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Farm bill's failure riles area producers

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

Cotton growers throughout West Texas expressed disappointment this past week in the U.S. House of Representatives' rejection of legislation commonly known as the farm bill.

As the country's primary agricultural and food policy tool of the federal government, the House version of the bill became mired in partisan politics when a last-minute, GOP-backed rider concerning the federal food stamp program was tacked into the bill, drawing sharp criticism from Democrats and a threat of a White House veto.

Craig Heinrich, president of Plains Cotton Growers and a producer from

Slaton, said the legislative package adequately met the needs of cotton producers across the Cotton Belt.

"(It) was the best we could have expected in this budgetary climate," Heinrich said. "This bill saved money, reformed and streamlined programs and gave farmers assurance that they could continue to grow food and fiber to feed and clothe this nation and the world, and it is a shame that it could not make it to conference where some key differences could have been resolved."

The final vote tally on the bill was 195 ayes and 234 nays; 171 Republicans voted for the bill, including Texas Reps. Randy Neugebauer, Mike Conaway and Mac Thornberry; and 62

voted against it, including Texas Reps. Kevin Brady, John Culberson, Louie Gohmert, Jeb Hensarling and Steve Stockman.

Twenty-four Democrats voted for the bill and 172 voted against it, including Texas Reps. Joaquin Castro, Lloyd Doggett, Pete Gallego, Al Green, Gene Green, Ruben Hinojosa, Sheila Jackson Lee, E.B. Johnson, Beto O'Rourke and Marc Veasey.

Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, noted the bill would have reduced government spending by \$40 billion over the next 10 years.

"I think a good bill failed because it wasn't perfect," Neugebauer said. "Most Democrats didn't support it because they felt that \$20 billion was too

much to cut from food stamps. On the other hand, some Republicans didn't think we cut enough. I think that view is short-sighted."

Farm-friendly members of the House Agricultural Committee were largely responsible for the version of the bill that died. The package contained generous benefits to farmers, mainly in the form of subsidized crop insurance.

"The failure certainly wasn't due to lack of effort from the agricultural sector," Plains Cotton Growers Executive Director Steve Verett said.

Throughout the week, Verett was part of a group assembled by the

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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.

Trap/skeet shoot

The Garza County 4-H trap and skeet shoot will be Friday at the Palmer Gun Club. Youth will run the concession stand as part of their yearly fundraiser. The event continues Saturday at the Gaines County 4-H event center in Seminole. For information, contact the Garza County Extension office at 495-4400.

Ice cream social

The fifth annual Close City Community Ice Cream Social will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Close City School at the intersection of FM 399 and CR 230 of U.S. 380 West. Hanks & Company will entertain. Lawn chairs are recommended. Those interested in bringing ice cream or another dessert are asked to contact Nancy Morris at 806-239-0838. Directional signs to the event will be posted along roadways.

Graham Chapel

Hanks & Company will be in concert at 11 a.m. Sunday at Graham Chapel United Methodist Church. For information, call Nancy Morris at 806-239-0838.

Fourth of July

A communitywide Fourth of July celebration will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday at City Park. Food, games, music, family fun, fireworks. Vender space available. For information, call Dianna Poe at 495-3069.

Pet clinic

The annual low-cost pet vaccination clinic and dog dip will be from 9 a.m. to noon July 13 at the Post Volunteer Fire Department. Flea and tick dips will be offered for \$5; rabies vaccines for \$12; other vaccinations also will be offered at reduced rates for dogs and cats. The event is sponsored by the Post Rotary Club in cooperation with the Garza County Animal Clinic. For information, call the clinic at 495-3726.

Theater

Now playing "Saint John & The Televangelist." Runs each Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:00 p.m. from June 14 - September 14. Tickets available and show information online at Ragtown.com or call Ragtown Theater at 877-724-8696

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Dispatch garners statewide acclaim with TPA awards

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HOUSTON — The Post Dispatch won three awards in the Texas Press Association's 2013 Better Newspaper Contest on Saturday, including first-place honors in editorial writing among similar-sized weekly newspapers throughout the state.

In addition, the Dispatch garnered second place in column writing and fourth place in feature writing.

Publisher Christopher Blackburn, CEO of Blackburn Media Group, said the awards culminate a great rebuilding season for the nearly 90-year-old publication.

"Over the last year, we've strived to bring high-quality journalism back to the pages of the Dispatch," Blackburn said. "In doing so, we're re-establishing this publication as the No. 1 source of community news and information for residents throughout Garza County and for those friends and family members throughout the region and nation who still enjoy ties to their hometown."

The Dispatch's first-place award in editorial writing came from an entry of two submissions, one of which included a July 20 viewpoint questioning the White River Municipal Water District board's decision to increase the district's drought status from

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Golden 50 Award



Pat Burnett accepts the Golden 50 Award from Texas Press Association President Russel Skiles on behalf of her husband, the late Wes Burnett, former publisher of The Post Dispatch, who had worked more than five decades in service to journalism when he died unexpectedly in March. He most recently had been the owner and publisher of the Rockwall County News. Also pictured are the Burnett children, James Burnett, Kimberly Dolberry and Tim Burnett.

Former publisher honored for journalistic service

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

HOUSTON — Wesley Burnett, former publisher of The Post Dispatch, was honored posthumously Saturday with the Texas Press Association's Golden 50 Award in recognition of more than five decades of service to journalism.

When Burnett, 72, died unexpectedly March 28, it brought an end to a journalism career dating back to the late 1950s. Last weekend's honor was awarded posthumously to members of Burnett's family attending TPA's annual summer retreat for editors and publishers at the Hyatt Regency Houston.

Since leaving Post City in 2008, Burnett had been owner and publisher of the Rockwall County News in Rockwall, a suburb east of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Burnett moved his wife and family to Post in 1982 after purchasing the Dispatch from Jim Cornish.

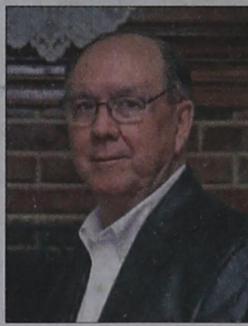
The Dispatch was the first newspaper Burnett and his wife, Pat, owned and operated on their own.

"Wes was a very dedicated journalist and very honest man," Pat Burnett told the Dispatch in an April 5 article on her husband's death. "He was so honest, he wouldn't let anyone — government official or otherwise — get away with anything."

"You know, people would get so mad at him for some of the stories he would publish and for some of his opinions. He wasn't afraid to hold their feet to the fire. But what he did, he did with an honest heart and as a fierce champion of the First Amendment and open government."

Burnett spent two years working on the staff of The Screaming Eagle, the student newspaper at the Brownsville (Texas) High School before enrolling at Texas A&M, where he majored in journalism.

He joined the Air Force in 1961 and, after basic training, was stationed at military bases in Texas, California, Washington, Alabama, Nebraska and Oregon. Throughout most of his military career, he worked as an information officer and was heavily involved with the base newspapers.



Wesley Burnett

In 1973, Burnett left the military and took a job with the Bryan Daily Eagle. After a year with the Harte-Hanks paper, he transferred to the corporation's Hamilton, Ohio, publication, The Journal-News.

Burnett next took a job at a paper in New Iberia, La., and followed that by partnering with two acquaintances to start up a weekly newspaper. It would be another year before Burnett returned to Texas, moving to Sonora to be a part of West-Com Inc., which owned and operated weekly publications throughout the state.

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Staff photo

The Post Dispatch was awarded this plaque commemorating its first-place honor in editorial writing in the 2013 Texas Better Newspaper Contest. The award was given Saturday at the Texas Press Association's summer retreat for editors and publishers.

Fourth event back on in Post this year

By Anna Gibson
The Post Dispatch

Though ironically canceled the last three years — once for too much rain and twice for too little rain — the annual Fourth of July celebration is back on at Post City Park this year.

Event organizer Dianna Poe encourages local residents and members of the surrounding communities to turn out for the celebration.

"Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends to enjoy a great weekend," Poe said.

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Garza County 4-H'ers participating in this year's play day series included (back row) Cale Fogerson, Trea Peterson, Makalee Butler and Joby Fogerson; (front row) Sylee Peterson, Kyna Hudman and Kohen Hudman. Not shown: Taylor Neuenschwander.

4-H'ers awarded prizes in Play Day Series

Special to the Dispatch

The Garza County 4-H Play Day Series was held at Lonesome Pine Arena under the direction of 4-H volunteers Paul and Danya Peterson.

The series included poles, barrels, stakes, keyhole and a mystery event. The mystery event did not require a horse so all youth were able to participate.

Youth were awarded year-end prizes in each age group. High-point winners

included: Sylee Peterson in the 6 and younger age group with a first-place buckle; Trea Peterson in the 7-9 year olds with a first-place buckle; Joby Fogerson, second place head stall; Kohen Hudman and Kyna Hudman, third place tie; Makalee Butler in the 10-13 year olds with a first-place buckle; and Cale Fogerson in the 14-18 year olds with a first place buckle.

Prizes were donated by area business and individuals.

We would like to thank EACH and everyone for all the on-going thoughts, prayers, kindness and generosity as we continue our battle with cancer. It means more than words can say.

May GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Kurt and Renee



Thanks for reading!

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Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Testamentary upon the estate of GERALD D. HAYS, deceased, were issued to the undersigned 17th day of June, 2013, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in Garza County, are hereby required to present the same at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to my attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356 or myself.

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Pet of the Week



Janice Plummer/For the Dispatch

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State launches summertime sober-driving campaign

Special to the Dispatch

AUSTIN — Whether attending a backyard barbecue, going to an outdoor concert or enjoying a lazy day on the river, Texans are planning for summer fun. As plans are made, more thought must also go into planning for a sober driver if drinking is involved.

Over the past five summers, alcohol-related fatalities increased by more than 10 percent in Texas. To curb this trend and help reduce drinking and driving,

the Texas Department of Transportation is reminding Texans to obtain a Summer P.A.S.S. (Person Appointed to Stay Sober) and make a sober driver an essential part of their summer plans.

"We're reminding people that drinking and driving can land them in jail or worse," said TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson. "Don't drink and drive. You can't afford a DWI, and it could very well get you and others killed."

Numerous studies, state transportation officials say, have shown that consuming as little as one drink can impair your ability to safely operate a vehicle.

Between June 1 and Aug. 31 last year, there were 6,576 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 2,486 serious injuries and 302 fatalities, according to state transportation officials.

For information about finding a sober ride home, visit soberrides.org.

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Post Rotary News



Stephen Rodriguez and Sierra Isbell were recently selected by members of the Post Rotary Club to attend the organization's youth leadership training seminar June 10-14 at Lone Tree Ranch in Capitan, N.M., along with other youth from District 5730. Known as Camp RYLA, attendance to the camp is by scholarship only for students entering their senior year in high school and teaches leadership, character development, free enterprise and patriotism. The local students are shown here with Post Rotary Club officers Dave Tyler (left) and Ray Bagby.

Nellis begins tenure as Texas Tech president

Special to the Dispatch

LUBBOCK — June 17 marked the first day of Duane Nellis' tenure as the 16th president of Texas Tech University.

Nellis, who was officially named president March 22, comes to Texas Tech from the University of Idaho, where he served as president beginning in 2009. He previously served as provost and senior vice president at Kansas State University and dean of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences at West Virginia

University.

"Today I met with my executive team, and we went over my priorities for the coming year," Nellis said. "Since I was named the sole candidate, I've been gathering as much information as I can as I prepare to provide leadership, as we work collectively to move the institution forward."

Nellis spent the day meeting with university leadership and members of the Lubbock community. He also met incoming students and their parents who are here for Red

Raider orientation.

Nellis left for Washington, D.C., where he is attending the national university presidents' meeting as part of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities. While there, he also plans to visit the Texas Tech facility, meet with area alumni and key congressmen, as well as Texas Tech's current congressional and White House interns.

Nellis said he is anxious to visit with Texas Tech administrators and faculty, and to begin working on key initiatives.

The 501 Best tornado shelter is under the bathroom

If you're redoing an old bathroom and you have to go under the house to fix the plumbing, don't despair. Call it a tornado drill.

Until our cellar gets dug, under the house is where I'm going if a tornado bears down on our farmstead. Lately I've been through the trap door in the closet enough to get it down to a fine art. It'll take a tornado to get my husband to join me in the spidery netherworld.

HANABA MUNN WELCH

Topside (only someone who has been under the house a lot would refer to everywhere else as "topside"), I'm tackling the renovation of a half-bath that looks pretty much like it did when George VI was king of England.

The last person who did any significant work on the little bathroom was my father back when he put it in. When he spread newspaper on the floor to catch paint drips, King George's picture was in the spread.

Daddy told illiterate me the king had just died. I knew about royalty from nursery rhymes and fairy tales, but King George was the real thing! I was surprised I'd not heard of him before.

Since we didn't keep newspapers long in our household, my memory likely dates from very early February 1952. It makes sense my father would have tackled the project in midwinter when farm work was less demanding. All he had to do was milk two cows, slop hogs and be sure the chicken water didn't freeze. Mother helped him some. She took skim milk to

the hogs. I digress.

As for the bathroom re-do, it all started with just a little leak around the commode. One thing led to another. With advice from my husband, I soon found myself removing fixtures, wallpaper, linoleum and the pseudo-tile cardboard Daddy had installed like wainscoting and painted white.

A tiny bathroom is a good starter project for anyone inspired by quickie television renovations and advertisements from pros who promise they can renew your bathroom in one day.

Two words come to mind: Yeah, right. As for my husband's role in the whole undertaking, an unspoken agreement prevails. I'm the worker. He's the adviser. Nothing happens unless he's off-site — meaning 150 miles away at our city house.

And so it was I installed the cement board on the floor upside down. With any luck, the intaglio brand name will be readable through whatever floor covering we install. Oh well.

The beauty of making your own mistakes is you've got only yourself to blame. I rather like it that way.

If we'd hired the quickie re-do company, we might have felt compelled afterward to post our dissatisfaction on the website established for complainers. A burdensome task. (Not that the official website doesn't have glowing comments contradicting all 96 disgruntled customers.)

Ultimately, when you do the re-do yourself, you know the significance of a framed and matted crumbling fragment of pink swan and pink water lily wallpaper. I'm hanging it right next to King George.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to the Blackburn Media Group newspapers.



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The Paperboy Small businesses getting short end

While back, in one of our communities, we had a woman set letters to Santa for us. She worked for a few hours, and we paid her for her time. Pretty simple, right?



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Flash forward to now, and guess what? We had to pay unemployment on her.

Despite the fact she committed fraud, and we brought this information forward in our appeal, the Texas Workforce Commission actually sided with her and we had to pay.

In instances, we've had to pay on people who've quit. We've had to pay people who've quit while working a very short time. We've had to pay part-time employees who've quit. We've had to pay people who've been terminated for sufficient reasons well within the TWC guidelines.

Blackburn Media Group is not a large corporation. We have around 15 full-time employees and some part-time help, but over the course of years, even with gradual turnover, the numbers can add up.

Here's the deal: Unemployment fraud is running rampant, and small businesses are being victimized. The Texas Workforce Commission is an accomplice to this, plain and simple.

We go through the proper hoops and communicate exactly what happened regarding a former employee, and it doesn't matter. They usually side with the employee even

when the person filing violates the law. I understand and accept the system on principle. What I don't accept is getting worked over by a state agency when we've done everything legally and they openly allow fraud to continue.

You may be asking how any of this concerns you?

It concerns all small businesses. It is very disturbing when you can't trust the very agencies you must deal with by law.

In speaking with other business owners, we're not the only ones getting this treatment from the TWC. In fact, the agency has been sued on these same grounds, yet the fraud and abuse continues. It is obviously systemic, which is very troublesome.

As I wrote a couple of weeks ago, when institutions start messing with the very livelihood that allows them to exist in the first place, where are we as a society? Where are we with trust? Nowhere.

I've lost all faith in the TWC. They have messed with my bottom line. Honestly, they make me question why we're even in business. Why not close, get a high-paying sales job, quit that job and file for unemployment — then get another job and continue the process? I imagine such an endeavor could be very lucrative indeed.

Apparently the TWC has taken a page out of the playbook of other now notorious agencies such as the IRS, FBI and NSA. Only the TWC is a Texas agency. I expect more.

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

Legends The iceman cometh: A history in Post City

Remember the days when an icebox was just that — an icebox? Every time I was asked to empty the water pan, I would invariably spill water all over the place, and boy was I in trouble.



LINDA PUCKETT

Post's icehouse:

When the late T.L. Jones, pioneer business and civic leader, closed down his ice plant on the first day of January 1968, it marked the end of the ice manufacturing business of which Jones had operated for 56 years.

Ice had been sold in Post since 1907 and had been manufactured since 1916. Through the years there had been three owners, the late R.H. Collier, C.S. Brown and Mr. Jones.

The first "iceman," Mr. Collier, began selling ice in his drug store here in 1907, the year the town was founded. He hauled it 2,000 pounds at a time from Fluvanna after the railroad spur was built from the Roscoe & Snyder Railway.

When the railroad came to Post in 1911, C.S. Brown, who owned a coal yard here, built an icehouse at the railroad

tracks. Ice was shipped in from Plainview and later from Lubbock. In 1916 the first ice refrigeration plant was built here.

Mr. Jones had moved here from Gattsville in 1914 to work for Mr. Brown and bought him out in 1919. Jones had just returned from serving two years in World War I. Then in 1925, he built a new ice plant using much of the old equipment, including a vault still in use until he closed the plant.

Mr. Jones recalled how he started making ice deliveries with one wagon but had four wagons at the peak of his business, all of which were horse-drawn.

"We had a truck, but we found we got better service with horses," he said. "We quit using horses and started using a truck in 1963, but I kept a team of horses at the plant for four years before I sold them."

Ice deliveries were made every morning from seven o'clock until noon, with as many as six delivery helpers at the peak of the business. Most of his customers didn't own iceboxes in the 1920s and 1930s, so they kept the ice on the floor wrapped in quilts, tow sacks and other coverings.

"On every delivery, especially in hot weather, kids would follow the wagons, jumping on the back and picking up pieces of ice that had chipped off," the iceman recalled.

Part two of T.L. Jones icehouse story continues next week.

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

Yesteryears

10 years ago
June 26, 2003

KPOS Radio in Post, for the third consecutive year, will host the Colgate Country Showdown at the Garza Theatre. This year's event will feature 10 talent acts competing for a \$100,000 prize and a recording contract. The Guthries will provide backup vocals for the contestants.

20 years ago
June 30, 1993

Several members of the Caprock High Rollers tumbling school are headed to a national competition July 6-10 in San Diego.

The Rev. Jim Graham, president of the Post Lions Club, was honored as Post Lion of the Year during the organization's meeting Thursday evening.

30 years ago
July 6, 1983

The weather was warm, the wind breezy and people

found plenty of shade at the City-County Park on Monday to enjoy a full day of old-fashioned Fourth of July fun. Sponsored by the Post Chamber of Commerce, the day included a wide variety of activities, topped off at dark with a dazzling display of fireworks that brought "oohs" and "ahhs" from sky watchers. A threatening storm cloud from the southeast had no effect on the attendance or the enjoyment, although a traffic jam slowed down folks on leaving the park. Almost 780 people were served barbequed brisket and all the trimmings.

40 years ago
June 28, 1973

Melvina Stewart won the pole bending evening at 21.08 seconds at the District 2 4-H Horse Show on Monday to qualify as Garza County's only representative at the state 4-H Horse Show. Miss Stewart, a South Plains College student, was also second high-point individual.

Charles Didway delivered two boxes of manuscript and pictures for "Wagon Wheels: a History of Garza County,"

to Neil Van Zant of Pioneer Publishers, who will publish the history for the Garza County Historical Survey Committee. Mrs. Evelyn Neff and Mrs. Veda McCampbell have spent many hours writing and taping captions on pictures that will appear in the book.

Owen Gilbert of the Wildcats received the Sportsmanship Award and Bryan Compton of the Yankees won the Battling Award in Little League season-ending ceremonies Tuesday evening.

50 years ago
June 27, 1963

A number of the city of Post's groundwater wells that supply public drinking water are out of commission because of an inoperable generator at the city's wellfield at the Storie Lease. All total, the city has about 35 wells to supply its municipal water needs, compared to 40 at this time last year.

Compiled by Anna Gibson

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Amateur track and field Young Jackalopes compete at annual Cepero Memorial

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ODESSA — The Post Jackalopes amateur summer track club took five young athletes to the ninth annual Dr. Daniel Cepero Memorial Track and Field Meet on June 21-22 at Ratliff Stadium.

Addisen Rodriguez, competing in the 13-14 girls age group, placed third in both the 800-meter run with a time of 3:03.22 and the 1,500-meter run with a time of 6:28.54.

Marissa Luna, competing in the 11-12 girls age group, placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 9 feet 6 inches.

In the boys division, Hayden Belongia, running in the 17-18 boys age group, placed fourth in the 1,500-meter run and sixth in the 3,000-meter run.

Jacob Isbell, running in the 11-12 boys age group, placed sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 4:00.51. He also competed in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 9:06.72.

Aiden Rodela, competing in the 9-10 boys age group, placed seventh in the 100-meter run with a time of 18.66. He also competed in the 200-meter run and ran it in 39.36.

Wayne Hodgins



The Post Jackalopes took five athletes to the ninth annual Dr. Daniel Cepero Memorial Track and Field Meet at Ratliff Stadium on June 21-22 in Odessa. Results and a photo are attached. Pictured, from left to right, is Addisen Rodriguez, Aiden Rodela, Hayden Belongia and Jacob Isbell. Not pictured is Marissa Luna.

Red Raider rally



Members of Centennial Bank's executive staff, including (left to right) Roger Corral, Brian Pohmeier, Mackenzie Dorsett, Kasey Seeberger, John Robinson, Mark Few and J. David Williams helped grill up and serve food to area residents attending the Fearless Champions Road Trip at the bank's location in Post on June 18. The promotional event was sponsored by the Texas Tech Athletics Department to generate excitement for the upcoming Red Raider football season throughout the region.

Centennial gives boost to Tech athletics

On June 18, Centennial Bank in Post was the first of eight stops that kicked off this summer's Fearless Champions Road Trip, a promotional event sponsored by the Texas Tech Athletics Department to generate excitement for the upcoming Red Raider football season throughout the re-

gion. Event-goers were treated to food, fun and other refreshments. Younger fans enjoyed inflatables, a coloring station and giveaways at the Southwest Dairy Farmers Kid Zone, while older fans had the opportunity to purchase 2013 season tickets and greet members of the bank staff.

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As West-Com added newspapers, Burnett was charged with revamping the struggling publications. He spent two and a half years at The Devil's River News in Sonora and worked with both the Stephenville Star and The Dublin Progress for two years. That was followed by a stint at The Ballinger Ledger.

"He enjoyed flipping papers; going in and taking a paper, building it up and making it successful," his son, James Burnett, said. "And he was really good at it."

While in Ballinger, Burnett decided it was time to strike out on his own. In 1982, the family moved

to Post and took over The Post Dispatch. Burnett dedicated the next 26 years to the South Plains weekly publication.

"He loved writing," Kimberly Dolberry said of her father. "When he sold advertising, he was one of the best. He was a salesman, he did photography, he did darkroom work, but he loved writing."

While in Post, Burnett used local cable access to deliver live broadcasts of Post High School sports, as well as community news and re-broadcasts of local government meetings.

"In a way, he was pioneering something that many other small communities weren't doing at the time," Pat Burnett said. "He was always looking ahead."

In 2008, Burnett decided

he wanted a new challenge. The Dispatch was sold, and the Burnett family moved to Rockwall, where he took over another weekly, the Rockwall County News. He remained active with the publication until his death.

His son, Tim Burnett, who was taken over operations in Rockwall, said his father was a journalist who saw the industry transition through many challenges.

"He started in the industry at the time when they were still doing hot type," he said. "Then the industry moved on to wax-and-paper paste-ups before switching over to on-screen layouts made possible through computer technology. He witnessed the newspaper industry undergo a lot of growing pains."

NAP coverage available for 2014 annual forage crops

Special to the Dispatch

The Texas Farm Service Agency will offer Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance for 2014 crops that are planted annually and used for livestock feed or fodder.

The Risk Management Agency recently announced a pilot program that offers a Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance Plan to producers in Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Because there is limited time for producers in these states to transition from NAP to the new RMA pilot program, an exception was made that will allow the states to continue offering NAP coverage for 2014.

However, NAP coverage will not be available for 2015 annual forage crops.

Eligible producers can apply for 2014 NAP coverage at their local FSA office. Producers must file the application and service fee by the Sept. 1 deadline for small grains. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

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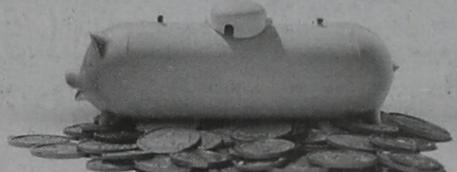
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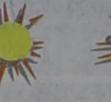
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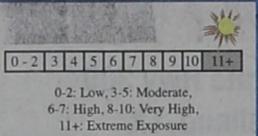
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Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast

						
Friday Mostly Sunny 102 / 74	Saturday Mostly Sunny 100 / 72	Sunday Mostly Sunny 98 / 70	Monday Mostly Sunny 93 / 69	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 94 / 71	Wednesday Sunny 96 / 68	Thursday Mostly Sunny 98 / 72

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 mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 102°, humidity of 21%. South southeast wind 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 115° set in 1994. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 74°. Southeast wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 55° set in 1985. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 100°, humidity of 28%. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 72°. Southeast wind 10 mph.

Weather Trivia

What is the world's highest recorded temperature?

Answer: Al Aziziyah, Libya, reached 136 degrees on September 13, 1922.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Peak Times		Peak Times			
Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Fri	3:22-5:22	3:52-5:52	Tue	6:29-8:29	6:59-8:59
Sat	4:10-6:10	4:40-6:40	Wed	7:16-9:16	7:46-9:46
Sun	4:57-6:57	5:27-7:27	Thu	8:04-10:04	8:34-10:34
Mon	5:43-7:43	6:13-8:13			

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Weather History

June 28, 1778 - The Battle of Monmouth in central New Jersey was fought in sweltering heat. The temperature was 96 degrees in the shade and there were more casualties from the heat than from bullets.

June 29, 1954 - Hurricane Alice dumped as much as 27 inches of rain on the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. The Rio Grande River at Laredo reached a level 12.6 feet above its previous highest mark, and the roadway of the U.S. 90 bridge was 30 feet below the high water.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	6:39 a.m.	8:58 p.m.	12:14 a.m.	12:29 p.m.
Sat	6:39 a.m.	8:58 p.m.	12:50 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
Sun	6:40 a.m.	8:58 p.m.	1:24 a.m.	2:29 p.m.
Mon	6:40 a.m.	8:58 p.m.	1:59 a.m.	3:26 p.m.
Tue	6:40 a.m.	8:58 p.m.	2:36 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
Wed	6:41 a.m.	8:58 p.m.	3:14 a.m.	5:16 p.m.
Thu	6:41 a.m.	8:58 p.m.	3:55 a.m.	6:08 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
					Date	Degree Days
6/18	85	62	91/65	0.00"	6/18	24
6/19	82	67	91/65	0.03"	6/19	24
6/20	95	70	91/65	0.00"	6/20	32
6/21	93	74	91/65	0.00"	6/21	34
6/22	97	70	91/66	0.00"		
6/23	100	70	91/66	0.00"		
6/24	96	72	91/66	0.00"		

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

Dixie Divas What people think matters to Southern mamas

A major New York publisher sent a review copy of a much-touted novel called "If Jack's In Love." Because I write about the South and because this book had won the Willie Morris Award for Southern Fiction, the book's publicist followed up with an email.

I decided to give the book a look in deference to the Southern literary legend native to Yazoo City, Miss. Surprisingly, it was the author's biography that caught my attention rather than the sprawling words between the pages. I must share it with you:

A high-school dropout, Stephen Wetta, grew up in the '60s and '70s, drank, used drugs, got in financial trouble, and spent far too much time reading and writing. He knocked around for years at different jobs, didn't like any of them, and got sober without wanting to.

Somehow he wound up with a Ph.D. and worked for 10 years as an adjunct. His academic career was singularly undistinguished, and he was eventually hired full time by a school that couldn't get rid of him. Shortly afterward he was jailed for tax evasion.

"If Jack's In Love" is his first novel. This is the bravest, boldest, most original biography of any kind I've ever read, especially for an author. Usually author bios, especially those of literary writers, are buttoned-up and scholarly. I applaud a man interesting enough to compose a bio like this. However, I doubted its truth. I figured it was another product of good fiction writing.

The director of publicity for the book's publisher, Berkley, is an acquaintance so I emailed him and asked, "Is this true? Was he really jailed for tax evasion?"

Yes. My admiration for his honesty about his dishonesty grew. But I have this to say: His mama must not be alive.

Wetta, raised in Richmond, Va., is Southern, so I assume his mother was, too. And, this much I know: Southern mothers care deeply about what other people think about their children.

One of the great philosophies Mama raised us by was, "What will people think?"

If she ever thought we were contemplating something untoward, she would put her foot down and say, "No, you're not. What will people think?"

One Sunday when I was about 15, we were going out to lunch after church. For some reason, we stopped by home first. I headed toward my bedroom, saying, "I'm going to change clothes. I'm gonna put on pants."

Oh my. Mama hit the ceiling. She charged into my room and said, "No, you're not. You leave your dress on. Do you hear me? You're not changin' into pants."

I was completely puzzled. "Why?"

Hers was Southern motherly logic. "Because everyone who sees you will think you haven't been to church." Women and girls did not wear pants to church in those days.

"I care what people think."

"Well, I don't. I've been to church, I know I have and that's what matters."

That is what my mama called "sassing," and it, like wearing pants to church, was not permitted. I stayed in my dress, and Mama left the room, mumbling, "What will people think?"

A few years ago when I appeared on a television segment about Southern women, I told a funny Mama story. I thought nothing about it until I saw the segment on the night it ran. It didn't seem as funny as it did when I said it. "Uh oh," I muttered. I called Mama, who, too, had seen it.

"I'm gonna pinch your head off," she said, half teasing, half serious. "I can't believe you said that on television." She paused. "What will people think?"

Knowing how Southern mothers are, I just don't believe Mr. Wetta's mama is still alive. If she is, though, I am clapping and cheering for him.

He's even bolder and braver than I thought.

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Southwest Council of Agri-business that called on more than 150 congressional offices throughout the week, some

FOURTH From Page 1

Festivities will kick off at 5 p.m. Thursday at City Park with games, business vendors, food vendors, live music and more, including a bounce house for children and a drawing for a laptop computer.

Of course, the fireworks show, funded by the city of Post and the Post Volunteer Fire Department, will culmi-

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stage 2 to stage 3. The editorial also questioned the timing of the decision that opened the district up to receiving about \$2.5 million in state disaster aid based on a report paid for by the board that stated White River Lake could be dry by February.

The second submission included a viewpoint published Oct. 5 urging members of the Post City Council to appoint a replacement for resigning Mayor Thressa Harp with someone not already serving on the council. That particular protocol, the editorial argued, would retain true democracy and effective electoral representation.

Both editorials were penned by Editor Wayne Hodgkin.

The contest's judge remarked, "It is good to see editorials that go beyond presenting problems and actually offer solutions. Well done. Too many editorials

more than once.

"The entire House Ag Committee has done everything they could to cut the deficit, reduce the size and scope of government, and achieve necessary reform through the creation of this farm bill," Verett said. "They are to be commended, and we

nate the evening's celebration as soon as the sun sets.

Poe said vender spots are still available for any local or area business or organization.

"This is a great time to sponsor and raise money for your youth group or organization," she said.

For information on the event, or to reserve a vender or booth spot, call Poe at 495-3069.

Fireworks ban

For those who will choose

simply restate a news story or — even worse — turn into a rant. Both of these are what an editorial should be."

Other publications in the top four, respectively, included the Clarendon Enterprise, Muleshoe Journal and Ozona Stockman.

The Dispatch's second-place award came in column writing by regional favorite Hanaba Munn Welch. The commendation came from Welch's "great sense of humor ... and good flow," in addition to the column's "strong headlines," the judge stated.

Other winners in the category, respectively, included the Bullard Banner News, the Eldorado Success and the Clarendon Enterprise.

Hodgin also took fourth place in feature writing for an entry of two articles, including a story published March 23, 2012, and headlined "The Power of Prayer." The article focused on local student Adam Smith who was celebrating his 18th birthday with a community-

will continue to stand behind them as we all work to pass a five-year bill that works for agriculture to support America's economy."

Although it is not yet certain as to what exactly happens next, House leadership is considering all options and a plan could be

to pop their own fireworks over the Fourth, Garza County residents are reminded of the partial burn ban in effect one mile west of the Caprock spanning eastward to the Kent County line and including the city of Post.

In addition, commissioners, during their regular meeting Monday, voted to institute a ban on all flying fireworks, including missiles with fins and rockets with sticks, through July 5.

wide party to bring awareness to childhood stroke victims while thanking the faith community for its support during his illness and recovery.

The second entry, published June 15, 2012, and headlined "The Road Less Traveled," was a feature story on 70-something-year-old long-grider Gene Glasscock, who was passing back through the area on his 5,000-mile return journey from the West Coast to the East Coast and back in a covered wagon pulled by two mules.

Leading the division in features was, respectively, the Liberty Hill Independent, the Big Lake Wildcat and the Presidio International.

Results were announced Saturday at the Hyatt Regency Houston during the Texas Press Association's annual summer retreat for newspaper editors and publishers. The 2013 contest was judged by the Arkansas Press Association as part of the annual Better Newspaper Contest swap.

revealed as early as next week.

The Senate has passed its own version of the farm bill, but it will remain in limbo until the House finishes its own work.

Meanwhile, American farmers and ranchers are now left wondering how to plan for next season.

This will be the first time since 2009 the Fourth of July event will commence.

The celebration was canceled for a second time last year because of extreme drought and conditions ripe for a repeat of summer 2011 when area firefighters fought nearly 300 wildfires that broke out throughout the county. In 2010, Post recorded 10 inches of rain prior to July 4 that caused City Lake to overflow and flood the park.

This year, 148 newspapers submitted 1,505 entries in the Texas Better Newspaper Contest. The contest is broken down into 10 divisions in which newspapers compete against papers of similar circulation size.

Also at the weekend's conference, Greg Shrader, publisher of The Lufkin News, was elected to serve as the 136th president of the Texas Press Association.

Shrader, who had served the organization's board as first vice president, replaces Russel Skiles, publisher of the Lamesa Press-Reporter, who becomes the chairman of the board.

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