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TxDOT cost-savings plans draw eyes of local leaders

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

Two controversial cost-cutting measures state transportation officials are touting are drawing widespread criticism from elected leaders who say the plans will hurt taxpayers in the long

Texas Department of Transportation officials are struggling to cover a billions-dollar shortfall after state lawmakers this past legislative session failed to fund the state agency at its current level.

In response, South and West Texas counties in the midst of an oil-drilling and exploration boom began seeing the state agency convert damaged asphalt roads to gravel this past week.

Legislators from those affected districts are expressing concerns that patching crumbling pavement with gravel is short-sighted, creating not only safety hazards for travelers but also an image issue in a state known for its pristine roads.

State transportation officials say maintaining certain rural road segments is becoming too expensive as oil-field traffic soars.

On Aug. 28, TxDOT officials announced a 60-day period for counties "to review plans to convert damaged roads to high-end unpaved roads in the state's energy-producing areas before proceeding with the work" and during that evaluation, the agency would "not move forward on converting other damaged roads unless there is an im-

mediate safety concern."

"We believe our plan to potentially convert 83 miles of significantly damaged roads in the energy sector is the safe and sensible solution with Tx-DOT's available funding," TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson said. "At some point, when drilling activity has subsided and more funding is available, we plan to rebuild these roads to paved farm-to-market levels."

In addition, another plan to turn over control of some state highways to municipal and county governments also is drawing the ire of state and local leaders who say the measure unnecessarily shifts the financial burden from the state's traditionally held responsibility to local taxpayers.

Since June, transportation officials

have been considering discontinuing the maintenance of more than 100 miles of roads in cities with populations of 50,000 or more.

The agency currently spends \$165 million a year to maintain the roads, a commitment that began when the roads were part of the state's farmto-market system. Many of the roads, though, are now major thoroughfares.

The Texas Municipal League has accused TxDOT of trying to pass the

"Shifting \$165 million of state costs onto cities would be a massive unfunded mandate that would require higher property taxes on homeowners and businesses," said Bennett Sandlin,

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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.

Photo workshop

The third annual Wyman Meinzer Photography Workshop will be at 5 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Heritage House in Post. Event is sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association for \$100 per participant. To reserve your place, call 806-495-4148 or email ccarts@ poka.com

Football tickets

Reserved Football tickets are now on sale at the Post ISD Central Office. Cost is \$25 per package. For information, call Post High School office at 495-2770

New exhibit

The OS Museum, 201 E. Main St., offers "The Many Faces of Art" as its 2013 summer exhibit. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The exhibit will close Sept. 28. For information, call Marie Neff at 806-495-

Ragtown Gospel Theater

"Saint John & The Televangelist" staged 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.

GED prep

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

GED test

The GED test is being revised and will be in use starting January 2014. Classes are available from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Post High School. For information, call the school office at 495-2770.

Veterans benefits

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

Laws take effect Sept. 1

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Aug. 29 publicized a list of some of the new laws to take effect Sept. 1. Here are short notes on just a few of them:

• HB 347 expands current limitations on cell phone use in an active school-crossing zone to include the property of a public elementary, middle or junior high school for which a local authority has designated a school-crossing zone.

· HB 1174 increases minimum fines for the misdemeanor offense of passing a stopped school bus loading or unloading children. The minimum fine increases from

\$200 to \$500 and the maximum fine increases from \$1,000 to \$1,250.

· SB 181, a law that took effect on May 24, allows a motor vehicle operator the option of using a wireless communication device (such as a cell phone) to display motor proof of insurance informa-

tion as evidence of financial responsibility.

 SB 510 expands the state's Move Over/Slow Down law by requiring drivers to move over or slow down, depending on the roadway, when approaching a stationary Texas Department of Transportation vehicle with its lights activated and not separated from the roadway by a trafficcontrol device.

 HB 625 clarifies that the penalty for operating a vehicle on a public highway without displaying the two license plates assigned to the vehicle is a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.

 SB 275 increases the penalty for leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident resulting in the death of a person and failing to render aid from a third-degree felony to a second-degree felony.

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Sarah Stinson/For the Dispatch

Antelope back D.J. Brown escapes several Indian defenders while looking for the endzone. Brown rushed for 124 yards on the night.

Post dominates Morton in season-opener

By Jerry Pyles For the Dispatch

The Post Antelopes opened the 2013 season with an impressive 50-0 victory last Friday night over the visiting Morton Indians.

D.J. Brown led all rushers with 124 yards. Bryan Smith had 112 yards and two touchdowns. Austin Garza added two touchdowns, and Dylan Pearson and Stephen Rodriguez each had one. QB Pake Jones threw for a touchdown.

The Bold Gold offense started off a little slow, as the Morton defense forced an Antelope punt. The punt was short and picked up at the Antelope 20-yard line and returned to the 5, where Alan Alaniz knocked the ball loose and Marco Erives returned the ball to the Antelope 25.

Jones would have runs of 16 and 23 giving the Antelopes a first down at the Indian 42. Smith would take the handoff and finish the drive for the first touchdown on the new turf field. Brown would add the two-point conversion giving Post an 8-0 advantage.

The first quarter would end with the score 8-0 in Post's favor.

During the second quarter the Antelopes

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Getting the most out of cattle, wheat yields

Editor's Note: As fall approaches, farmers and ranchers are making decisions about their livestock operations. A mid-August conference in Abilene covered a wealth of topics - enough for a series of stories about the challenges beef producers face amid the current drought and the results good management can achieve. The series begins this week with an economist-producer's outlook on whether it makes more sense to graze wheat or cut it for grain or both.

By Hanaba Munn Welch The Post Dispatch

Gamblers by any other name, livestock producers gathered recently in Abilene at the Big Country Beef Conference to hear advice from experts on a range of beef industry topics:

Whether to graze wheat or grow it for grain or both, pasture maintenance in a drought, market analysis, managing health issues and public

perceptions and consumer preferences and so on. The information fell on seasoned ears, but the presentations were fresh — timely up-to-date information designed to keep cattle growers savvy as they face an ever-changing scenario regarding all the elements of the risky game.

Grain vs. graze-out

Economist-farmer-rancher Stan Bevers, who works for the Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center at Vernon, outlined a formula for determining the optimum use of winter wheat - whether to graze this year's crop or aim for a grain crop in the spring or both.

Bevers, who farms and ranches at Munday, didn't base his talk on his own operation. Instead, he updated a previous analysis of a 3,200-acre wheat and stocker operation east of Vernon, plug-

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The price of wheat is dropping, one local expert says, which might mean better grazing opportunities for area cattle producers.

Corrections

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Read Together.

Gerald Norman

Gerald V. Norman, 87, was born August 15, 1926, in Garza County to E.M. and Voy (Chapman) Norman. He lived and farmed in Garza County all of his life. He received the honor of Conservation Farmer of the Year in 1968.

He married Laveta Bass on October 21, 1948. They had four children: Judy Norman of Lubbock, Jodi (Andy) Williams, Rynn Norman and Kim (Rhonda) Norman, all of Post; and eight grandchildren: Russ Moore, Randy (Andi) Moore, Kelly (Justin) King, Matthew Norman, Mark Norman, Stace (Kalyn) Norman, Steffi (Tanner) Scott and Laci Norman of Madisonville, Ky. They had six great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Laveta; sister Mary Etta Fleming; sister-inlaw Johnnie Norman; and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jim Norman.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: that inheritance is not just and not only to me only, measured in money or in but unto all them also that love his appearing" (1 Timothy 4:7-8).

gust 26, 2013, was the day Dad received the ultimate promotion - to be with Christ. As the Apostle Paul said in Philippians 1:21, to die is gain. We are celebrating his victory.



GERALD V. NORMAN

Our Dad was a man who was loved by many because of his warmth, his compassion, his sense of humor, and because of his unending love for his family. His greatest desire was to be blessed so that he could bless other people. He was always for the "underdog" and the less fortunate.

He graduated Post High School in 1943. Our Dad was a proud veteran of World War II. He loved telling stories of his time in the war because he counted it as an honor to serve his country. He served with Company 1-185th Division Infantry.

Proverbs 13:22 says, "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children." I've discovered material things. Webster's dictionary says that it also means "legacy" or any Monday evening, Au- "characteristic passed on by heredity."

Our Dad passed on to us a giving heart and a genuine compassion for hurting people. He passed on to us a willingness to make sacrifices if it would help pre-

vent misfortune in the lives of others. He passed on to us a strong work ethic. He always taught us to work hard and to help others along the way.

He passed on to us loyalty for our family. I don't know of anyone who loved Dad, did. He stood by us in every way no matter what we were going through, no matter what the situation

I rejoice in the fact that our father is with Jesus, even though we will miss him greatly.

Second Corinthians 5:8 says: "To be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord." We are not a people without hope. If our Dad hadn't known Jesus, then we'd have sadness and sorrow, but Jesus knew lution. our Dad and Dad knew

So we honor our father today in this tribute to him. Thanks, Dad, for being the best friend we ever had.

vice was held 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 28, 2013, at the Family Harvest Church in Post with Jimmy Norman and church pastor Joey Hamlin officiating. Military graveside rites followed at the Terrace Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Randy Moore, Russ Moore, Justin King, Mark Norman, Stace Norman and Tanner Scott.

Memorials are suggested to any cancer foundation.

The Paperboy U.S. action in Syria a tough call

T find it ironic that President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry are pushing for action against Syria especially if the action is unilateral.

Mind you, I'm not saying I'm against the action. I'm not saying I'm for it. I honestly don't know how I feel his family more than our about it. I suppose I'd feel better if the United States had some support regarding action. But that does not mean

> our intervention is not warranted. In fact, you could argue that a precedent has been set somewhat.

I do believe congressional approval is necessary.

However, I seem to recall some opposition from Obama and Kerry to similar action during the Bush Administration. That's the ironic part.

Sending troops into a field of battle is always the toughest call to make for a president. And our troops have been **BLACKBURN** in harm's way for a long time. Should President Obama and Congress make that call, let us all pray for a quick reso-

down the road.

In my opinion, the last several wars we've been in were not handled correctly.

In war, you should have a conqueror and the conquered. When you defeat your enemy, you take over a country and sweep it clean of the enemy.

For thousands of years this is how wars were fought. Celebration of Life Ser- Things changed beginning with Korea and continuing

War can never be kind and gentle. It's horrific. So, if you're going to subject the country to war, take over the enemy's land and correct what's wrong with it. We've had several examples that not doing so creates more problems

A psychiatric hospital in Pennsylvania is set to become the country's first facility of its kind to offer an inpatient treatment program for people with severe Internet addic-

juice

The voluntary program will open soon at the Behavioral Health Services at Bradford Regional Medical Center. The program is organized by specialists with backgrounds in treating issues like drug and alcohol abuse.

"[Internet addiction] is a problem in this country that can be more pervasive than alcoholism," said Dr. Kimberly Young, the psychologist who founded the nonprofit program. "The Internet is free, legal and fat free — that can be more pervasive than alcoholism."

The program is not for children and adults who spend hours playing video games. It is for people whose lives have become totally consumed spending nearly every waking hour on the computer.

Judging by how many of us act in public, perhaps a gentler program is needed for smartphone addiction. Half of the country looks to be in need of help.

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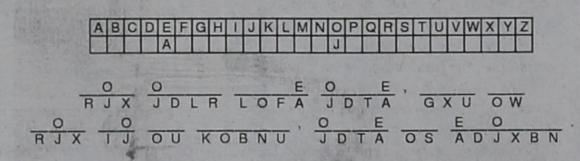
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Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Mae West



O Feature Exchange

Post Independent School District is currently requesting bids for Gasoline and Diesel for the 13-14 School Year.

Sealed proposals will be received in the Superintendent's office at Post I.S.D.; 501 South Avenue K; Post, Tx. 79356 until 2:00 p.m on September 10, 2013, at which time they will be opened and reviewed. The proposals will be considered at the School Board Meeting on September 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Post I.S.D. Administration Building.

Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting Shellee Odom, Post ISD Business Manager, 806-495-3343 or at Post ISD Administration; 501 S Ave K; Post, Tx. 79356

Post I.S.D. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE **CITY OF POST** TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK **GRANT PROGRAM- DISASTER RELIEF FUND**

The City of Post will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on September 10th, 2013 at Post City Hall in regards to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) Disaster Relief Fund grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Deana Watson, Post city manager at Post City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Post to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Post at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.





Springer will make post-session stop in Post

Rep. Drew Springer will embark on one of many post-legislative town hall forum tours Sept. 11 with stops planned in Roby, Post and Crosbyton.

will discuss the 83rd session and the three subsequent special sessions this summer and also will be residents an opportunity to ask questions regarding the Legislature and learn about what Springer accomplished in his first Post from 1 to 2 p.m. term.

"As a candidate, I promised the people of House District 68 that as their state representative I would keep them involved in the process," Springer

MUENSTER — State said. "In my first term, I have done my best to keep that promise through open communication and regular updates both online and in person. I look forward to continue hosting town At the forums, Springer halls for the people of the district to hear about the legislative process and voice their comments and concerns."

Springer will kick off the tour at 11 a.m. at the Fisher County Courthouse and is expected to be in at the Centennial Bank Community Room, 210 N. Broadway. He'll finish the day in Crosbyton at the public library.

For information about Springer or the forums,



REP. DREW SPRINGER contact Jennifer Vogel at jennifer.vogel@house.state. tx.us or by phone 940-665-

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Nancy's Notions

Cooking up a cottage food business

ecent changes to the Texas Cottage Food Law mean that more foods can be prepared and sold from a residential kitchen.

The previous law limited the foods

that could be sold to mainly baked goods, jams and jellies and dried herbs. Under the amended law, which took effect Sept. 1, the list of foods that can be sold has been expanded to include pickles, popcorn snacks, candy, unroasted nut butters

NANCY **MCDONALD**

roadside stands and fairs.

In addition, these foods can be sold at venues outside the home, including farmers markets,

and vinegar.

All foods sold must be properly labeled and include the name and address of the operation, the name of the product, possible allergens that are in the food, and a statement saying the food was not prepared in a kitchen that is inspected by the Department of State Health Services or a local health department.

The amended law also requires that anyone who operates a cottage food business have a food handler card by Jan. 1. You can complete your food handler application online at foodsafetyonline. tamu.edu.

With the growing interest in food preservation and selling foods at farmers markets, roadside stands and fairs, nutrition specialists from Texas A&M University have developed a presentation that may be of interest to potential entrepreneurs or fundraising volunteers, including schools and churches.

The Cottage Food Law workshop will be offered from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept 24 at the Garza County Extension Office. The program includes the income limits for cottage food production, foods allowed and not allowed under the new law, and potential marketing locations. Packaging and labeling guidelines and examples will ensure the law is being interpreted correctly.

Cost to attend the seminar, which is limited to the first 15 registrants, is \$10 and includes complete handouts.

For information about the Cottage Food Law, the food handler card or to RSVP for the Cottage Food Law workshop, call the Garza County Extension Office at 806-495-4400.

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

Menus

Menus: Sept. 9-13

Post ISD Post ISD Menu

Breakfast

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Monday: French toast sticks, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk

Tuesday: Scrambled eggs with biscuits and gravy, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk

Wednesday: Breakfast club, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk

Thursday: Chicken and waffles, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk

Friday: Breakfast burrito, fresh fruit or fruit juice, milk

Lunch

Monday: Cheeseburger and garnish, potato rounds, Western beans, diced pears, milk

Tuesday: Tangerine chicken with brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple tidbits, milk

Wednesday: Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Thursday: Stuffed barbecue potato, Texas toast, baby carrots ,fresh fruit bowl, milk

Friday: Chicken Parmesan, breadstick, garden salad, green beans, fresh apple slices, milk

Southland ISD

Breakfast

Monday: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, milk Tuesday: Chicken biscuit, fruit, juice, milk Wednesday: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

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

Lunch

Monday: Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli bites, garden salad, oranges, baked chips, milk

Tuesday: Crispy beef taco, charro beans, garden salad, salsa, cinnamon applesauce,

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes with gravy, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, hot roll, milk

Thursday: Spaghetti with meatballs, garden salad, savory green beans, sliced peaches,

Friday: Hot dogs ,tater tots, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, milk

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How not to ... grow cantaloupe

In the world of how-to books, let's add how-not-to. Couldn't we all write some?

"How Not To Garden" is the book I should write. Ways not to grow almost

anything are my specialty. "Forgetting To Plant" will be Chapter One. I've had years of practice.

This year, however, I changed my pattern and planted canteloupe seed. What was I thinking? I can't even spell canteloupe. Cantaloupe.

Well, I still prefer my MUNN spelling. It looks more French. But the vines aren't there no matter how you spell cantaloupe.

I just can'ta grow 'em. Hmmm. Now I'm feeling Italian. Where in the world did that word "cantaloupe" come from anyway?

DICTIONARY PAUSE.

Believe it or not, there's a cantaloupegrowing place near Rome called Cantaluppi. Seriously. It would be fun to go there, although I'd rather visit Watermelone. I like watermelon better. But at garden-planting time this year, seed from a canteloupe - oops, cantaloupe — was all I found.

The cache came from a tasty cantaloupe consumed so long ago I don't remember exactly how good it was. Maybe that's a rule. Don't keep seed too long - sort of like the toss-the-doggybag-if-you-can't-remember-the-meal rule.

Nevertheless, our fourth-grade teacher told us wheat seed found in the tomb of a pharaoh sprouted when planted. That's how it was in those pre-Internet days. You had to trust your fourth-grade teacher.

RESEARCH PAUSE.

Sure enough, she told us wrong. That

seed-sprouting myth dates from the 1800s, when Europe was going wild over all things Eygptian, if Wikipedia can be trusted on Egyptomania. Something in my fourth-grade soul told me our teacher was too sure about everything to be right about everything.

That said, in 2005, per the Internet, a 2,000-year-old date palm seed from Herod the Great's palace sprouted for some Israelis. They dubbed their palm Methuselah.

I should've planted date seeds myself, but I was fresh out. A couple of palms would improve this farm. Didn't the late Billie Sol Estes, deceptive fertilizer-tank wheeler-dealer, have palms at his place at

MORE RESEARCH.

Indeed he did. A 1966 newspaper story reports the demise of his Florida imports. They didn't freeze; they got chopped down, apparently by souvenir-seekers, while Estes was away from home serving

That's one thing I haven't done wrong - left plants untended to serve a prison term. But prison's a better excuse than simply forgetting to check the garden. Guilty as charged. Yep, while I wasn't looking, Flopsy, Mopsy and Peter Cottontail must have ambled over the brick fence and eaten everything, if anything ever came up.

I'll devote a chapter to what sort of fences not to build. A brick fence one brick high doesn't discourage rabbits, especially if the bricks are lying flat.

I might have suspected armadillos instead of rabbits if I'd discovered snout marks. But when you forget to water, armadillos stay away.

Indeed, my little bare spot doesn't even look like a garden. That's how good I am at what I don't do.

I guess I've found my calling.

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

Legends

Early settlers endured great hardships

The stories I share with you every week are from the museum archives, or from other sources that tell the history of our area. Some depict adventure and others many sorrows along the way.

The early 1900s in Garza County were not for everyone, but those who chose it had to be pretty tough, and that included the whole family. This primitive lifestyle of fighting drought, rattlesnakes and sandstorms was pretty

wild.



year 1915. Joe B. Powell and Mary Saunders Powell

moved to Garza County in the fall of 1915 from Chillicothe. They had one daughter, **PUCKETT** Imogene. They came to Southland by train,

where they were met by

Mary Powell Feece

Mrs. Powell's sister Mrs. Claude Spence. The Spence family had moved here the previous year and had made one crop on their farm. The Powell's were met by their folks in a one-horse buggy with rubber tires, which they thought quite elegant.

They started out from Southland, going across section after section in the direction of the Spence farm. There were no roads or fences at this time.

The Powells stayed in the Spence home until improvements were made on their 160 acres. As was the custom, the barn was built first and the family moved into it and lived there while the house was being constructed.

Mrs. Feece (formerly Mrs. Powell) recalls, that the carpenters boarded with them while the house, chicken house and cow sheds were being built. They had a windmill with plenty of good

water and put running water in the large five-room house. Later a bathroom was added to the house.

The next year, 1916, the Powell's second daughter was born, Nell Marie Powell.

Mr. Powell broke out sod for their first crop, which did not make so good because it was a dry year. The settlers who came the year before had made a bumper crop on sod because it was a seasonable year.

The family worked hard planting a garden, flowers and orchard. The orchard had many fruit trees, peaches, apricots, berries and grapes. The grapes were the best bearing of all the fruits. The always had a crop of grapes when so much of the time other fruit would be killed by a late freeze.

In 1918 the first boy was born into their family, Brent Powell Jr. Also, this year was the year in the county of the terrible influenza epidemic. This terrible disease took the life of Mr. Powell.

There was much dry weather and many sandstorms while the family lived here, and Mrs. Feece (Powell) recalls much sorrow in this family. She says also that there were many pleasures and gatherings of all the early settlers that shared the same problems and interests.

In later years Mrs. Powell remarried to Mr. Feece, and of this writing (1973) resided in Washington, D.C.

Well, that concludes another story of the brave men, women and children who settled our county.

As you drive along highways, do you ever notice a clump of trees where once stood a house and barn? Or maybe you are intrigued enough to pull off the roadway, drive over to the site and park for a spell. There you might discover that a "Legend" once lived there.

See you next week.

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

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Bold Gold Football



Sarah Stinson/For The Post Dispatch

After a successful scoring drive, the Antelopes celebrate on the sidelines. The Morton Indians didn't have an answer for a powerful Post offense.



A blocked punt was thwarted by the Antelopes in gridiron action on Friday night.

Post JV Football

Lopes handle Levelland in first game

Levelland Loboes, 50-22, on Thursday night at and often.

downs on the first pos- add the two-point play. session. On second down A.J. Escebedo raced 60 yard to the endzone with A.J. Reeds two point conversion run the Lopes and the Lopes extended lead 8-0. On their next the lead to 30-0. Levelpossession Escebedo hit land would add a late Shandon Wiley on a 65- touchdown to make the Jerry Pyles yard bomb. On the PAT score 30-6 at half.

The Post JV Antelopes Jarred Curtis passed to (1-0) won their season Christian Pearson giving opener by defeating the Post a 16-0 after the first

Jimmie Redman Stadium. belonged to Jarred Cur-The Lopes scored early tis. Curtis' 65-yard punt return set up Escebedo The Lope defense second touchdown of the stopped the Loboes on game, and Curtis would

The Bold Gold stopped Levelland, and Curtis took the punt 80 yards for the score. The kick failed

The Lopes would continue scoring on long runs in the second half. Blaine Reece would score The second quarter on a 65-yard run, and Reed would score on an 80-yard run. Reece would finish the scoring on a 20-yard run. Osmar Portillo would kick two extra points for the Lopes.

> Wiley would pick off a pass for Post.

The Lopes were expected to play last night against a visiting Lamesa

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Copper Breaks News

StarWalk slated Saturday at state park

QUANAH — The popular StarWalk is objects. set for Saturday at Copper Breaks State Park. The nationally acclaimed public astronomy program continues its 18th year with the presentation "Luna-tics."

Program coordinator John Rudd will lead participants in a naked-eye exploration of the night sky beginning at sunset, around 8:45 p.m., in Big Pond Campground.

In addition to the after-dark programs, Sky Guide volunteers will again offer Sun Fun at 4:45 p.m. Sun Fun offers the public rare views of our own star, the Sun, through telescopes fitted with filters for safe viewing.

Nighttime observing begins after sunset. Rudd will begin the program using items for the NASA Night Sky Network, followed by a tour of the darkening skythe original StarWalk. Blending science with history, legends, and lore, Rudd will take the public on a trip through major constellations, spotlighting bright stars, and introducing the "star-hopping" technique to find other interesting

After the StarWalk, the public is invited to view these various dark-sky objects through the park's binoculars and telescopes with the help of knowledgeable Sky Guide volunteers, who come from throughout Texas and Oklahoma to assist with the StarWalk.

The 2013 slate of StarWalks will end with the Saturday presentation set for Oct. 26, weather permitting.

Upon entering the park, StarWalk signs will direct visitors to Big Pond Campground and parking. The quartermile walk into the observing area is on lighted asphalt, and extra assistance for the handicapped is available from park

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Puzzle of the Week

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Peer of the highest rank
- 5. So. Am. camel rela-
- tions 11. In a short time
- 12. Modernized
- 14. Picket fences 16. Nacred gem
- 18. ____ nified: foolish
- 19. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 21. Political action committee
- 23. Roam aimlessly
- 25. Peach state (abbr.) 26. Walls covered with
- wood
- 27. Pismire 29. Lowest feudal class
- 30. End
- 31. Mama Mia group 35. Change or modify
- 36. Mountain lions 38. Atomic #22
- 39. Sharp verbal reply
- 40. Autonomic nervous system
- burned 43. Computer oddballs
- 50. Gum arabics
- 52. Tissue cancer
- 54. One of the suits 55. A native of the island
- of Samoa
- 56. Young woman (French)

CLUES DOWN

1. Dip lightly into

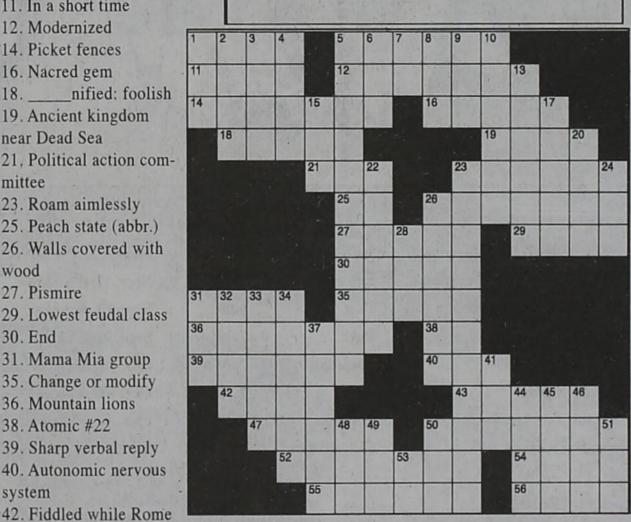
water

- 2. Two-toed sloth
- 3. Cologne 4. ____ Blyton, chil-
- dren's author
- 5. Airport conveyance 6. Lasting records
- 7. A public promotion
- 8. A diagrammatic rep-
- resentation
- 9. Dined 10. Mariner
- 13. Male bees
- 15. Lightly bite
- 17. Punch or soup server 20. Brewed beverage
- 22. Even-toed ungulates
- 23. Spouted garden container
- finder (abbr.)

24. Radio direction

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- 26. Former Spanish coin
- 28. Pad at the door
- 47. Latin ballroom dance 31. Air Control Radar
 - 32. Terminator psychologist actor Earl

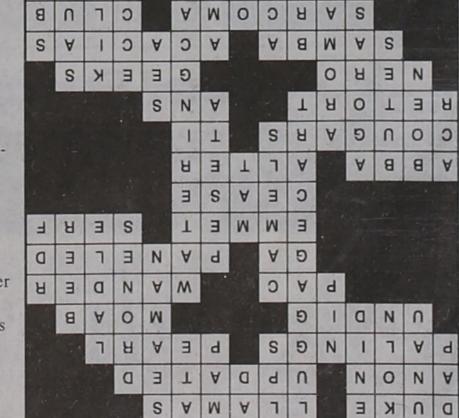
 - 33. Attri____: qualities
 - 34. Greek marketplaces
 - 37. Odors
 - 41. Large body of water
 - 44. Electronic counter-coun-
- 46. First king of Israel 48. Women's undergarment

termeasures

45. Cause to die

- 49. Assoc. for Computing Machinery
- 50: Doctors' group
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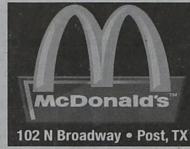
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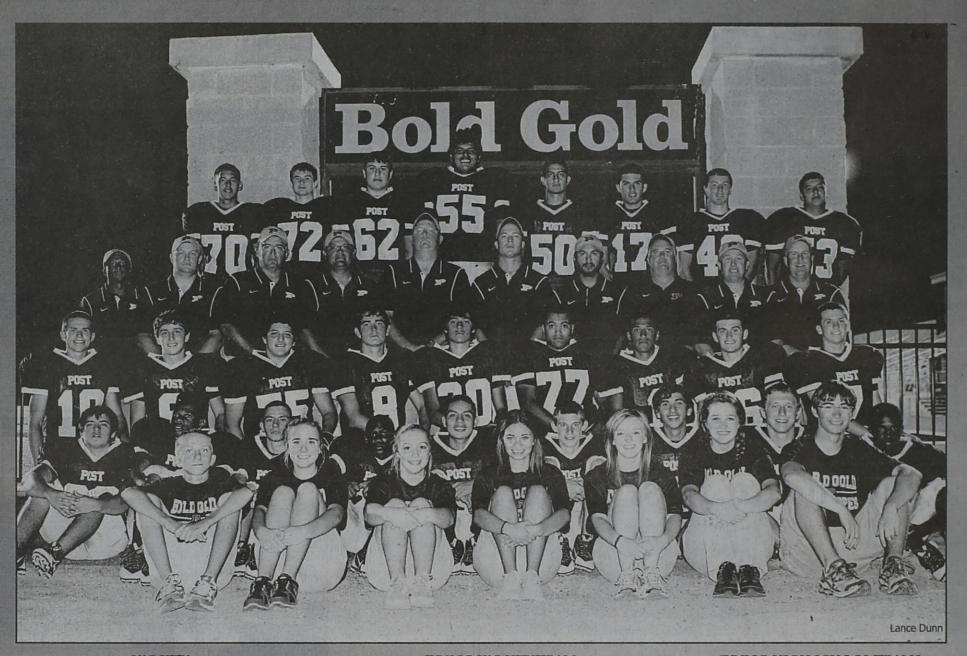
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Post	6:00	Sept.19 Tahoka	6:00	Sept. 12 Slaton	5:00	6:00	7:00	
Post	7:30	Sept. 26 Denver City	6:00	Sept. 5 Lamesa	6:00			
Lamesa	7:30	Oct. 10 @Roosevelt*	6:00	Sept. 19@Tahoka	TBA	5:00	6:00	
Post	7:30	Oct. 17 @Tulia*	6:00	Sept. 26 @Denver City	4:30	6:00	7:30	
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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

Garza County 4-H members Kevin Strube, Dionn Heckaman, and Breann Heckaman win awards at the annual achievement banquet.

This year's season opener will go down in history as one of the few football games canceled because of weather. With 1:37 left in the first half, a lightning delay was called, Denver City was leading 21-0. At 9:39 the game was called and the final score was Denver City 21, Post 0.

Preston Poole won 3 medals in the Senior Olympics held at Texas Tech's Fuller Field.

Poole won a gold medal for 50 meters competition, a silver for the 100 meter, and a silver in tennis singles.

20 Years Ago

The rumor around town is that the twoyear business Missy's Manufacturing in Post is closing its doors. Missy's produc-

tion manager Dave Brown said, "That rumor has to be squelched. Missy's is here and Julian Aranda. to stay."

Founder's Day has been an important annual extravaganza the second week of October since 1987 with countless hours devoted to insure its success every year. This year is no exception.

A run-off election for city council was held between Larry Mills and John But-

Post shutout Abernathy 33-0. Leading the offense was Tim Bell(133 yds.), Jim Riley Simpson, Brad Lawson, Lemuel McDonald, Anthony Martin, and Alvin Reed. Defensively the 'Lopes were dominate. Russ Bird, Luis Valdez, McDonald were a big part of the 'shock troops" that stopped the Abernathy plays for little or no yards.

The Bold Gold JV trounced Abernathy 30-16. Standouts included Corey Cruse , Sammy Zubia, David Norman, Jay

Childers, Jeremy Josey, Jerry Crawford,

30 Years Ago

Lopes stun the Roosevelt Eagles 41-6. Solid defense from Curt Cowdrey, Jay Valdez, James Mock, L.D. Harper, R.J. Greathouse, and Ricky Moore kept the Eagles from advancing. Key offensive players advancing the ball for the Antelopes were Milton Williams, Joel Kirkpatrick, Felix Bustos, Daniel Gonzales, Giles Dalby, and punter-Chuck Morris.

Lance Darnell Dunn and Angela Kay Matthews exchange vows. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Matthews Jr., of Lazbuddie, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stanley of Post and Mr. and Mrs. Darrrell Dunn of Lubbock.

40 Years Ago

Post outgains Spur in scrimmage game. Leading offensive players were David Conoly, Darnell Harper, David Tyler, Bryan Davis and Ricky Shepard. Defensive standouts were Jay Pollard, Chris Wyatt, and Sammy Gutierrez.

Last Friday's big rain is being called a "life-saver" for the 1973 cotton crop. Rainfall reports range from .80 inches to 3.4 inches across Garza County.

Between 260 and 275 contestants have entered the Little Britches Rodeo to be held here Sept. 8-9.

50 Years Ago

A 1,400 enrollment expected in the Post

Ole Mr. Boll Weevil has moved into Garza County cotton.

Pool hall and dance hall city ordinances

Antelope "11" will open the season at Ralls on Friday night, Sept. 6.

Compiled by Tammy Maxfield Ayala

The Idle American NFL toughens 'Bag Lady' rules

generation ago, my wife proclaimed a small victory.

"We can mark that one off," she said. "I've just taken our youngest to the pediatrician's office for the last time."

"Congratulations," I purred. "No more waiting in pediatricians' offices for us." (Warning: Saying "no more"

with such

finality is

essentially

the same

as "never

again.")

later at

a Dallas

Years



speaking engage-DON ment, my **NEWBURY**

turn at the lectern was delayed by a talented male quartet's 45 minutes of song. They were all pediatricians. This time,

but four. We both whooped it up when the same daughter progressed from nighttime

I waited not for one doctor,

diapers to "big girl undies." "We've been buying diapers of some kind for 99 consecutive months," I announced, somewhat proud of my double-digit addition. We had cloth diapers in the early going—as did the diaper delivery and pick-up service — for the first of

three daughters, anyway. We "reminisced on," naming the various brands of disposable diapers. "I couldn't trust you to buy diapers," Brenda said. "You rarely got the right brands, right type or right size." I winced, nodding like a bobblehead doll.

"One thing for sure," I

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Grass Carp, Bass, Crappie,

laughed, shifting to subjectchanging gear. "Never again will diapers dominate our conversations."

Then — in the serious and understandable name of security — the National Football League comes up with new rules about what fans may bring into football stadiums. At first, I nodded approvingly. Then I noticed diaper bags no longer are permitted.

This edict can't hold water. Young parents are going to throw fits — progressing from hissy, to conniption, to wall-eyed — and well they should. (Really now, if you were a walleye, wouldn't you have a fit if you were hooked on the business end of a fishing line?)

We who harbor suspicions immediately wonder if this is another money-grubbing scheme.

Fans will quickly notice if they set up diaper stands, perhaps just inside entrance gates. Hawkers may yell, "Get your diapers here, \$10 each."

And if parents want to trade one in, the answer is likely to be, "With trade-in, they're \$15 each."

I know. Fans can take in small transparent bags and "mini purses," the latter no bigger than hand size. It's a stretch to think they'll accommodate diapers, burp cloths, pacifiers, bibs, bottles and more.

All fans have vested interest. What if games go into overtime, or hours are bloated by those wretched "further reviews"?

The announced policy, carried out, makes us cross fingers that the roof will

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Oh, the folks inspecting carry-ins are just doing their jobs.

In the case of the Dallas Cowboys, some 40 additional personnel are serving in the parking lots, advising what can be taken inside.

I'd sooner work on a sardine-packing assembly line, even if my job was closing their little eyes before the cans were sealed

If the diaper bag rule is amended, there'll be thunderous cheers. And creative moms - some who've already contrived massive hats made of diapers and held meetings on smuggling techniques - can channel their energies elsewhere.

I imagine the other edicts will stand up. Fans will grouse for a while before resuming our culture's sheep-like tendencies, but they'll eventually accept the tightened rules as standard operating procedure.

At home, TV viewers will add still another item to their lengthening "why-bothergoing-to-the-stadium" lists. "Hey," couch vegetables (potatoes and others) will say, "My big screen won't match the one at Jerry World, but it's about as big as our den wall can accommodate."

This ain't your father's Oldsmobile or old NFL. Back when, game tickets were cheaper than a hot dog is today. Fans often were seated three seats apart so there could be "spreading room" only. I imagine anything one could carry or drag into stadiums-short of artillery or dynamite - was A-OK.

Oh, many fans will continue to flock to games in this Barnum & Bailey world, hang the cost.

Others will be more discerning, though, opting to watch games on TV at home.

I feel sorry for AT&T, already laying out big bucks to name the stadium. I doubt that AT&T was consulted about the diaper-bag rule. Besides, they're busy trying to convince fans that it's AT&T Stadium, not Jerry

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, is a Christian humorist and motivational speaker. small, rural counties.

"If they're doing it in big ing."

of the Stonewall County counties, it's just a matter Commission, Judge Ronnie of time," he said. "If they're Moorhead said the plan has doing it now for them, how the potential to have major far behind can we be out financial repercussions in here? It may be a few years away, but I suspect it's com-

POST From Page 1

would light up the new scoreboard. Brown took the pitch and racing 44 yards to the end zone. Garza's pass to Cambry Gilbert made the score 16-0. The Lope defense would force

TML's executive director.

In remarks on the subject

during last week's meeting

and 3-and-out for the Indians. Jayson Walden led the defense on the series stopping the Indian running back for a loss on first and second down. After the punt, Jones hit Pearson in stride for a 76-yard touchdown pass. Aron Lopez added the kick.

Following anther Morton punt, the Lopes would score

ging in new factors. But he

did reveal his personal plans

for this fall and winter in

response to a question from

"I do have a cattle and

wheat operation in Knox

County," he said. "Am I

going to graze (my wheat)

this year? The answer is yes,

even though it's irrigated.

I've got calves ready to sell.

I want to stick a little more

weight on while these calf

prices continue to acceler-

Bevers' main presentation

recognized a variety of fac-

tors affecting the wheat and

cattle business, including a

brief look back over trends

that have set the stage for

pending on what you were

Bevers noted that before

the fall 2010 start of the

present drought, cattle pric-

es were on the verge of go-

ing up and grain prices were

"starting to try to explode."

"We were getting gains

and values out of stocker

cattle like we thought we

The choice was between

"There didn't seem like

raising stocker cattle and

growing grain - both vi-

should," he said.

able.

the current situation.

CATTLE

From Page 1

the audience.

quickly once again. Jones would pass to Garza for nine yards and on second down; Smith would bust through the line 44 yards to the end zone. Post would take a 30-0 lead to the locker room at the half.

Sergio Soliz, Marco Erives, Paden Babb and Alan Alaniz) dominated the Indian offensive line the entire game.

Soliz forced a fumble that was recovered by Babb. On the next play, Garza would score from 10 yards out; Lopez' kick would extend the led to 37-0.

On the Indians next possession, Basquez would own Morton by stopping the ball carrier twice for huge losses. After the

any way you could be in the middle," he said. "If I was the wheat farmer, my ity. Stockers didn't need to be a part of my overall pro-

Then Bevers talked about wheat-grower options based on current costs and potential rewards. He utilized the 3,200-acre model, theoretically putting 800, 425-pound calves on half the wheat acreage from late November through mid-February and then pulling the calves off all but 500 graze-out acres, thus illustrating three options for this fall's yet-to-be-planted wheat crop: grain harvest, grazing and grain and or

grazing only. costs, with all best guesses based on current information, Bevers asked the per-

"Things started going tinent questions: on in 2006, 2007," he said. What yield can be ex-"Fertilizer was skyrocketpected if the wheat is haring up to \$1,000 a ton, devested?

> What is the expected per-bushel price?

What other price adjustments should be made, keeping in mind insurance and harvest costs for grazeout versus grain, the days of graze-out remaining and average daily gain and stocking rate during graze-

Bottom line, penciling in Bevers' final words rec-

gain is over 57 cents (per yet."

punt, Garza would find the end zone for the second time for 44 yards out.

The defense would finish the scoring for Post late in the third quarter. Basquez would force a fumble, the ball flipped up in The Bold Gold defensive line the air and landed in the arms (Jayson Walden, T.J. Basquez, of Stephen Rodriguez. Rodriguez quickly raced 23 yards for the defensive touchdown. Lopez added the extra point, and the Lopes led 50-0.

Post finished the game with 454 yards of total offense and Morton with 26.

The Antelopes will take their 1-0 record into Lamesa toight The Lopes beat Lamesa 40-33 last season. Lamesa will enter the game 0-1 after losing to Littlefield.

pound), I'm better off to graze it out," he said.

The ownership of the grain yield was the prior- stockers makes a differ-

> "If I own the cattle, I'm getting a buck whatever,' Bevers said. "If I've got lease cattle on me, am I getting more than 57 cents (paid

> per pound of gain)?" Putting off the graze-out decision until late in the season can be problematic.

"I may want to graze out my wheat starting March 1 but do you find the cattle?'

he asked. In the final analysis the price of wheat is what makes the difference.

"Everything else is kind of a follower," Bevers said "It's a unique situation After enumerating all right now. Cattle are pretty good right now, but they're expensive. Costs are very high, but the wheat price is starting to come down."

> Besides explaining factors to be considered, Bevers exploded a fallacy. The cost of putting pounds on a calf in a feedlot should not influence the lease price paid for wheat pasture, he said.

"Cost of gains in a feedlot have nothing to do with it," Bevers said. "It has everything to do with what the wheat producer is giving up. You lose five to six bushels."

up-to-date information for ognized the uncertainty of 2013-2014, Bevers summed farming and raising cattle: "God bless; pray for rain "If the value of that calf's We ain't out of this drought

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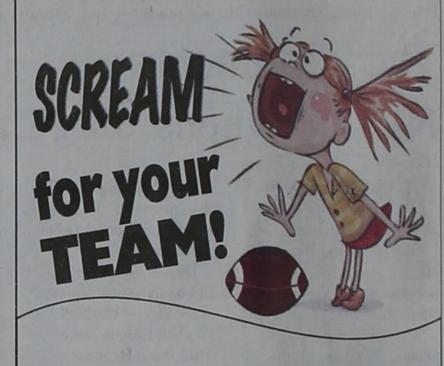
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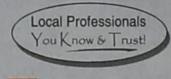


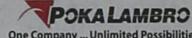
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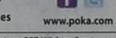


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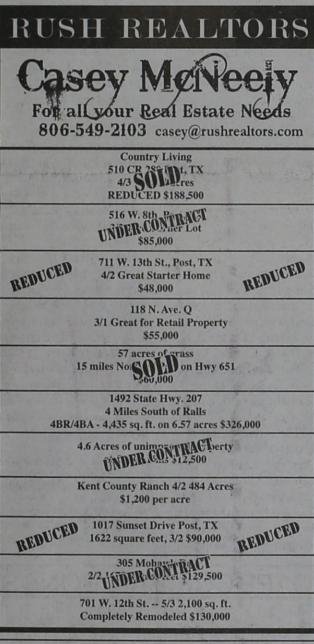
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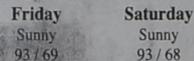
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Answer: Drifts have reached depths of

Weather History

Sept. 6, 1987 - Severe thunderstorms

produced more than seven inches

of rain in Georgia. Four persons

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Sept. 7, 1970 - A lightning bolt

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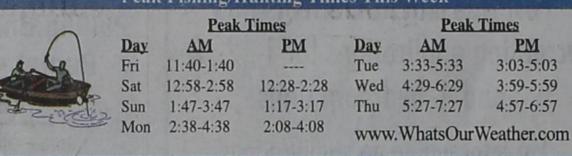
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Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 93°, humidity of 35%. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 104° set in 2000. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 69°. Southeast wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 49° set in 1974. Saturday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 93°, humidity of 38%. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Skies will be mostly clear Saturday night with an overnight low of 68°. South southeast wind 10 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week



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with me. Pride melts away and honest humility seeps in and soaks them to the bone. They neither put on airs nor do they try to pretty up the ugliness. They just tell it like it is, and how it is often has me in tears as I clasp their hands and try to squeak out words of encouragement.

She was a tiny little thing, the size of an underweight 10-year-old girl, but she was a grown woman with plenty of heartache to bear. She sat by me at a women's church event at which I was speaking, and the small talk somehow turned to serious talk.

It was hard to make ends meet, she said, after her husband had up and left her and those three children.

She smiled tiredly. "I hadn't worked in 16 years, and I couldn't find a job. I clean houses, and I'm thankful for the money it brings in."

She dropped her head. "He's fighting me for custody because he doesn't want to pay child support. It takes every penny I can scrape together to pay the attorney. He keeps dragging it out."

On top of that, her mother had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and needed her, too.

There was another woman who wrote to thank me for writing "There's A Better Day A-Comin'."

"Those stories," she wrote, "are, besides the Lord, the one thing that keeps me goin'."

That's another thing - they always lift me up when they can barely lift their own heads.

She explained she had divorced her husband after she discovered he was a pedophile and had abused

their daughter. She lost her job, went without one for two years, found another then the company shut down after a year.

"I never imagined I'd be a single mother with no income living with my widowed mother, but here I am." She closed with words of inspiration and gratitude to me.

I've been in some bad places, but I've never been in those kinds of places. I've seen some hard times, but I never came close to touching a time as hard as that. By God's grace, I suppose. Certainly not my own ingenuity or cleverness.

"No matter how bad you got it," Mama used to say, "somebody else's got it worse."

In my youthful stupidity, I didn't care about anyone else's problems, only mine. All those problems seem so "piddly" as Mama would say.

Time passed and with it the problems resolved or dissolved. Most challenges and aggravations do just that, you know. They go away and then you look back and think, "Now, what was it that worried me so?"

Even now, I can barely conjure up any real tribulation to talk about. Jobs were lost, and others were found. Roofs leaked and were fixed. Cars were wrecked, and insurance companies paid. There was that time a hot water heater broke and flooded the house. That was a mess. But I cleaned it up.

Then, I, sad hearted, reached into a pitifully meager savings account and pulled out the money to replace it. But, at least I had a pitifully meager savings account. I'm embarrassed to admit now that, looking back, I wasn't consoled by that.

Here's what I think we all should do: Look around and see those who are suffering, those who are walking a road far rockier than ours, and stretch out a neighborly hand.

And for those who have no idea how good they've got it, how blessed they are in life, introduce to them to the other folks.

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