are available at Post High School Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8pm. For more information, call 495-2770.

### Veteran benefits

War-time veterans or surviving spouses may be entitled to monthly income from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For information, contact Marsha Mahurin at West Texas Senior Resources at 806-781-3901 or email marsha.mahurin@yahoo.com.

### City Council

The Post City Council meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Council Chambers at City Hall, 105 E. Main St. For information, call 495-2811.

### County Commission

The Garza County Commission meets at 9 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Commission Chambers at the Garza County Courthouse, 300 W. Main St. For information, call 495-4430.

### School board

The Post ISD Board of Trustees meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the conference room at the Administrative Offices, 501 S. Ave. K. For information, call 495-3343.





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### NOTICE OF ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCIONES)

To the Registered Voters of the Post Independent School District, Garza County, Texas:  
(A los votantes registrados del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Post, Condado de Garza, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013**, for voting in a general election to elect **two (2) at-large School Board Trustee positions.**  
(Notifíquese, por la presente, que los centros electorales citados abajo permanecerán abiertos desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el **sábado, 11 de mayo de 2013** para votar en las elecciones generales para elegir **dos (2) administradores del Consejo escolar, con amplios poderes.**)

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.  
(El día de las elecciones los votantes deberán votar en la circunscripción en la cual están inscritos para votar.)

<b>Location of Election Day Polling Place:</b> (Centro electoral el día de las elecciones)	Post Community Center 113 West Main Street Post, Texas	<b>Centro Comunitario de Post</b>
<b>Location of Early Voting Polling Place:</b> (Centro electoral para la votación adelantada)	Post ISD Administration Office Oficina de administración 501 South Avenue K Post, Texas	<b>Días y horarios de operación para la votación adelantada</b> 8:00 am to 4:00 pm/April 29 - May 3, 2013 (M-F) 8:00 am to 4:00 pm/May 6 - May 7, 2013 (M-Tu) Closed Saturday and Sunday De 8:00 am a 4:00 pm/del 29 de abril al 3 de mayo de 2013 (lunes-viernes) De 8:00 am a 4:00 pm/el 6 y 7 de mayo de 2013 (lunes-martes) Cerrado sábados y domingos

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
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**Kay Postell**  
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)  
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación adelantada)

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- One ballot per person per week
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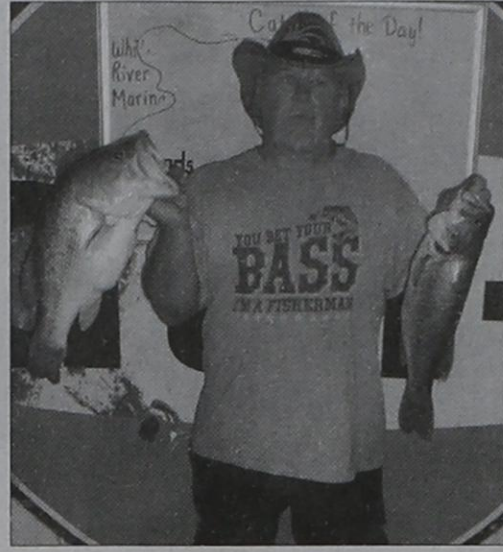


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# Big catches at White River



Photos submitted by A.O. Smith

Jerry Adcock (left) of Spur and Tim Michalak (right) of Lubbock show off their recent catches at White River Lake.

# Rotary Club



Wayne Hodgkin/The Post Dispatch

Members of the Post Rotary Club welcomed Karen Roller (fourth from left) from Circle of Hope ministries of the African country of Malawi during their weekly luncheon April 9. Roller gave members an update about the program, to which Post Rotary members recently participated in a friendly challenge with members of the Tahoka Rotary Club to donate funds. Circle of Hope also is benefited locally by members of the First United Methodist Church of Post. Pictured are Jay Lott, Tonya Kirkpatrick, Drew Kirkpatrick, all of FUMC; Roller, Rotary Assistant District Gov. Susan Brints; and Post Rotary President Kerry Dixon.

# Menus: Week of April 22 - 26

**Southland ISD**  
**Breakfast**  
**Monday:** Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk  
**Tuesday:** Sausage & egg biscuit, fruit, juice, milk  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast pizza or cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk  
**Thursday:** Muffins, Yogurt, fruit, juice, milk  
**Friday:** Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk

**Lunch**  
**Monday:** Corn dogs, baked beans, tomato and cucumber cup, apples, pineapple D'Lite, milk  
**Tuesday:** Nachos grande, refried beans, garden salad, orange slices  
**Wednesday:** Chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk  
**Thursday:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garden salad, baby carrots w/ranch, fruit, breadstick, milk

**Friday:** Pizza choice, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk  
**Post ISD**  
**Breakfast**  
**Monday:** Waffles, sausage, butter & syrup, fruit, milk  
**Tuesday:** Cheese omelet, toast, fruit, milk  
**Wednesday:** Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk  
**Thursday:** Cinnamon rolls, sausage link, fruit, milk  
**Friday:** Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

**Lunch**  
**Monday:** Beef & bean, chalupas, salsa, garden salad, refried beans, apple-sauce, milk variety  
**Tuesday:** Country fried steak, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, strawberry cup, roll, milk variety  
**Wednesday:** Chicken fajitas, charro beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, salsa, milk variety  
**Thursday:** Popcorn chicken, garden salad, apple slices, breadstick, baby carrots, milk variety  
**Friday:** Cheese burger, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, salsa, sliced peaches, milk variety

**Trailblazers**  
**Lunch**  
**Monday:** Polish sausage, sauerkraut, potato salad, fruit bar, roll, milk  
**Tuesday:** Roast beef, carrots, mashed potatoes, roll, jello salad, milk  
**Wednesday:** Char-broiled patty, mashed potatoes, squash, roll, pudding, milk  
**Thursday:** Beef enchiladas, rice, beans, corn bread, jello, milk  
**Friday:** Lemon Pepper fish, pinto beans, coleslaw, corn bread, brownie, milk



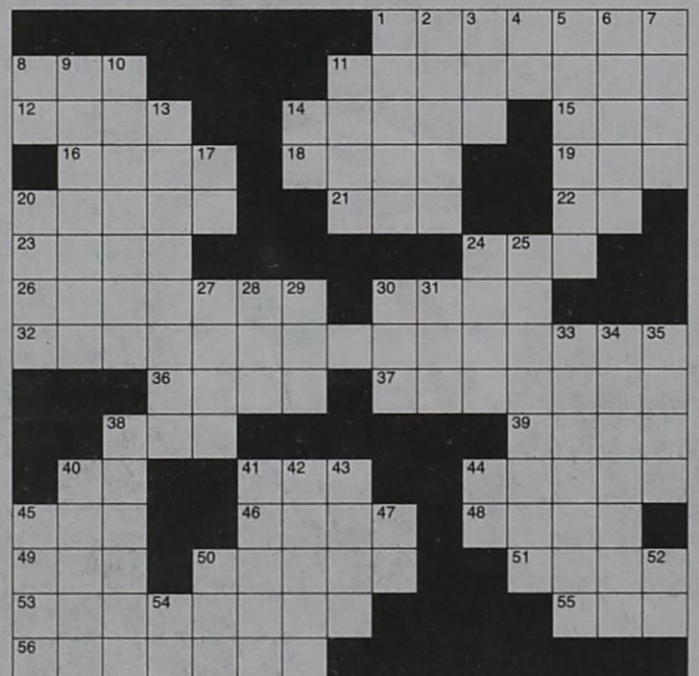
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Charles Harding, center, was honored as Paul Harris Fellow during the April 9 weekly luncheon of the Post Rotary Club. The award is named after the founder of the Rotary International and honors individuals who have contributed more than \$1,000 to the Annual Program Fund, the Polio Plus Fund or the Humanitarian Grants Program of the Rotary Foundation. Harding is pictured with Assistant District Gov. Susan Brints and Post Rotary President Kerry Dixon.

# Justice-Mason Funeral Home

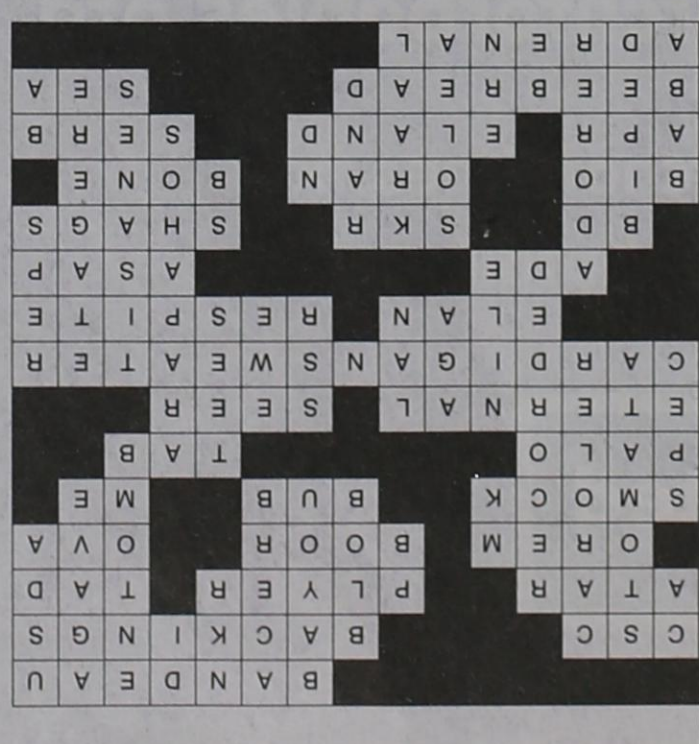
- CLUES ACROSS
1. A narrow band for the hair
  8. Reciprocal of a sine
  11. Financial fundings for a project
  12. Essential oil obtained from flowers
  14. Works diligently at a trade
  15. Small amount
  16. WordPerfect's home
  18. Crude uncouth ill-bred person
  19. Egg cells
  20. Artist's covering
  21. Guy (slang)
  22. Of!
  23. \_\_\_ Alto: California city
  24. The bill in a restaurant
  26. Continuing indefinitely
  30. A person with unusual powers of foresight
  32. Knit jacket
  36. Ardour
  37. A pause for relaxation
  38. Turns into noun
  39. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
  40. Bahrain dinar
  41. Swedish krona
  44. Long napped carpetings
  45. Word element meaning life
  46. Algeria's 2nd largest city
  48. Piece of a skeleton
  49. Diamond month (abbr.)
  50. African antelope
  51. Belgrade resident
  53. Apiary food
  55. A large body of water
  56. Endocrine gland

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  3. Norway
  4. Didymium
  5. Place in a grave
  6. American aloe
  7. Approves food
  8. The golden state (abbr.)
  9. Pores
  10. Roaming Christmas singer
  11. A shapeless form
  13. Put on tape
  14. Lead
  17. Initials of pink cosmetic giant
  20. Detail of design criteria
  24. Golf ball supports
  25. Plains Indians
  27. World's longest river
  28. Honorable title (Turkish)
  29. Local area network
  30. Former Soviet Union: U\_\_\_
  31. Female sheep
  33. Herb teas
  34. Furniture with open shelves
  35. Theater companies (informal)
  38. Admirer
  40. An animal with two feet
  41. Type genus of the Soleidae
  42. So African village
  43. "Anthem" author Ayn
  44. Antimony
  45. Small cake leavened with yeast
  47. The 39th state
  50. Sea eagle
  52. Baccalaureate degree
  54. Exist

# PUZZLE SOLUTION



### ORDER OF ELECTION (ORDEN DE ELECCIONES)

An election is hereby ordered to be held for Post Independent School District on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013, for the purpose of:  
 (Por la presente se ordena la celebración de elecciones en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Post, el sábado, 11 de mayo de 2013, con el propósito de:)

**Electing two (2) at-large School Board Trustees**  
 (Elegir dos (2) administradores del Consejo escolar, con amplios poderes.)

Applications for a place on the ballot shall be filed by: March 1, 2013.  
 (Las solicitudes para incluir un nombre en la boleta deberán presentarse antes del: 1 de marzo de 2013)

**Location of Election Day Polling Place:** Post Community Center, 113 West Main Street, Post, Texas  
 (Centro electoral el día de las elecciones)

**Location of Early Voting Polling Place:** Post ISD Administration Office, 501 South Avenue K, Post, Texas  
 (Centro electoral para la votación adelantada)

**Days and Hours of Operation for Early Voting:**  
 8:00 am to 4:00 pm/April 29 - May 3, 2013 (M-F)  
 8:00 am to 4:00 pm/May 6 - May 7, 2013 (M-Tu)  
 Closed Saturday and Sunday  
 De 8:00 am a 4:00 pm/del 29 de abril al 3 de mayo de 2013 (lunes-viernes)  
 De 8:00 am a 4:00 pm/el 6 y 7 de mayo de 2013 (lunes-martes)  
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Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
 (Las solicitudes de las boletas para votar por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Kay Postell  
 (Name of Early Voting Clerk)  
 (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación adelantada)

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# Hodgin elected to newspaper board

The Post Dispatch

Wayne Hodgin, editor of The Post Dispatch, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Panhandle Press Association board of directors.

The organization met for its 103rd annual meeting and conference April 5 in Amarillo.

The Panhandle Press Association was organized in 1910 as an educational, nonprofit organization to promote excellence in journalism. Its members include about 50 newspapers in the Texas Panhandle, South Plains, Oklahoma Panhandle, southern Kansas and eastern New Mexico.

The organization offers scholarships for graduating high school seniors planning to major in journalism and also a scholarship for college students.

For information about applying for the scholarships email thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.



WAYNE HODGIN

# Porter elected as Boss Lion

The Post Dispatch

The Post Lions Club has elected Jason Porter as the incoming president for 2013-2014.

Porter is the owner of Porter Hardware and has been a member of the local Lions club for five years.

Sue Ann Davis was named club vice president, and Byron Garrison will be the secretary/treasurer.

The Post Lions Club has been active in supplying glasses and eye examinations to any student in the Post Independent School District who may need them.

Post Lions also collect toys, clothes and books, through donations and club projects, for the annual Post Lions Toys for Tots program.

The Lions also give a yearly scholarship to a Post High School student, and monetary awards are available to PHS students who place in the District 2 T-2 speaking and debate contest.

The Post Lions have also selected PHS junior Andi Soliz as their queen for 2013. She will compete for scholarships in the annual Lions District 2 T-2 Contest in Lubbock on April 27.

The Post Lions also participate in the Texas Lions Camp (for children with disabilities), the Salvation Army Kettle Drive and the Annual PISD Teacher Appreciation Dinner.

The Post Lions Club meets at noon on the first and third Thursday of the month at the Veterans of Foreign

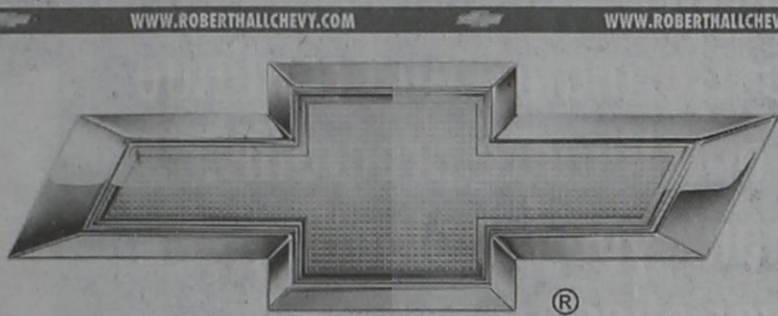


Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch

Jason Porter, right, was recently named president of the Post Lions Club. He is also pictured here with recently elected Vice President Sue Ann Davis and Secretary-Treasurer Byron Garrison.

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If you are interested in joining this service club and in helping our community, contact Byron Garrison at bgarrison@postisd.net.



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2004 Chevrolet 2500HD Crew Cab 4x4 LTZ, White/Black Leather, Duramax Diesel, 172K, #50771	\$11,250
2005 Chevrolet 1500 Crew Cab 4x4, Blue-Black Cloth, 5.3 V8, Z-71, #50671	\$12,300
2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser, Black/Gray Cloth, 4 Cyl, Auto, 80K, #50636	\$7,250
2007 Chevrolet 1500 Crew Cab 2WD, White/Black Cloth, 5.3 V8, Auto, Pwr Windows & Locks, 107K, #50806	\$15,500
2007 Dodge Durango SLT 4x4, gray/gray leather, all power, V6 Auto, 78K, #50695	Reduced \$13,800
2007 Chevrolet 1500 Crew Cab 2WD, white/black cloth, 5.3 V8, 107K, LT1, New body style, #50806	\$15,500
2008 Chevrolet 2500HD 4x4 L/B, White-Gray Leather, Diesel, Auto, Bedliner, Pwr Windows/Locks, #50943	\$17,850
2008 Chevrolet 1 Ton SRW 4x4 Crew Cab, Black-Gray Leather, Flatbed, Duramax Diesel, 125K, #50153	\$27,000
2008 Chevrolet 1500 Crew Cab 4x4 LS, Gray/Black Cloth, 4.8L V8, Tow Pkg, Pwr Windows & Locks, 42K, #50924	\$21,000
2008 Chevrolet 1500 Crew Cab, 2WD, white/charcoal cloth, 5.3 V8, Auto, LT Pkg., Steering Wheel Controls, Pwr Seat, 62K, #50865	\$19,995
2008 Chevrolet Colorado Crew Cab 2WD, red/ebony cloth, 1LT, 71K #50606	Reduced \$13,550
2008 Chevrolet Suburban 2WD, Silver-Black Leather, 2nd Row Buckets, Sunroof, Navigation, 97K, #50932	\$19,800
2008 Pontiac Solstice Convertible, Inferno Orange-Charcoal Cloth, 4-Cylinder, Manual, 6K, #50499	\$17,500
2009 Chevrolet 1 Ton SRW Crew Cab 4x4, Black-Black Leather, LTZ, Sunroof, Duramax Diesel, Front Bumper Replacement, Rhinoliner, 58K, #50937	\$37,500
2009 Pontiac G6 GT Sedan, Gray-Black Cloth, V6, Auto, Aluminum Wheels, 55K, #50498	\$13,500
2009 Chevrolet Tahoe LS 2WD, Goldmist/Tan Cloth, 5.3 V8 Auto, 2nd Row Bench, 49K, #50919	\$25,000
2009 Chevrolet 2500HD Crew Cab 4x4 Diesel, Bruton Flat Bed, White-Black Leather, 91K Miles, #50563	\$29,000
2010 Chevrolet 1500 2WD Crew Cab, Silver-Charcoal Cloth, 5.3 V8, Pwr Seat, Steering Wheel Controls, 27K, #50819	\$24,900
2010 Chevrolet Avalanche 2WD, black/black leather, bucket seats, Texas Edition, heated seats, 82K, #50840	\$21,500
2010 (2) Chevrolet Impalas LT, V6, 26,000 miles, goldmist/charcoal cloth	\$18,075
2010 Chevrolet 1500 Crew Cab 2WD, White-Gray Cloth, 5.3 V8, Auto. Front Bucket Seats, LT1 Equipment Pkg., 31K #50836	\$27,000
2011 Chevrolet Malibu 1LT, White-Gray Cloth, V6 Auto, 47K, #50939	\$13,850
2011 GMC Sierra Denali Crew Cab AWD, diamond white/tan leather, 6.2L V8 Auto, Bose stereo, 16k, Like New, #50827	\$40,500
2011 Ford F150 Crew Cab 4x4, White-Gray Cloth, V6, EcoBoost, RhinoLiner, 86K, #50931	\$22,000
2012 GMC Acadia AWD, Crystal Red/Gray Leather, 16K, SLT-1 Pkg, 2nd Row Buckets, Remote Starter, #30100	\$31,000
2012 GMC Acadia 2WD, Silver/Gray Leather, 15K, SLT-1 Pkg, 2nd Row Buckets, Rear View Camera, Remote Starter, #30099	\$31,000
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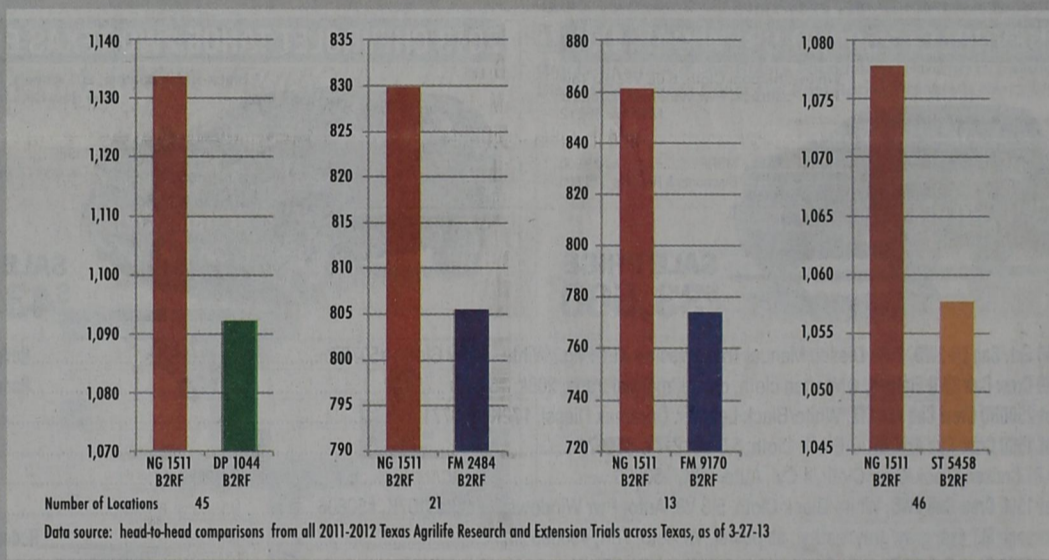


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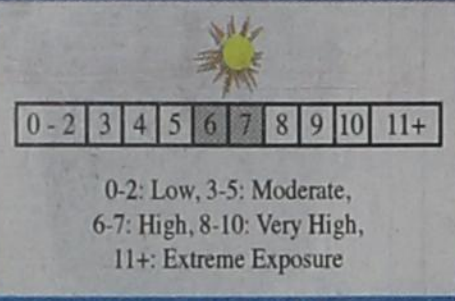


### Post Dispatch Weather Summary

#### Post's Seven Day Forecast

						
<b>Friday</b> Sunny 65 / 41	<b>Saturday</b> Sunny 79 / 48	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny 79 / 50	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Sunny 80 / 54	<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Sunny 64 / 45	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy 60 / 42	<b>Thursday</b> Mostly Sunny 68 / 44

#### Local UV Index



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

#### Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 65°, humidity of 19%. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 95° set in 1987. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 41°. South wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 36° set in 1975. Saturday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 79°, humidity of 13%. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Skies will be mostly clear Saturday night with an overnight low of 48°. South wind 15 to 20 mph.

#### Weather Trivia

What does the Saffir-Simpson Scale try to measure?

**Answer:** Hurricane characteristics, such as peak winds and damage potential.

#### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	6:40-8:40	6:10-8:10	Tue	9:51-11:51	9:21-11:21
Sat	7:26-9:26	6:56-8:56	Wed	10:44-12:44	10:14-12:14
Sun	8:13-10:13	7:43-9:43	Thu	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00
Mon	9:01-11:01	8:31-10:31	www.WhatsOurWeather.com		

#### Weather History

**April 19, 1988** - Severe thunderstorms over the southeastern United States spawned a strong tornado which destroyed 17 homes and severely damaged 30 houses near Madison, Fla., killing four people and injuring 18 others.

**April 20, 1989** - The temperature at Las Animas, Colo. soared to 100 degrees to establish a state record for April. Twenty-two cities in the central and southwestern United States reported record high temperatures for the date.

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>Full 4/25</b>	Fri 7:09 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	2:24 p.m.	3:08 a.m.
	Sat 7:08 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	3:21 p.m.	3:44 a.m.
	Sun 7:06 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	4:20 p.m.	4:18 a.m.
	Mon 7:05 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	5:20 p.m.	4:52 a.m.
<b>Last 5/2</b>	Tue 7:04 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	6:23 p.m.	5:28 a.m.
	Wed 7:03 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	7:29 p.m.	6:06 a.m.
	Thu 7:02 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	8:36 p.m.	6:48 a.m.

#### Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip
4/9	81	34	73/43	0.00"
4/10	52	22	73/44	0.04"
4/11	69	29	73/44	0.00"
4/12	77	49	74/44	0.00"
4/13	77	43	74/45	0.00"
4/14	89	52	74/45	0.00"
4/15	89	46	75/45	0.00"

#### Farmer's Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
4/9	8	4/13	10
4/10	0	4/14	20
4/11	0	4/15	18
4/12	13		

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## Dixie Divas

### Mama loved long stories

It was one of those days. The kind when you have a lot of work to do and none of it you want to do, so you just piddle.

Tink and I both were piddling. He had a script for a pilot to write, and I was rewriting the content for my website. Both creatively "stuck," we sat in our office — he in a



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cushiony comfortable chair and I on the sofa — and we piddled. We checked email, discussed the brief rain that came then — just as I set about serious work — Tink picked up the diary on the coffee table. It was Mama's.

And that is where the piddling ended and the story began.

My niece Nicole had convinced Mama to do a journal of her life, the kind you purchase and it asks questions such as, "What was your childhood like?" Mama, storyteller she was, plunged right into the task when Nicole gave her the journal. She loved to talk about herself.

Tink began reading. In a moment, he chuckled. I looked up and he said, "Long story." He pointed where Mama had been

writing about a romance previous to Daddy and about the break-up. When she ran out of page, she wrote in big, scrawling letters, "Long story."

I laughed. "Believe me, it wasn't because it was a long story that she didn't tell it, because the longer the story the better she liked it. It was too long to write."

That was Mama. She didn't get in a hurry when she was telling a story. She began at the beginning, looped lyrically through the middle and always dramatically ended the story. No amount of prodding, fussing or begging would get her to shorten a story.

"Mama, just skip all that," I would say from time to time. I enjoyed her stories, especially when on a long drive because she would talk from the moment we left the driveway until we arrived hours later wherever we were going. Listening to her stories made time pass quickly.

But there were times, of course, when I was in a hurry and I'd want her to get to the point. Imagine this — she ignored me. She kept on telling her story just as she intended.

I would roll my eyes, heave heavy sighs or throw my arms wildly in the air, yet she didn't bat an eye. She kept right on at her leisurely pace. She didn't even get flustered.

One afternoon, Rodney stopped by Mama's for something. As he was leaving, she commenced one of her tales. He kept edging out the door. Finally, he made onto the porch and down the steps but she had followed after him, never missing a lick in the telling of the tale. He shifted his weight from one foot to the other. Then, authoritatively, he looked at his watch and took charge.

"OK, Bonelle, it's 4:30 and I've got to be at Wednesday night church at 6. Can you finish by then?"

Mama lived 10 minutes from the church's front door. She paid him no attention. She continued on until, at last, she had the story told as best she could.

Mama, frugal in every other way, did not believe in an economy of words. The way she saw it, the longer a story took, the better it was. In truth, though, Mama was not a boring storyteller. She was artful and had a sense of timing crucial to the telling of a good story.


"Have you ever told a short story in your life?" I asked one day during one of marathon lengths.

She twisted her mouth tightly as off she did when annoyed.

"If it's too short, it ain't worth tellin'. Why waste the time?"


And you know what? She was absolutely right.

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
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