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Perry passes on unparalleled fourth term

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

In what he himself has dubbed an improbable journey for a man reared on a humble family farm in rural Haskell County to the moniker "longest-tenured governor in Texas history," Rick Perry announced this week he would not seek an unprecedented fourth gubernatorial bid.

On July 2, less than a week prior to his announcement, Perry hinted of "exciting future news," adding to the swirling speculation he either would seek yet another term as governor in 2014 or launch his second run for the presidency in 2016.

"I make this announcement with the deepest sense of humility and appreciation for the trust the people of this state have given me, and knowing I will truly miss serving in this capacity — the greatest job in modern politics," Perry, 63, said at a news conference Monday in San Antonio.

The poignant backdrop of the nation's largest Caterpillar dealership — owned by one of Perry's top campaign donors — no doubt was craftily chosen as a reminder of the governor's oft-touted economic leadership that, he says, has created 1.6 million new jobs during his tenure.

"Thirty percent of the net new jobs cre-

ated in America over the last decade have been created in Texas," Perry said. "This is a tribute to the entrepreneurial spirit of Texans."

Since taking office in December 2000, one of Perry's main focuses has been job creation while making investments in infrastructure and education to meet the demands of the state's fast-growing population.

"It's the private sector that creates wealth and jobs. The public sector can only create the right environment to make this possible," he said. "In this regard, we have done our best work."

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Gov. Rick Perrry



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A number of local residents enjoy lunch Wednesday at Trailblazers in Post. The center, which served about 10,000 meals last year, serves lunch Monday though Friday to residents 60 and older. Although the meal is free, donations are encouraged.

Trailblazers will feel brunt of budget ax

By Caleb Hudgens
The Post Dispatch

Garza County Trailblazers is bracing for a reduction in state and federal funding that help pay for meals for area senior citizens.

"I've been involved with the center for seven or eight years now, and I've seen our funding fluctuate quite a bit," said County Judge Lee Norman, president of the local organization's board. "Although we don't know exact figures yet, we're expecting anywhere from a \$100 to a \$1,000 reduction in monthly funding."

The majority of the senior citizen center's funding is administered through the South Plains Association of Governments, which uses funding from federal, state and local sources to provide a variety of services and opportunities for the county's senior residents.

Last year in Garza County alone, about 10,000 meals were provided to senior citizens either at the center or through one of its outreach programs to homebound residents, said Liz Castro, SPAG's director of aging services.

"We're going to continue to buy as many meals as we can," she said. "We don't know exact numbers, but we'll buy a percentage of meals. And if we get more money, we'll buy more meals.

"We're hoping for the best, and budgeting for the worst."

Just this past May, the center provided about 1,300 meals to area seniors in Garza County.

"These meals are a very important part of our program," Castro said. "For some of our people, it is the only meal they will have in a day."

In some cases, Trailblazers provides more than daily meals.

"We sometimes provide emergency packages for over-the-weekend meals or for holidays," Norman said. "It helps to keep the senior citizens independent a little longer."

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Education spotlight



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The newly installed turf at Jimmie Redman Memorial Stadium glistens in the midday heat as work continues on the final improvements at Post High School facility. A new set of visitor stands was scheduled to be installed by the end of this month, increasing the venue's seating capacity by 200.

Patience urged during renovation projects at Post ISD

around the corner, I would like to take the opportunity to tell you about the exciting changes occurring in our district concerning construction.

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MIKE COMEAUX

our traditional grass field with artificial turf is scheduled to wind up soon with the completion of a new set of visitor stands. These new stands will increase the stadium's seating capacity by 200. I have been very pleased with the product and the progress of the proj-

EAUX ect as it is scheduled to be complete by the end of July.

Another exciting item for me to report is that Post

ISD was the recipient of a more than \$88,000 grant awarded by the State Energy Conservation Office to replace 17 existing, old and inefficient air-conditioning units at the high school. The unit replacement was completed June 1.

The third part of what I like to consider phase one a project to replace the roofs at the elementary, existing high school and admin-

istration building. This project is due to be completed in August.

The second phase of the project has kicked off in the last few weeks and deals with the construction of a maintenance and transportation department, transportation additions at the elementary school, and the renovation of the track stadium. Construction on the maintenance and transportation department began at the end of May. Currently, plumbing and electrical work are underway, along with some foundation preparation. The cement will be poured over the next couple of weeks, and building completion is expected in October.

We have also started on the transportation changes at our elementary school that will include an additional drop-off lane behind the school for parents, a newly constructed bus lane on the east end of the front of the school, and parking lot for events and teach-

I have heard a few concerns about removing a few trees from the front of the elementary. I understand these concerns and shared a few of them initially. Removing the trees allows for a separation of a bus lane and parent drop-off and pick-up. This should ease

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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.

Pet clinic

The annual low-cost pet vaccination clinic and dog dip will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday 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.

Citywide cleanup

The city of Post will conduct its annual citywide cleanup next week, July 15-19. Place large, unwanted bulky items on the curb for pick-up. For information, call City Hall at 495-2811.

4-H training

A training opportunity for 4-H officers is scheduled for July 16 in Plainview. For information, call the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400.

Sock drive

Word of God Cowboy Church is having a Sock Drive from 1 to 5 p.m. July 17 at the Post City Pool. Admission free to every swimmer who brings a new pair of socks. Donations will be given to Solomon's Porch. For information call Tiffany Graves at 577-1464.

Puppet show

Puppet show
The Post Public Library will
host the Oceans of Fun puppet
show at 2:30 p.m. July 22 for
children ages pre-k through
third grade. For information,
call the library at 990-2149.

Football camp

The Post Bold Football Camp for youth in grades 3-8 will be from 9 a.m. to noon July 29-Aug. 1 at the practice field. Cost is \$40 per camper or \$60 for two (sibling or friend). For Grades 3rd - 8th. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Post ISD website at postisd.net and are due by July 24 to Coach Smith or Coach Holson. For information, call Post ISD 495-2770.

Ragtown Theater

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

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Cattle producers watching future with 'guarded optimism'

By Blair Fannin Special to the Dispatch

While there are signs of some ranchers beginning to rebuild herds, experts continue to monitor the state's cattle situation closely as drought conditions continue to affect parts of Texas beef production country.

"Some areas are still in pretty bad shape," said Phil Sadler, president of the Independent Cattlemen's Association. "Cow numbers are down due to liquidations. Having said that, on the expense side, with prudent management that will be the key to being successful."

In the meantime, Sadler said, any upward climb in overall cow numbers in Texas will not come overnight.

"It's going to be a slow process to rebuild herds," he said. "The numbers are not there."

"Guarded optimism" was what he said would best describe the outlook going forward.

Stan Bevers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist in Vernon, said producers need to closely monitor expenses and track performance of each cow. Once a good See CATTLE, Page 6



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

The state's beef industry won't build back up to prerecession and pre-drought levels overnight. Experts with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service urge cattle producers to set goals and prudently manage assets and record books to better manage their herds.

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Juanita Justice

Juanita Justice, 88 of Lubbock and formerly of Post died Saturday, July 6, 2013 at the Covenant Medical Center.

Juanita was born November 7, 1924 to William Walter Humphrey and Lena Lucille Mayberry Humphrey in Oklahoma. She and her family came to Post to work at the Postex Cotton Mill. They also lived in Cisco and farmed there.

She married Howard Justice October 24, 1942 here in Post. Howard preceded her in death July 5, 1981.

They made their first home here and shortly moved to Lubbock and later to Abilene. They returned to the Close City Community in 1958 to farm and do wa- Kent, and Leatrice Johnson Street, Post.



JUANITA JUSTICE

ter well servicing. In 1978 they moved to Lubbock to enjoy their retirement. She attended the Wayne Avenue Baptist Church.

and husband Allen, all of Lubbock; one sister Doris Trimble and husband John of Miles; one sister in law, Bonnie Justice of Lubbock, six grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Graveside Service was held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 10, 2013 in the Terrace Cemetery at Post. Pastor Terry Kirkpatrick of the Wayne Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock, officiated. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home. The family received fam-Juanita is survived by her ily and friends Tuesday, three daughters, Linda July 9, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. Davis and husband Leslie, to 8:00 p.m. at the funer-Lanita Clark and husband al home, 301 West Main

Carlos Romero Sr.

Carlos Romero Sr., 70, of Post died July 6, 2013 in Post. He was born October 3, 1942 in Jourdanton, Texas to Felix and Concepcion (DeLeon) Romero. He worked as a ranch hand in the Garza County area. Survivors include 3 Sons, Carlos Romero Jr. of Crystal City, Texas, Arturo Romero of Crystal City, Texas and Carl Sanchez of Midland, 1 Daughter, Patsy Romero of Lub-



CARLOS ROMERO SR.

my Zapata of Oklahoma City, 4 Sisters, Maria Sertuche of Lubbock, Janie bock, 2 Brothers, Gabriel Zapata of San Antonio,

and Virginia Navarro of Post, and 3 Grandchildren. Mass was held at 3 p.m. Monday, July 8, 2013 at the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Fr. Hugh Thekkel officiating.

The burial was held in the Terrace Cemetery and was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. Rosarv was Sunday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Oscar Esparza Jr., Gilbert Esparza, Tony Delarosa, Chris Guerrero, Adrian Guer-Romero of Post and Sam- Judy Guerrero of Wilson rero and Mario Romero.

Local 4-H'ers compete in district shooting sports event

The Post Dispatch

The District 2 4-H trap and sheet shoot was June 28-29 in Post and Seminole, respectively. This year, 13 Garza County 4-Her's competed alongside about 100 peers in the annual event.

Garza County sponsored the trap portion of the shoot at Palmer Gun Club, whose owner Monk Palmer also allowed local youth to use the range all

Local shooting sports coaches Ray Mason and Mark Kirkpatrick spend countless hours assisting local youth and teaching them firearm safety and shooting skills. Other certified volunteers that help with trap and skeet though out the year are: Kyle Fogerson, Russell Graves and Larry Lee.

LOCAL RESULTS

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Intermediate Trap Class A Dalton Stokes, tied for Casey Lee

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Junior Skeet Class A Joby Fogerson

Intermediate Skeet Class A Casey Lee Dalton Stokes Class B Hunter Graves, third Landon Greer

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Intermediate 5-Stand Casey Lee Landon Greer Dalton Stokes Hunter Graves Justin Self

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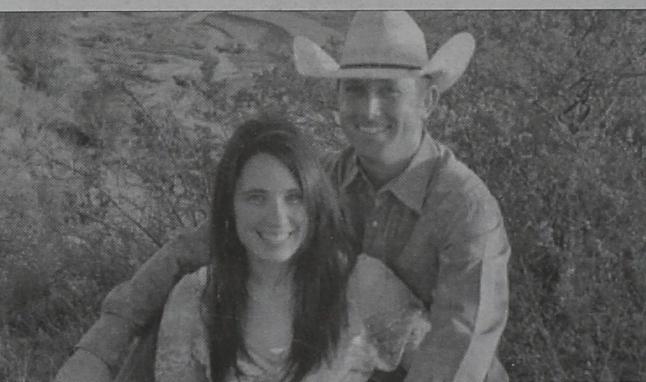
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Fourth celebration

Area residents turn out for revived holiday event





Thursday, scores of area residents of the evening. turned out to the park to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday.

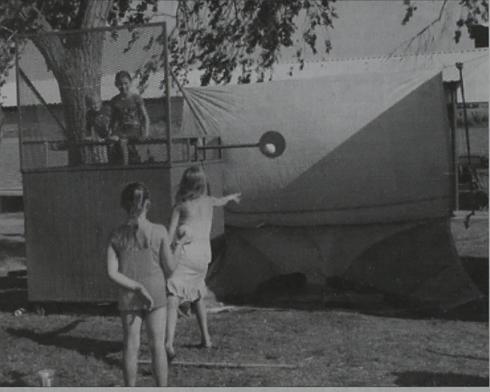
Organized by Dianna Poe, more than p.m. 10 vendors were out with an assortment of games and food from 5 to 8 p.m. or

Thanks to great weather last later, and fireworks were the highlight

Danielle Hinsler of Slaton provided the live entertainment from 6 to 7

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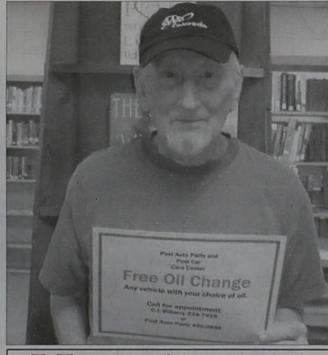




Reading Rewards

John Strudhart is the winner of the Post **Public Library Reading** Rewards project, an incentivized reading program the library offers thanks to the generosity of local businesses. Strudhart won a gift certificate for an oil change at Post Auto Parts donated by Jace Pollard. Previous winners were Yvonne Hill and Shirley Taylor, who received gift certificates from Caprock Heirloom and Twins Fashions.

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The Idle American Not as 'hot' as we thought

mericans have fallen into a crevice of sloppiness with usage of the word "hot," and it has nothing to do with 100-plus degree days.



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Indeed, "hot" has become a handy word for descriptions that don't involve thermometers.

"Hot" describes fast cars, stolen property and well-sculpted bodies.

Coming to light are precise procedures to DON measure "hotness" that may put the "quietus" on flippant use of the word.

This could be

"bubble-bursting" for many current well-worn uses.

"Hotter'n a two-dollar cook stove" was an expression my old dad used often, usually to describe the weather. Likewise, it should cause us to "tighten up" our answers for the "how hot was it?" questions. We must purpose to be more precise. Forget the times when it was so hot that:

1) A dog was chasing a cat, and both of them were walkin.'

2) Eggs were frying on the sidewalk. 3) Fish were caught with ticks on 'em.

Forget, too, it being "so hot" in Arlington that a school playground burned to the, uh, ground. Turns out it was made of synthetic material, like the yards of a couple of dozen other schools. Arlington ISD is playing it safe, and the switch back from synthetics to pea gravel is underway. The cost is a quarter-million dollars or so for playgrounds to meet fire codes. In the meantime, the kids will "make do" with sidewalk hopscotch.

Chili cook-offs are taking a hit, too. Just think: We've been measuring chili's relative "hotness" with "alarm numbers" counted in single digits.

This won't get it done. Relativity must yield to specificity.

The integrity of cook-offs hangs in the balance. To do less is tantamount to messin' with codes of the Old West.

We've been clip-clopping along in blissful ignorance. I mean, "hotness" measurement procedures have been around for nearly a century.

Had we simply read the fine print, we'd have known that a chemist named Wilbur Scoville developed a scale to measure hot peppers back in 1912. And

he was an American guy, for crying out loud.

His "SHUs" (Scoville Heat Units), measuring the piquancy of peppers, hinge on the subjective findings of five "tasters." Creeping into current use is the "Gillett Method" that measures heat HPLC: "high pressure liquid chromatography." These findings easily convert to SHU's.

I've told more than I know, except to warn there are many more details. The print gets finer and finer.

You wanna talk about hot? Next time something breaks and you make the "SOS" repair call, expect it to be outsourced to India. If you're fortunate enough to reach someone who speaks English, ask about their peppers. Your ears will burn with the bragging about India's really hot peppers.

I mean, Bombay's world-class peppers are smokin', reducing our pepper pods to comparative whipped cream.

We shouldn't be surprised. Hot peppers were on Christopher Columbus' "wish list." After his pepper-fetching mission, the hot stuff was strewn around several other countries when he got back.

Consider this: India has a pepper called "Naga Jolokia," the hottest in the world with 1,040,000 SHU's. This is about 120 times hotter than Tabasco sauce and more than 300 times as much fire as our jalapeños.

Any hotter and they convert it to selfdefense spray.

The Red Savina Habanero, former Guinness record holder first grown in South America, now ranks a pale second to the Naka Jolokia at 575,000 SHU's. Wake the town and tell the people.

We've got to "get crackin" on this pepper crisis. For starters, we need to concoct chili hot enough to make Aggies sing the "War Hymn" backward. We are the laughing stock of the pepper

Speaking of stock, they're snickering in India about Americans crossbreeding cattle with yaks to produce offspring called "yattle."

This combination results in the "dumbing down" of cattle, already considered dumb. What if the yaks are dominant in milk production? Their milk is pink; how'd we explain that? "Yattle prattle" is for a future column, after my eyes stop watering.

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University, is a humorist and motivational

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Internet leaves nothing to imagination

wo discourses in a row on the ongoing renovation of a halfbath are a bit much. Three would be over the top. Right? After all, how many lessons can be extracted from a 15-square foot project? Probably enough for a book.

If you're still with me, here's a tip for cleaning gypsum-encrusted lavatory faucets: Soak them in vinegar. If you don't depend on well water, you may

you see it. Good for you. Enjoy your gyp-HANABA free surface water while MUNN it lasts.

Or maybe your

not know gypsum when

WELCH water comes from underground, but it's been through one of those plants where reverse osmosis takes all the interesting stuff out. No gyp for you either.

But some of the rest of us deal with water that contains the chalky stuff. It spots dishes, silverware, pots and pans. It clogs steam irons and water heaters. Over time, it can accumulate in a water pipe like cholesterol in an artery.

Unsurprisingly, the faucets in our well water-dependent farmhouse bathroom had collected enough gyp through the years to more than dull their appearance. Think barnacles on a boat. Or food stuck in a skillet.

Once removed from the lavatory, the gypsum-compromised faucets begged to be replaced. Instead, I immersed them in vinegar, a common pantry item with a reputation as a cleaner of chrome and glass.

I checked back later and saw a mound of puffy gray froth. Shades of Vincent Price dumping people in a basement vat of acid in "The House

on Haunted Hill." I took a faucet out and wiped it clean. It looked shiny and almost new. Wow. Better than a skeleton.

But I hated ruining that vinegar. Would pickle juice have worked instead?

After all, reusing everything is an emerging religion. For some of us, it's how we've always lived. To wit, I just patched a hole in the roof with a license plate. That puts me at the leading edge of the new morality, but I feel like I'm on the sidelines along with other longtime believers. We watch new players taking over the game as if they wrote the rules.

Somewhere someone is roofing an entire house with used license plates. I digress. Back to pickle juice.

INTERNET RESEARCH PAUSE. Pickle juice is good for cleaning copper pans, melting snow, killing weeds, nourishing gardenias and drinking. Even though my cursory web search didn't find any mention of pickle juice as a gypsum solvent per se, something that shines copper should also attack gypsum. I'm out of faucets so you're on your own.

ANOTHER RESEARCH PAUSE. I couldn't help it. I had to see if anybody has roofed a house with license plates. Sure enough, a guy in Huntsville specializes in license plate roofs.

That's the trouble with the Internet. It's a place where people beat you to your best ideas.

I just Googled "soak faucets in vinegar" and got 416,000 results.

I didn't say it first, but I'll say it now: There is nothing new under the sun.

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



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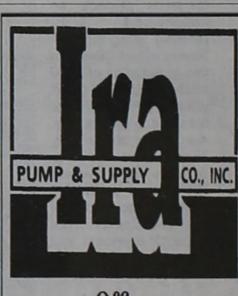
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10 years ago July 10, 2003

Post will again be a stop on the News Channel 11 Live Community Coverage Tour, with the 2003 visit of the Lubbock television crew set for July 15 at the courthouse. The event will be staged on the east lawn of the courthouse and will feature music by The Country Boys.

The Post City Council for the 2004 budget is considering a reduction in the Post City property tax rate from the current .7708 to .5825. That recommendation and others was presented to the council at its regular meeting July 1.

20 years ago July 14, 1993

United Supermarket sales: Coca Cola, 6 pk. 12 oz. cans \$1.59; Premium Quality Milk, Homogenized or Low Fat, gallon jug, \$1.98; corn on the cob 8 for \$1.

Dates are set for the "Best Rodeo in the West." What makes one rodeo better than another? Fifty-two years of experience and dedication by the men who quietly make it happen year after year. The rodeo will begin August 12 at 7:45 p.m. with the presentation of the flags on horseback and introductions of those responsible for the year's production.

30 years ago July 13, 1983

County commissioners approved Colleen England of Crosby County for the position as the new county extension agent for Garza County. The new agent will assume her new duties Aug. 16.

About 52 people attended the 1983 4-H Fashion Show on June 30 in the garden portico of the First Christian Church. Diana Basquez, Keitha White, Cheryl Thompson, Angela Graves and Sandy Allen will be representing Post in the District 4-H Fashion Show on Aug. 15 in Lubbock.

40 years ago July 12, 1973

Operation of an emergency ambulance service by the county sheriff's department may have run up against a legal snag. County Judge Giles W. Dalby said the county may need special state legislation "to get into the emergency ambulance business.'

Plans are to put the city and county together into the emergency ambulance business by July 15 for more discussion.

Garza County now has its new law enforcement building, but it's not operational until necessary telephone equipment can be installed and state inspection approval

Mayor Harold Lucas has called for vol-

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untary cooperation of all Post residents to conserve water as the town's water situation suddenly hit the "critical stage."

The last three days the city has been using water much more rapidly than the city's crippled water field can produce. The reservoir has been dropping fast.

"If people don't cooperate," Lucas said, "the city will be out of water before the weekend."

Barry B. Thompson told the school board during its meeting that the extensive "face lifting" job is under way on the grounds of Post's four school buildings and is expected to be far enough along by fall to have eliminated some of the present "eyesores."

60 years ago July 9, 1953

Garza County's first drought relief under the program recently set in motion by the federal government arrived by rail Tuesday in the form of three-car-loads of cottonseed pellets, about 60 tons. Shortly afterward, Mike Custer, county production and marketing administration officer, said three carloads of corn - about 150 tons are due to arrive as well, today.

Tom Herris, superintendent of Postex Mill said efforts are being made to sell the home office at St. Louis on the idea of enlarging the mill here by moving in 190 sheeting looms from the High Shoals, N.C., mill. At the same time, Harris announced employment at the local mill is at normal, with about 425 people employed. Within the past few days, 25 of around 100 applicants were hired.

70 years ago July 8, 1943

Each farm family in Garza County who has enlisted in all-out food and feed production this year will be awarded a certificate of Farm War Service by the local USDA War Board. Distribution of the red, white, and blue certificates, which have been signed by Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard and board chairman Avery Moore Jr. will begin immediately.

Ten Garza county men were inducted into the armed forces at the Lubbock induction station June 29, according to an announcement from the local draft board Wednesday morning.

Those inducted were, William Harden Reed, Elmer Clarence Deen, Charles William Huber, George A. Harrison, Julian Vela, Edward Liles (Navy), Charlie Hardin Jinkins (Navy), Jack Fred Billingsley (Navy), and William Hobert Wood.

Inducted into the Army for another board was Robert Junior Owen.

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New Rotary Leadership



Photos by Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch

Kerry Dixon, outgoing president of the Post Rotary Club, ceremoniously passes the gavel to newly installed club president Chris Atkinson during a recent meeting.



The Post Rotary Club has installed members to new positions on its executive board. Taking new roles include Secretary Linda Puckett, President-Elect Roberta Tyler-Clark, President Chris Atkinson and Treasurer Kalyn Norman.

Puzzle of the Week

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Military mailbox 4. New Deal energy
- project
- 7. ___broke Welsh Corgi 10. Summon over a speaker
- 12. Plural of 14 across
- 14. Anjou or Bartlett
- 15. Rivulet 16. City in Sweden and
- Indonesia
- 17. Snakelike fish
- 18. More thin
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- 23. Nurse-patient relation 24. Anwar ___, Egyptian
- statesman
- 26. Imposed & collected a tax
- 29. Microgram
- 30. Infirmary sleeping place
- 34. Swiss river
- 35. Big Blue 36. Not new
- 37. Dual function davenport 55
- 43. ___wit: Silly person
- 44. Jeans
- 45. Annual TV awards 47. Lump of slimy stuff
- 48. Latin for England:
- 49. W. African country
- 52. Arteries
- 55. Sean _____, actor
- 56. Genie
- 58. Abba ___, Israeli
- minister
- 60. Wings
- 61. Rescues 62. Plunder a town
- 63. Follows sigma
- 65. Russia used to be U_

CLUES DOWN

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 - 3. Leer at

 - 4. Watery-eyed 5. Singer ____ Morrison
 - 7. Look furtively
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6. Humanities

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- 11. African antelope
- 12. Fast tempo
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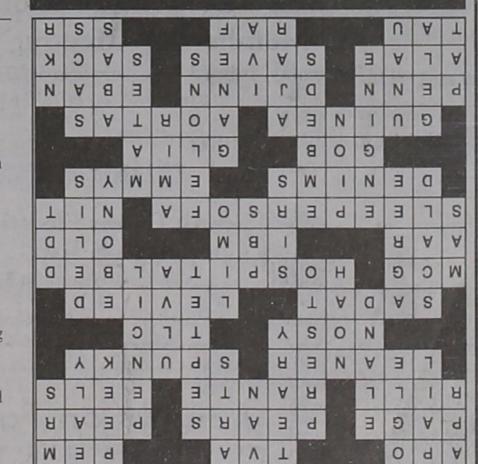
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- 32. Non-commercial TV (abbr.)
- 33. Banned insecticide 38. Car motor
- 40. Implants 41. Criminals

39. Mesotron

- 42. Pistons forward Johnson
- 51. Slightly open
- 53. Winter melons: Cas_
- 54. Dead-end streets
- 55. Hit lightly
- 57. Marsh elder 59. Norway

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Perry said he will leave his office knowing Texas is better positioned to take advantage of the opportunities of the 21st century better than any other

"Our responsibility remains to the next generation of Texans who will inherit a state of our making,"he said. "We alone are responsible for the kind of Texas that will greet them. It is my hope that tomorrow's leaders build on our legacy of opportunity so Texans born into any circumstances have a chance to experience the American dream.'

From his heavy-handed approaches in fiscal policy - including a failed and still-costly effort at reforming school finance to his outright refusal to expand Medicare, which cost the state billions in federal transportation dollars - Perry has successfully led the state through the worst national economic disaster since the Great Depression.

Yet, it's his hard-fought stance to protect traditional values in Texas that may have garnered Perry his legislative legacy.

Abortion bill clears House

In what has become a long emotional campaign stretching from one side of the aisle to the other, the Texas House on Tuesday tentatively approved a Perry-backed bill widely accepted as the most regulated abortion law in the nation.

House members, as expected, approved HB 2 to outlaw aborting pregnancies of 20 weeks or longer. The vote mostly split along party lines and came after a more than 10-hour debate fraught impassioned arguments, including a dramatic scene from Rep. Senfronia Thompson, holding a stretched-out coat hanger, saying, "Women have a right to have their choice."

Tuesday's debate closely mirrored that of the first session with arguments lasting into the early morning hours and hundreds of supporters on both sides of the issue flocking to the Capitol and crowding the House gallery and main areas.

On July 1, Perry called on Texas lawmakers to report to their respective Capitol chambers for the opening of a second 30-day special session of the 83rd Texas Legislature after the first session ended June 25 with none of the governor's legislative priorities accomplished namely the abortion law.

Hours before the first special session was to end, Senate Democrats opposed to the abortion-regulating bill outflanked a Republican majority by skillful use of parliamentary

Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, exercised the option to filibuster the abortion bill on the final day of the special session. While the filibuster stopped the bill from final passage, other bills on the calendar became ineligible for further consideration at the stroke of midnight.

On June 26, Perry called another special session to have the same matters addressed.

the bill's constitutionality will be addressed. As was the first time, the bill is expected to

Though the bill likely will be available for the governor's signature by this weekend, opponents have vowed legal action if the bill does indeed pass.

Among the bill's supporters, including Rep. Drew Springer, R-Muenster, whose district in-

cludes Garza County, said the legislation should not be con-

"Contrary to the talking points provided by Planned Parenthood and the Democratic Party, none of these things are unreasonable or threaten to put clinics out of business," Springer said. "They simply require these facilities to raise their standard of care to the same as it is for those who would remove your tonsils."

Who's running in 2014?

Perry's announcement he would not seek an unprecedented fourth term throws open the doors to a gubernatorial free-for-all the likes of which the state hasn't seen since the 1990 election that eventually would see Democrat Ann Richards in the executive's seat.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, a Republican, has already said he will run to succeed Perry.

If for some reason Perry does not complete his current term, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst would be promoted to governor. If that scenario develops, Dewhurst would have the advantage of incumbency with Abbott, and possibly others, mounting challenges.

Democrats have kept their aspirations muted, so far, as to statewide races in 2014, despite a groundswell of support from the sleeping left that has gained HB 2 now crosses over to some momentum in the wake the Senate, where once again of the controversial abortion

Through her widely publicized filibuster during the first special session that effectively killed the bill — and also due in part to Perry's ill-times and ill-mannered remarks of her after the fact — Democrat Davis has been ushered into gubernatorial limelight and has said she would take a "second look" at the 2014 race.

Cleere said the conference will feature pre-

Crop insurance deadline approaching

By Greg Jones Special to the Dispatch

Livestock producers considering adding a layer of protection against drought loss on annual forage crops have an insurance deadline ahead.

The Rainfall Index-Annual Forage Insurance plan, referred to as RI-AF, is a risk policy designed to provide livestock producers the ability to buy protection against losses due to a lack of

The sign-up deadline for RI-AF is July 15 for the fall growing season, Sept 1-March 31, and Dec. 15 for the spring season, March 1-Sept. 30. All premium payments are due by Aug. 30.

While RI-AF is similar to Pasture Range and Forage Insurance, or PRF insurance, the difference lies in the type of commodity covered.

PRF encompasses perennial grasses such as pasture and hay, while RI-AF is strictly for annual forage crops. These include but are not limited to winter small grains, such as wheat, oats, rye and triticale, and spring plantings such as sudan, haygrazer and millet.

Under both insurance plans, payment is not determined by individual damages, but rather area losses based on a grid system. Producers can select any portion of acres to insure. They must also choose a maximum of three, two-month intervals per growing season per year.

Insured acres are then spread between time periods, with no more than 40 percent of the acres placed in any interval.

Coverage levels between 70 and 90 percent are available. Once coverage is selected, the producer chooses a productivity factor between 60 and 150 percent. The productivity factor is a percentage of the established county base value for annual forage. Base value is a standard rate published by the Risk Management Agency for each county.

The Rainfall Index determines RI-AF coverage. This model uses National Oceanic and Atmospheric Climate Prediction Center data and a 12-by-12 mile grid system. Indemnities are calculated based on the deviation from normal precipitation within a grid for a specific period selected.

This is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Rainfall Index Plan.

Greg Jones is the agricultural agent for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County.

Ag seminar focus is farming ops

By Blair Fannin Special to the Dispatch

ABILENE — Capital Farm Credit and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host a conference Thursday in Abilene designed to help the next generation of agricultural producers enter into the business or help current farmers and ranchers expand their operations.

The 2013 Next Generation Agricultural Conference will be at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. It is designed to provide production and financial management tools to farmers and ranchers, according to organizers.

"The main topics that will be covered include farm financial management, agricultural economic forecasts, general agriculture, and farm planning and budgeting," said Jason Cleere, one of the events organizers and a member of the state AgriLife Extension staff. "Keeping up with the latest operational strategies, available credit and risk management practices are the keys to the most successful large and small operations. funding levels are getting for donations and to pitch These conferences will assist with providing inlower now and food costs in on meals," Castro said. formation that can be incorporated into their "With their support this operations, making them more profitable."

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operation, potential to expand an operation, purchasing or leasing equipment, operation diversity and where the agricultural economy in the southern region is heading.

"The program will also discuss developing a marketing plan for the farm and ranch, protecting your operation from volatile commodity markets and weather, new tax and estate laws, as well as programs on rebuilding the cow herd."

Featured speakers from the AgriLife Extension Service include Cleere, Ron Gill, beef cattle specialist; Mark Welch, grains economist; and Wayne Hayenga, economist. Also speaking will be Jason Banta, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Overton, and Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist, Vernon.

Experts from Capital Farm Credit will include Jason Gibson and Dan Byerly.

Brian Briggeman, Kansas State University agricultural economist, will also be one of the featured speakers. He will provide an overview of the Southern Plains agricultural economy and outlook.

There is no cost for the conference, and registration is available at agriliferegister.tamu.edu.

For more information about the conference visit capitalfarmcredit.com or contact Cleere's office at 979-845-6931.

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citizens independent a little longer."

Despite budget cuts, officials are optimistic about the program.

"SPAG is good at giving us what we need. Their

have gone up, but we're making do," Normal said. "The county and the city have really been supportive of our services. They're re-

ally helping."

"We depend on locals \$6.

program will never go the budget."

Meals are free to residents 60 and older, but Castro sees no end in donations are encouraged. Those 59 and younger pay



traffic concerns before and after school. These changes should be complete by the start of the new school year.

We are renovating the entry at the elementary school to further address safety concerns. A new set of security doors and a new reception are included in the renovation. All visitors to our elementary school will need to check in at the office through the main entry. Although it may be somewhat inconvenient, it will greatly enhance our ability to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

The construction of our new track facility is now underway with the foundation preparation for the track surface. The old

visitor bleachers from the football stadium will be repurposed at the track and utilized along with the current track bleachers. The track facility's scheduled completion date is the end of November.

hosting the 2014 district and area track meets at our new facility.

The third phase of the construction project is centered on the construction of the new Post High School. Design is underway for the new building, with a groundbreaking ceremony planned for August and a construction start date of roughly Sept. 1.

The construction timeline for a build of this nature is fairly difficult to define precisely, but our hope is we are able to open the building for the 2014-2015 school year.

Following the school, we will renovate the existing high school and finish up the project with the building of a new field house and parking lot at our stadium.

With a bond proposition On that note, we will be of this size and scope, patience is certainly a virtue. The planned changes have been thought through and planned over the past year and will take a couple of more years to reach frui-

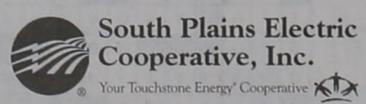
I sincerely appreciate the strong support our community, businesses and local government entities have provided us with in this project. I truly believe our students and community will reap the rewards of these efforts for years to

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good record-keeping system is in place, valuable data can be generated to aid making decisions about the opera-

"You can't manage what you don't measure," he said. "The whole point of being in business is to make profit."

Bevers said while cattle prices remain strong, in-

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put costs continue to affect profit margins. He said ranchers without any goals identified for their business are setting themselves up you are going." for potential problems.

"You should make profits, then make choices," he

Bevers said too many cattle producers make purchasing choices before making

"When I first start working with ranches, I ask individuals if they are reaching

their goals and effectively managing assets," he said. "You need to identify what your goals are and where

Bevers said that starts with keeping good records. However, he added, producers don't have to go out and purchase expensive software programs. "It's doesn't have to be a

\$6,000 software program," he said. "It could be something as simple as a spreadsheet or even on paper."

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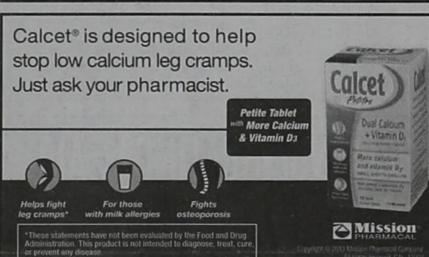
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Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast



Friday

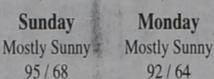
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Tuesday

Mostly Sunny

94/65



Wednesday

Mostly Sunny

95 / 67



Thursday Mostly Sunny

99 / 68

Local UV Index



0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High,

Weather Trivia

11+: Extreme Exposure

What is known as an "Indian Summer"?

days that may follow the first frost. Answer: The term refers to the dry, warm

Weather History

July 12, 1951 - Flooding in the Midwest claimed 41 lives, left 200 thousand persons homeless, and caused a billion dollars property damage. Kansas City was hardest hit. The central industrial district sustained 870 million dollars in property damage.

July 13, 1980 - Afternoon highs of 108 degrees at Memphis, Tenn., 108 degrees at Macon, Ga. and 105 degrees at Atlanta established all-time records for those three cities. The high of 110 degrees at Newington, Ga. was just two degrees shy of the state record.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 101°, humidity of 28%. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 107° set in 1970. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 71°. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 61° set in 1999. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 100°, humidity of 25%. Southwest wind 10 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 72°. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

		Peak '	Times	Peak Times			
	Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM	
da &	Fri	2:43-4:43	2:13-4:13	Tue	5:53-7:53	5:23-7:23	
	Sat	3:28-5:28	2:58-4:58	Wed	6:48-8:48	6:18-8:18	
3	Sun	4:14-6:14	3:44-5:44	Thu	7:46-9:46	7:16-9:16	
	Mon	5:02-7:02	4:32-6:32	www.WhatsOurWeather.com			

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	-	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
First	A	Fri	6:46 a.m.	8:56 p.m.	10:48 a.m.	11:25 p.m.	(a) La
First 7/15	4	Sat	6:46 a.m.	8:56 p.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:58 p.m.	3 7/
	0	Sun	6:47 a.m.	8:55 p.m.	12:43 p.m.	Next Day	
		Mon	6:48 a.m.	8:55 p.m.	1:42 p.m.	12:32 a.m.	
Full	(3)6	Tue	6:48 a.m.	8:54 p.m.	2:44 p.m.	1:10 a.m.	No.
7/22	9/3	Wed	6:49 a.m.	8:54 p.m.	3:48 p.m.	1:51 a.m.	8
	3	Thu	6:49 a.m.	8:53 p.m.	4:53 p.m.	2:38 a.m.	

Last	Week's A	lmanae	&	Growing Degree Days	s
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Last Week 5 Almanae & Growing Degree Days									
Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days				
7/2	85	61	92/67	0.00"	Date Degree Days		Date Degree Days		
7/3	88	63	92/67	0.02"	7/2	23	7/6	34	
7/4	90	64	92/67	0.07"	7/3	26	7/7	30	
7/5	96	67	92/67	0.00"	7/4	27	7/8	32	
7/6	95	72	92/67	0.00"	7/5	32			
7/7	94	67	92/67	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.				
7/8	95	69	92/67	0.00"					

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USDA to allow emergency CRP haying in **Borden County**

Special to the Dispatch

Garza-Borden County USDA Farm Service Agency Executive Director Victor Ashley has announced Borden County is authorized for emergency having use of Conservation Reserve Program acres for fiscal year 2013.

Counties become eligible for CRP emergency having when they reach the D2 (severe drought) level on the U.S. Drought Monitor. Currently, 197 counties have reached the D2 level and are eligible for CRP emergency having. It is possible that more counties will reach the D2 level eligibility requirement in coming weeks.

The CRP emergency having authorization for fiscal year 2013 began July 2 and will continue for a 60-day period not to exceed Aug. 31.

Based on a revised policy decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP acres haved during fiscal year 2011 or 2012 will be considered eligible for emergency having if NRCS verifies, on a case-bycase basis, that the conservation cover will sustain having. FSA's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency haying of CRP must request approval before having eligible acreage and must obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes having requirements," Ashley said.

Upon approval of emergency having, producers must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous field unhayed for

Eligible counties are not permitted to use the same CRP acreage for both emergency haying and grazing at the same time. For example, if 50 percent of a field or contiguous field is haved, the remaining unhaved 50 percent cannot be grazed; it must remain unhayed and ungrazed for wildlife.

In addition, participants are limited to one hay cutting and are not permitted to sell any of the hay.

For information and to request approval for emergency having use of CRP acres, contact the Garza-Borden County FSA office at 806-495-

Dixie Divas Saying goodbye to Pinky

T t seems too many loved ones recently have said goodbye to this vale of grief and sorrow and said hello to sweet eternity. Heaven is blessed, but I am distressed.

Whenever I needed a good story of kindness and compassion, I could always find one quickly in Pinky

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RONDA RICH

Christian name of Martha - I mentioned her only once in this column but in my last three books, I tossed the veil aside and told the world of her gentle spirit.

"It's true," she said softly one day a few years ago when I was visiting her during a brief stay in a nursing home for physical rehabilitation. She was gently stroking Dixie Dew who was lying beside her on the bed.

"What?" I asked. The conversation had suddenly turned.

"Be ye kind one to another," she responded, quoting one of her favorite Scriptures. "I've always believed that, but since I've been here, I've realized it more. One pat on my shoulder or one kind word of encouragement has meant so much."

I was building a house so I laughed. "Yes, kindness works, except if you're working with contractors. Then only meanness works."

In spite of herself, she laughed. Pinky always laughed joyously at my quips. I'll miss that. She and her beloved husband of 62 years, Guy, who died six weeks before she, were gloriously entertained by me. I love a good audience and now I have lost two of the

I called Pinky "one of my saints," a name for four close friends and mighty prayer warriors. They were linked through me, but if one of the saints was in dire straits, she would call and ask, "Will you call the saints and ask for prayer for

Over the years whenever I hit a rough

patch - like when Mama died - Pinky would call and say, "How about coming over and having salmon patties with us?"

I loved Pinky's salmon patties. She made them with crumbled "sody" crackers and poured a bit of canned juice into the mixture. I hate to think that there is no one left to make salmon patties for me but, sadly, it is the truth.

At Pinky's funeral, her longtime friend Lucy gave one of the sweetest eulogies I have ever heard. In her soft, sing-songy voice, Lucy told stories of her friend and neighbor.

"She was a true Southern belle in the finest sense of the term," Lucy said, her voice quivering at times with emotion. "She was beautifully raised."

Beautifully raised. What a lovely phrase. And how true. Pinky was thoughtfully wellmannered. She knew the etiquette of hospitality gifts and thank-you notes as well as cards of encouragement or praise. She was constantly compassionate, looking always to take a casserole to those in need or lend a helping hand.

She was loyal and steadfast, devoted to God, family, country and friends. She spoke harm of no one, not even those who brought a hint of trouble or despair into her

"Pinky, what happened to so-and-so?" I might ask if I had heard a bit of gossip somewhere.

She'd shrug. "I don't know." Even though she did. Then, she changed the subject.

"When it comes to gossip, you are worthless," I would teasingly chide. Yes, she was beautifully

raised. Every child should be raised as Pinky was. One day after church, Pinky turned to me and

grasped my hand tightly. "When I die, promise me you will see that at my funeral they sing, 'It is Well With My Soul." Pinky rarely asked for

anything, but she was adamant. "Please." Her eyes grew moist. "Because when I am gone, all will be well, very well with my soul."

I know it is. I wish I could say the same for my heart.

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