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## Cuts coming to SNAP benefits in November

By Wayne Hodgins  
The Post Dispatch

Beginning today, local families receiving government-issued food vouchers will have to budget a little differently because their benefits will be cut an average of 7 percent.

The cuts are due to an expiring provision of the federal stimulus approved in 2009 for hungry families impacted by the harshness of the recession. While the increases were to be slowly phased out as the economy improved, Congress voted in 2010 to abruptly cut that funding short, creating a holiday benefit cliff that likely will increase food insecurity nationwide.

"Every dollar counts for a family facing hunger," said Celia Cole, CEO of the Texas Food Bank Network. "This unconscionable cut will add insult to injury when families suddenly find they are unable to buy a Thanksgiving turkey."

The Texas Food Bank Network is a coalition of 20 regional food banks — one in every major city — that helps nourish nearly 4 million Texans through a state-wide network of 4,000 soup kitchens, food pantries and local agencies.

The South Plains Food Bank is the regional hub for the Texas Food Bank Network and assists about 85,000 unique individuals each year in a 21-county area, includ-

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### SNAP REDUCTIONS

Beginning Nov. 1, SNAP benefits will be reduced by an average of 7 percent to Texas residents. Reductions are based on household size.

Family Size	October Maximum	November Maximum
1	\$200	\$189
2	\$367	\$347
3	\$526	\$497
4	\$668	\$632
5	\$793	\$750

## Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend

The Post Dispatch

For most Americans, daylight-saving time will come to an end this weekend with a "fall back" to standard time at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Most states "sprung forward" at 2 a.m. March 10 earlier this year.

Although the federal government doesn't require U.S. states or territories to observe daylight-saving time, most abide by the guideline that gives us an extra hour of sleep in the fall and an extra hour of sunshine in the spring.

Daylight-saving time was officially moved from the first Sunday in April to the second Sunday in March in 2007 per the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and signed by President Bush. DST ends the first Sunday in November.

While digital clocks on many personal computers, smartphones, tablets and other electronic devices will automatically adjust to reflect the semi-annual change, residents are reminded manual clocks must be adjusted by hand.

Post fire officials also remind residents the change is an optimal time to change batteries in all smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms in your home — whether or not they may need it.

Daylight-saving time will begin at 2 a.m. March 9, the second Sunday in the month, when the time will officially "spring forward" to 1 a.m.

Wayne Hodgins

## County's first bale



Ronnie Dunn, left, delivered Garza County's first bale of cotton Oct. 13 to the Close City Gin, where Gin Manager Jim Ellis weighed it in at 516 pounds.

Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Irrigated cotton across the South Plains has been yielding as much as four bales per acre, according to officials with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Lubbock. Here in Garza County, officials placed that yield at two bales per acre.

## Dunn gins county's first bale at Close City

By Anna Gibson  
The Post Dispatch

CLOSE CITY — The first bale of cotton ginned this season in Garza County was brought to the Close City Gin by longtime farmer Ronnie Dunn on Oct. 13 and ginned the next day.

Dunn began farming in 1960 at the age of 20. He has once previously brought the county's first bale.

Dunn plants on average between 750 and 800 acres of cotton each year.

The bale delivered to the Close City Gin — Garza County's only such facility — weighed in at 516 pounds. Grown from Fiber Max 2011 seed, the 66-acre plat near the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 212 and FM 211 was not

irrigated and was harvested with an older-model John Deere stripper from defoliated plants.

A sample of Dunn's first bale was sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture classing office in Lubbock for the classing verification.

Victor Ashley, executive director of the USDA Farm Service Agency for Garza and Borden counties, said a total of 40,000 acres of cotton was planted in Garza County this year, 30,000 of which was dryland and 10,000 irrigated.

"Due to early drought conditions, we failed or destroyed 10,000 acres early," Ashley said. "The remaining 30,000 should be harvested."

Ashley estimated the county's to harvest a yield of two bales per acre on irrigated land for about

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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.

### Prospective candidates

Information about becoming a party candidate for a county-wide or precinct office in the 2014 Primary Election will be available at a prospective candidates' seminar at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Community Room at Centennial Bank. For information, contact Jim Plummer at 495-4428 or email james.plummer@co.garza.tx.us.

### Veterans edition

The Post Dispatch is soliciting area residents to submit photos and no more than 250 words of their loved ones who have served in any war past to present for the upcoming annual Veterans Day edition. Email photos and information to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com by noon Nov. 12. Call Anna Gibson at 495-2816 for information.

### Homecoming fundy

The Pride of Post Marching Band will have brisket sandwich dinner fundraiser from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday. Plates cost \$7 per person. Tickets available from band members, boosters or at the door. Email Marcie Oden at cellaandrod@aol.com for info.

### Senior choir

The Southcrest Baptist Church Senior Adult Choir will perform at 6 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church of Post. For information, call the church office at 495-3554.

### Rummage sale

Members of Calvary Baptist Church, 506 W. Sixth St., will have an inside rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For information, call Judi Martin at 549-1783.

## Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Wayne Hodgins at 806-495-2816 or thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Make breast cancer screening a priority

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and unfortunately, even with all we know about early detection, breast cancer remains the second-leading cause of cancer deaths among women. When breast cancer is discovered early, the survival rate is 98 percent, but when diagnosed at later stages the survival rate drops to 27 percent.

Unfortunately, many women do not have access to lifesaving mammography. Only 26 percent of uninsured or underinsured women older than 40 had a mammogram in the past year, compared with 56 percent of adequately insured women.

In the last 20 years, a federal program run by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has provided more than 10 million breast and cervical cancer screenings to women who otherwise would have not been able to afford them. Lack of

funding for the program limits access to one in five eligible women, and recent across-the-board federal spending cuts, known as the sequester, are threatening access to an additional 32,000 screenings for women nationwide — including 1,309 in Texas.

Without proper funding, the women who could benefit from the CDC screening program will have to skip potentially lifesaving tests and treatment. As we commemorate the women in our community and across the country this month who have battled breast cancer, we ask lawmakers to make restoring funding for cancer prevention a top priority.

**SUSAN SPURLOCK-RAWLINS and JUDY ALLEN**  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
Texas

## Junior Livestock Association Annual fundraiser always a success

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association's annual fundraising banquet was Saturday at Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center.

Attendees were treated to a brisket supper and participated in a live auction.

Door prize and raffle winners included Kristi Wink, LaVena Palmer, Keith Osborn, J.C. Stelzer III, Patty Kirkpatrick, John Boren, Lee Thompson, Rick Tadlock and Nancy McDonald. The grand prize winner of the night was Victor

Ashley.

During the event, association officials recognized individuals and businesses for their support with the evening's auction, including Glenna Reiter, Texas AgriLife Extension Service; Hurst Farm Supply; Garza 4-H; Post FFA; Southland FFA; The Wagon Real Pit BBQ; Dusty Daze; Addee and Audree Williams; Latham and Torie Huckaby; Peoples Bank; RC Trading Post; KD's @ Twins; Texas Treasures; Sonic Drive-In; Caprock Heirloom; Jackson

Brothers Meat Locker; Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.; The Jersey Lily; Wells Fargo; Perry and Kelly Smith; J. Cruse Christmas Gallery; Buffalo Creek Threads; The St. Pierre Family/ Scarborough Specialties; Glenda Boren; Adam and Sheri Rodriguez; Post Booster Club; Patti Babb; and Kim Reiter.

Jerry and Wanda Osborn also were recognized for preparing the brisket meal as was Bubba Smith for serving as auctioneer.

Janece Williams

## Menus

### Southland ISD

**Monday:** French toast, sausage, fruit

**Tuesday:** Breakfast burrito, fruit

**Wednesday:** Breakfast pizza, fruit

**Thursday:** Muffins, yogurt, fruit

**Friday:** Cherry or apple frudel, yogurt

(Juice and milk served daily)

### Lunch

**Monday:** Hamburgers, baked fries, chili beans

**Tuesday:** Tangerine chicken, noodles, carrots, broccoli, pudding

**Wednesday:** Tex-mex stack, pinto beans, garden salad, salsa

**Thursday:** Chicken fajita salad, beans, tortilla chips

**Friday:** Thanksgiving lunch

(Fruit and milk served daily)

### POST ISD

**Monday:** Oatmeal, blueberry muffin

**Tuesday:** Chicken-n-biscuit with syrup

**Wednesday:** Pancake and sausage on a stick, oven roasted potatoes

**Thursday:** Sunrise sandwich  
**Friday:** Breakfast tacos (100% fruit juice or fresh fruit and milk served daily)

### Lunch

**Monday:** Pizza dippers, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadstick

**Tuesday:** Baked potato with ham and cheese, breadstick, garden salad, seasoned corn, snowball salad

**Wednesday:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, savory green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite

**Thursday:** BBQ on a bun, black beans, baby carrots, salsa, orange smiles

**Friday:** Pizza choice, garden

salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit (Milk variety served daily)

### Trailblazers

**Lunch**

**Monday:** Beef goulash, baked beans, broccoli, oatmeal cookie, cornbread

**Tuesday:** BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot raisin salad, baked apples, wheat roll

**Wednesday:** Charbroil steak, garlic potatoes, beets, mandarin oranges, roll

**Thursday:** King ranch casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, brownie, chips

**Friday:** Baked ham, lima beans, chuckwagon corn, jello, roll

## The Paperboy My paper route

Did you know I really am a paperboy? I have a route and all!

Most folks who own their own business in small towns wear many hats. In my company, I encourage my employees to wear as many hats as possible. I think it makes the business stronger and also makes the employee stronger.

Storeowners and service providers sweep the floor, and they take out the trash. It comes with the territory I suppose. I have a paper route (OK, really it's a distribution route, but you get the idea).

Back to the route — each week I head to Wichita Falls to take boxes of inserts to the press so they can be inserted into their corresponding newspapers. I then kill a few hours with my computer at the local Starbucks before returning to the press to pick up The Hollis News, Wellington Leader, Hall County Herald and The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon.

From Wichita Falls I head to Hollis, then Wellington, where I unload those respective editions, and back to Childress where I unload Floyd and Hall (which will be distributed by someone else).

The whole process takes around 11 hours. The worst part is missing things at home. For instance, I missed my son's fourth-grade program last week where he played Charles Goodnight. It's no fun to miss that stuff.

In that 11 hours, I drive a little more than 300 miles. To load the inserts takes 10 minutes. It takes about that long to unload upon arrival in Wichita Falls. Loading the newspapers takes around 20 minutes. I have to fill up the vehicle twice, 15 minutes total, and it takes about 10 minutes to unload in each town. It's plain to see that most of the time is on the road with a fair amount of down time at Starbucks.

The strangest thing I've seen on my route were dozens of deer one evening along the Farm-to-Market road I take between Hollis, Okla., and Wellington. I drove that stretch about 30 mph and had to completely stop three times.

I've since modified my route to include a road with more traffic so I can use a blocker in front of me. The last thing I want is to rollover with four different towns' newspapers being thrown from a vehicle. That would be awful!

You get a lot of time to think when you travel by yourself. To me, even though I'm only gone from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., the solitude makes me miss my family. All of my family. I think about my parents and what they would think about their grandchildren; I think of my sister and her family and how I wish they were just a little closer; I think about my children and what they might be doing; I think about my wife and wonder if she's ready to pull her hair out without me.

One of the things I do to pass the time is sing. I think most of you would enjoy my beautiful voice. And it must be beautiful because I have yet to hear one single "boo" while on this weekly tour!

The drive itself is not that pretty. The best parts are crossing the Red River and the Rolling Plains. It's not as pretty as north Harmon County, Okla., eastern Hall County, the edge of the Caprock or the Double Mountain country in Stonewall County.

The sunsets are in my face and amazing! Each time I watch a sunset, I can't help but think it's God trying to make sure we have a nice ending to our day.

My favorite part of the day is arriving home to my family. Everything feels right when I open the door, and I see my beautiful wife, my boys, and usually a niece or nephew. Getting welcomed home by that much love is incredible!

So there you have it, the weekly route of The Paperboy. It may not be glamorous, but it is pretty interesting.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

White River Municipal Water District is considering the adoption of the following proposed revised General Rules and Rules for Recreational Vehicles, and Ordinance Number 7. Public comment will be taken on the proposed rules at the next White River Municipal Water District Board Meeting prior to a vote on the adoption of these Rules. Public comments on these rules will be limited to 3 minutes per person. The Board meeting will take place at the White River Municipal Board room located at 2880 FM 2794 Spur, TX 79370 on November 14, 2013 at 7 pm.

### ORDINANCE NO. 7

The Board of Directors of the White River Municipal Water District does hereby adopt the following Ordinance to secure, maintain, and preserve the safety and sanitary conditions of all property owned by the White River Municipal Water District

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the White River Municipal Water District (the District) has determined a need in the best interest of the District to adopt this ordinance regarding glass bottles and the open display of alcoholic beverages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the District that:

Glass bottles or beverage containers are not allowed in recreational areas;  
and  
No open display of alcoholic beverages is permitted on District property.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2013

### WHITE RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT GENERAL RULES

ALL ACTIVITIES AT OUR LAKE FACILITIES ARE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS. VISITORS ARE ADVISED THAT RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN ON THE PREMISES MAY INVOLVE AN INHERENT DEGREE OF RISK DUE TO NATURAL CONDITIONS THAT EXIST ON THE PREMISES.

Please observe the following rules so that all visitors may enjoy their visit.

Emergency Contact: Crosby County Sheriff 806-675-7301 or 911. White River Lake Patrol Officer 806-263-4240 or 806-269-1239.

- Entrance without a permit is considered trespassing. Permits may be purchased at the marina, White River Municipal Water District office, ticket booth (when open) or at the self-permitting station located at Campground #1 beside restrooms northeast of dam.
- All Visitors must post a valid White River Municipal Water District permit on the driver's front dash board window of vehicle. Pursuant to White River Municipal Water District rules for recreational vehicles, all recreational vehicle users, including ATV/UTV users, must post the ATV permit on their recreational vehicle on the front hood or windshield of the vehicle.
- Visitors, quiet hours are from midnight to 6 a.m. All visitors must be respectful and abide by quiet hours. Loud music, and other loud activity or behavior is prohibited during quiet hours.
- Pack-it-in/pack-it-out. Visitors must carry out all trash and debris they have brought into our recreational areas. Trash that is left on the District property poses a serious threat to our wildlife.
- No discharge, illegal dumping or draining of wastewater is permitted anywhere on the property of White River Municipal Water District.
- Please do not harm or disturb wild plants or animals.
- Wildlife, plants, terrain and all buildings, signs and tables and other structures are protected; removal or damage of any kind is prohibited. Any visitor or resident who damages any wildlife, plants, terrain, buildings, signs, tables, or structures is responsible for any repair and/or replacement damage.
- Pets are allowed, but must be under physical control at all times on a leash.
- Glass bottles are not allowed in recreational areas on White River Municipal Water District property. Any violations will result in immediate confiscation of the glass by WR staff and subject any violators to a fine.
- No open display of alcoholic beverages is permitted. Any violations will first result in a warning. Repeat violators will be subject to a fine.
- All Texas state laws are in effect and enforceable by White River Municipal Water District Police Officers.
- ATV/UTV use is restricted to leaseholders only. Permits are required for ATV/UTV use. Individuals engaging in ATV/UTV use must abide by these General Rules and any rules for recreational vehicles adopted by White River Municipal Water District.
- Visitors, Boaters and Personal Water Craft users must follow all Texas Parks & Wildlife rules and regulations.
- Boaters, lake levels vary within the lake; observe obstructions and obey marked buoys. All individuals are additionally required to stay away from restricted areas at all times. Some of our dangerous restricted areas are the water treatment plant, lagoons, Dam, and raw water intake. Restricted areas include any marked areas. Additionally, visitors your vehicle can easily get stuck in our lakebed and within 150 feet of our waters edge along our shorelines. For insurance purposes, the District is prohibited from assisting you with removing your vehicle. Wrecker fees in this region are expensive and damage to our shoreline and lakebed cause erosion problems. For this reason you may be ticketed, fined and found responsible for damages to these areas. For these reasons keep your vehicle off of our lakebed and 150 feet away from our waters edge of our shoreline.
- Boaters must park empty trailers in designated asphalt parking lots only. Trailers may be parked in designated parking lots only.
- Vehicles are allowed in designated parking areas only. Please keep all vehicles 150 feet from water's edge. No vehicles are allowed on lake shore line or lakebed. Vehicles must be kept on trails and/or roadways and/or designated parking areas at all times. Maximum speed limit is 25 mph on District property.
- Residential areas include homes, boat docks, driveways, etc., (private property) are restricted to lot lease holders and their guests only. Camping is only allowed in designated camping areas with a permit. Violations of this rule are considered trespassing.
- Campers are responsible for your camping area. Please be respectful of others, observe quiet hours, keep your camping area clean at all times, and follow burn ban requirements.
- No hunting is allowed on White River Municipal Water District Property. No firearm may be discharged on White River Municipal Water District Property except to protect life or lessee's property. Discharge of firearms in any other case must be approved by Police or GM.
- No shirt, no shoes, no service at the District office and water treatment plant
- Visitors and residents may obtain more information at our website, including FAQ's and current information, at [www.whiterivermunicipalwaterdistrict.com](http://www.whiterivermunicipalwaterdistrict.com)
- District Fines 1st offense \$75, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$300. District reserves the right to ask anyone at any time to leave District property based on any violation of these rules, depending on the situation may permanently ban an individual from District property.

### WHITE RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RULES FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF RULES FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFTY OF OTHERS ON WHITE RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT PROPERTY. Lot Lessees are responsible for ownership and operation of any recreational equipment at all times. Your recreational vehicle permit may be revoked; citations and fines issued, and/or your lease may be revoked or denied renewal for any violations of these rules depending upon the serious nature of the situation or continued repeated violations.

1. Beginning JANUARY 1, 2014, all lot lessees must show proof of ATV / UTV ownership by prior permit, title, bill of sale, VIN or serial number.
2. ATV/UTV permits are for LOT LESSEES and their immediate family only. THE PERMIT MUST BE DISPLAYED FRONT (HOOD/WINDSHIELD) OF ATV, UTV, DIRT BIKE, OR OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.
3. Speeding, reckless driving or any action causing WRMWD property damage will result in revocation of the permit for use of a recreational vehicle, issuance of a citation, being charged for any repair to property damage, and/or Lease revocation.
4. White River Municipal Water District will only issue up to four (4) ATV/ UTV permits for each lot lease. Additional permits must be approved by the White River General Manager AND acting Police Officer.
5. Lot Lessees are responsible for any guests operating your ATV/ UTV. Any violations of these rules by a guest of a Lot Lessee will be charged and assessed against the Lot Lessee.
6. Recreational Vehicle Permits are required for all ATVS, UTV, dirt bikes, boats and golf carts. No exceptions. WRMWD Ordinance #5.
7. Pursuant to Texas law, anyone operating a recreational vehicle under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is at least 18 years of age.
8. Pursuant to Texas law, no passengers are allowed at any time on an ATV unless the ATV is designed to carry a passenger.
9. Anyone less than 16 years of age is required to wear a DOT approved helmet.
10. All recreational vehicle use, including ATV, UTV, dirt bikes, and golf carts, must be kept on existing roads and existing trails only. Creating new trails will result in the issuance of a citation and fines to repair any damage. Repeat violations of this provision may result in revocation of the recreational vehicle permit.
11. No permit hold may drive on or across the Dam or on FM 2880.
12. No permit holder may drive on or across the lake bed, or on shoreline within 150 feet of water's edge or any posted restricted area.
13. Vehicle speed limit is 25 MPH on all White River roads. This includes all recreational vehicles such as ATV / UTV's and dirt bikes.
14. The District has a sensitive ecosystem in our remote areas where wildlife, plants, and terrain can be damaged causing erosion and problems for our lake. No trail building allowed! Please stay on existing trails. No illegal dumping or littering. Camping allowed in campgrounds only.
15. Some of our dangerous restricted areas are the water treatment plant, lagoons, Dam, and raw water intake. Do not enter any of these restricted areas at any times.
16. Trespassers or anyone falsely representing someone will be charged with trespassing, citation may be issued, and/or trespassers may be subject to bans from the District property.
17. Any vehicles or equipment weighing more than 10,000 pounds is not permitted within the District without first obtaining a work permit with a detailed description of the activity and need for heavy vehicle or equipment.
18. Permit holders are responsible for following posted signs, know these rules and the general rules, and to stay away from known or marked restricted areas.
19. Lot lessee you are responsible for the operation of your recreational vehicle at all times. Violations of these rules may result in fines of \$75 FIRST OFFENSE, \$150 SECOND OFFENSE, \$300 THIRD OFFENSE. Citations may also be issued for violations of Texas state law even if not specifically referenced herein. Repeat violations may result in denials of permits with incremental increases up to a permanent ban. The District reserves the right to revoke or suspend any permit or lease permanently based on a violation, repeated violations or serious nature of the situation.

## Dispatch asking for veterans' photos

The Post Dispatch

The Post Dispatch is soliciting area residents to submit photos of their loved ones who have served in any war past to present in anticipation of the annual Veterans Day edition, which will be published Nov. 15.

Readers are encouraged to email photos and no more than 250 words to the newspaper for

publication. Information also may be submitted in person at the Dispatch office, 123 E. Main St., Post. The door slot is also available between or after hours for customer service.

There is no charge for publication, and any one who submits the information will be given one free copy of the newspaper that week.

"Local veterans are our most

celebrated residents here in Garza County," Dispatch Editor Wayne Hodgin said. "We want to honor those living and remember those lost who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom."

Deadline for submissions will be 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12.

For information, call 806-495-2816 or email thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

## DUNN

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20,000 bales; and three-quarters of a bale per acre on dryland cotton for about 15,000.

The total estimated production for 2013 is 35,000 bales, Ashley said.

"The typical production in Garza County is about 45,000 (bales), which is a normal and a 'good' crop," he said.

A bale of cotton weighs and average of 480 pounds, and a pound of cotton this year should sell for at least 60 cents per pound. So, a bale of cotton would be worth \$288.

Cotton production this year of 35,000 bales in Garza County would be worth \$10 million. The 10,000 bales of lost production would result in a lost value of \$2.8 million, Ashley said.

### Season's crop 'promising'

Despite so many cards being dealt against it through the growing season, South Plains cotton looks very promising, said Mark Kelley, a Lubbock-based cotton specialist for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The region had a cooler-than-normal spring and late freezes and remained locked in drought by mid-summer. There were also the usual High Plains pitfalls of hail, high winds and blowing sand that knocked out some fields. Many dryland re-plantings of hailed-out or blown-out fields were late, bumping right up against the crop insurance planting deadlines.

The latest discouraging development was that winter came early this year to the area, with freezing or near-freezing weather shutting down late-set boll develop-

ment on late-planted cotton that could have really used another couple of weeks to finish out, Kelley said.

"They had their first freeze earlier this month farther north, but around Lubbock we just recently had 32 degrees for a little bit the other night," he said. "This means any boll maturation is done, so we're just waiting for harvest aides to go out and dry those plants down to get them ready for stripper harvest."

Kelley said the average first freeze for the area is around Oct. 31.

"We had some cotton that was pretty late planted and pushed hard by irrigation and sure could have used the rest of October to finish up, and some warmer temperatures, too," he said. "But we don't always get what we want."

Yet early yield reports have been very good.

"I have heard of some very good yields coming out of the better-irrigated cotton," Kelley said. "Some producers south of Lubbock actually made the one-ton club, or harvested four bales of cotton per acre. I heard another producer making two and a half bales per acre — and that wasn't on his better stuff. His better stuff is yet to be harvested."

"We were fortunate enough that after we got through all the bad weather, and the issues getting started, we had some pretty decent cotton-growing weather and were able to stick a lot of the early season fruit and take it to the gin."

Dryland cotton could have used another rain toward the end of the season, around the first part of August, he said. But in areas where the farmers got some decent rains, Kelley

said he had heard reports of 500 to 550 pounds per acre.

"That's on some really good dryland," he said. "On the rest of it, I'm hearing 250 pounds — a half bale per acre."

Early reports on quality have been good too, Kelley said. But when some of the latest planted cotton is harvested, they may have low micronaire values, a measure of fiber characteristics that is important for cotton classers and spinners.

### Weekly reports

Many counties had the first freeze of the year on Oct. 19. Floyd, Crosby, Gaines, Garza, Mitchell and Scurry counties all reported rain — from a trace to as much as 3 inches in Garza County — during the week of Oct. 22. While the rain temporarily interrupted harvesting, cotton production was in full swing this past week with several producers in southern South Plains counties still defoliating.

Some dryland cotton fields in Lynn County were still a couple of weeks away from being ready to harvest. Garza County reported cotton yields ranging from a half to three bales per acre.

The rain two weeks ago will go a long way to bringing up and sustaining winter wheat.

Harvesting of sorghum, corn, peanuts and sunflowers was also expected to resume soon. Cool-season grasses in rangeland and pastures benefited from the moisture. Rangeland was in fair to good condition. Livestock were mostly in good condition, with no supplemental feeding required on native range.

With reports from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

## Troopers seize drugs in Bailey County traffic stop

LUBBOCK — Texas Department of Public Safety troopers conducting a traffic stop Saturday on U.S. 84 yielded 53 pounds of high-grade marijuana valued at more than \$246,000.

Sgt. Bryan Witt, spokesman for the DPS Region 5 in Lubbock, said the stop was initiated about 10:30 p.m. on a 1992 Chevrolet pickup travel-

ing eastbound on U.S. 84 for a traffic violation near Sudan in Bailey County.

During the traffic stop, the trooper conducted a search of the vehicle and discovered 53 bundles of high-grade marijuana hidden between lumber in the bed of the pickup, Witt said.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as Marissa L.

Norman, 30, of Barnsdall, Okla. Norman was arrested and booked into the Bailey County jail for possession of marijuana, a second-degree felony.

The drugs were allegedly being transported from Washington State to Barnsdall, Okla., Witt said.

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## Lenders urged to register for FSA webinars

USDA Farm Service Agency Executive Director Judith A. Canales reminds lenders to register for the upcoming FSA Guaranteed Loan Program training. FSA will host four webinars from November through January.

Webinars will be offered at no cost to the participants. The webinars will be held on Nov. 7, Dec. 17, Jan. 15 and Feb. 20. All webinars will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will focus on regulatory updates pertaining to guaranteed loan making and servicing. Participants will need computer speakers and a microphone to participate.

"The guaranteed loan program is a good way for banks to continue extending credit to viable agricultural producers while mitigating the risk that the financial institution assumes," Canales said.

The Guaranteed Loan Program allows FSA to form a partnership with lenders to ensure that

agricultural producers have an affordable and reliable source of credit available. When making guaranteed loans, FSA guarantees the loan up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest. This loan program allows banks to keep their long-term agricultural customers as well as form relationships with new producers who do not qualify for traditional commercial loans.

Any of the training sessions may be attended by agency Certified and Preferred Lenders in order to remain in compliance with annual training requirements.

To view the guaranteed lender training schedule and/or to register, visit [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov).

For information regarding guaranteed lender training, contact John Cowan, farm loan specialist, at 979-680-5229 or [john.cowan@tx.usda.gov](mailto:john.cowan@tx.usda.gov).

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## SNAP

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ing Garza.

Nearly 300 families in Garza County utilize the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, according to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

The cut in food stamps will be about \$36 per month for a family of four and \$43 for a family of five and drain nearly \$900,000 from the local economy over the next year.

With just days' notice because of the government shutdown, many families haven't been adequately no-

tified of the cuts, Cole said.

"Although notices have been sent out to recipients, the shutdown affected those notices going out in a timely and effective manner," she said. "Many of those who receive benefits don't read or understand them."

Earlier this summer, the Texas Food Bank Network unveiled a national countdown clock at [stopthefoodbank.org](http://stopthefoodbank.org) to draw attention to the looming benefit cliff.

Now with just hours left, food banks are engaged in a variety of activities to educate and prepare affected clients to absorb the decrease as best they can.

More than half of the 4

million Texas SNAP participants are children. In addition to the November cut, Congress is debating whether to cut \$40 billion from SNAP through the farm bill.

Formerly known as food stamps, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is funded by the federal government and administered by states. In Texas, about 3.5 million people receive SNAP food benefits totaling about \$400 million per month. The amount of benefits is based on the family's size and income, with an average benefit amount of about \$285 per month. The benefits are put on a Lone Star Card that can be scanned like a credit card to buy food.

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### Assembly of God

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

### Baptist

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

### Catholic

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

### Church of Christ

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

### Church of God

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

### Disciples of Christ

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

### Evangelical Methodist

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

### Methodist

First United Methodist Church- 216 W. 10th, 990-2942  
Graham Chapel United Methodist Church  
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### Nazarene

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## Lions toy drive



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Post Lions Club Vice President Chuck Ratliff recently kicked off the organization's annual Toys for Tots drive for Garza County. Parents of children ages birth through fifth grade, who meet income requirements of the federal free or reduced-lunch program, may pick up applications to receive toy donations for their child for Christmas at Post Elementary School or by contacting any Post Lions Club member. Applications are due Nov. 12 and information does remain anonymous.

## Post attorney honored by Texas Bar Foundation

The Post Dispatch

Post attorney Preston Poole has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Fellows of the Foundation are selected for their outstanding professional achievements and their demonstrated commitment to the improvement of the justice system throughout the state of Texas.

"Election is a mark of distinction and recognition of Mr. Poole's contributions to the legal profession," said Morgan Smith, spokeswoman for the Austin-based organization.

Poole, 81, is serving a second stint as Garza County attorney, a position he held for 30 years from about 1965 to 1995. After establishing his own private practice and serving area residents for nearly 20 more years, Poole ran as a successful write-in candidate in last November's election on the decision of former County Attorney Mike Munk to run for district attorney, which he would go on to win.

Selection as a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation is restricted to members of the State Bar of Texas. Each year one-third of 1 percent of State Bar members are invited to become Fellows.

Once nominees are selected, they must

be elected by the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees. Membership has grown from an initial 254 Charter Fellows in 1965 to more than 7,500 Fellows throughout Texas today.

The Texas Bar Foundation, founded in 1965 by lawyers determined to assist the public and improve the profession of law, is the largest charitably funded bar foundation in the country.

Through the years, the foundation has maintained its mission of using the financial contributions of its membership to build a strong justice system for all Texans.

To date, the Texas Bar Foundation has distributed more than \$15 million throughout the state to assist nonprofit organizations with a wide range of justice-related programs and services.



Preston Poole

## First Post cereal cookoff event a success

The Post Dispatch

The Caprock Cultural Association and Post Area Chamber of sponsored a free concert and a unique community cook-off Saturday at Heritage House in celebration of founder C.W. Post's birthday.

To enter the cook-off, participants were asked to bring a homemade dish using a Post cereal as an ingredient. Concert attendees voted on the dishes, and the winner received \$100 cash funded by Xcel Energy.

The cook-off entrants were Peggy Ashley, Marsha Norman, Jane Davis, Earlene Bagby, Post Girl Scouts, Christy Morris, Mary Norman and Anna Gibson.

The winner of the cook-off was Mary Norman with her dish called C.W.'s Cheese Wafers made with Post Grape-Nuts, cheese and

pepper.

Following the cook-off, Sydney Wright, 24, granddaughter of Glen and Mary Margaret Norman performed in voice with her guitar.

Wright has been playing music since she was 5 when she started the piano; and at 15 she picked up the guitar and also started writing music. Her genre is mostly adult contemporary and cover songs.

Wright is from Snyder and now lives in Denton.

"I perform in a band called Astro Veil, and I run sound equipment at different venues in the Dallas-Fort Worth area as well as teach piano and keys," Wright said.

Wright will be going on tour throughout Colorado in the month of November as the opening act for the group called Please, Please Me.



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Mary Norman was the winner of the Post Cereal Cook-off on Saturday at Heritage House in celebration of town founder C.W. Post's birthday.



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Sydney Wright of Denton performed an hour concert at the Heritage House on Saturday as part of the C.W. Post birthday celebration event.

## Go Post, Go!

### Puzzle of the Week

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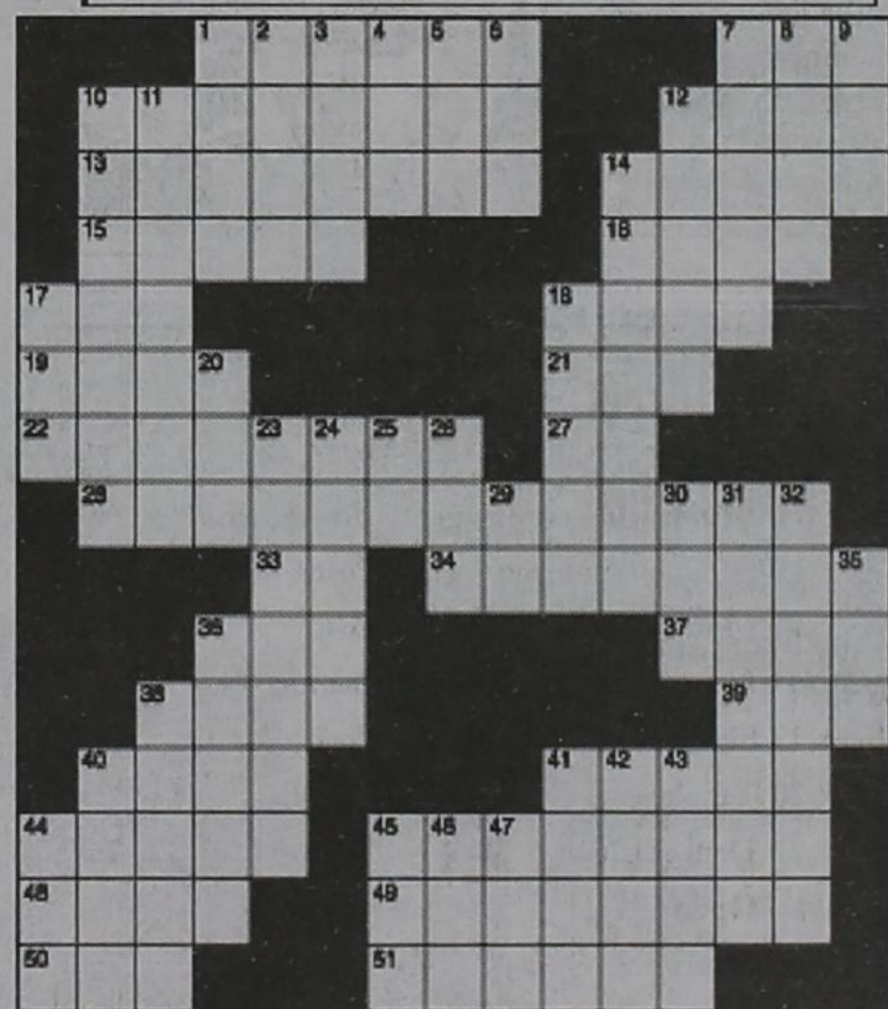
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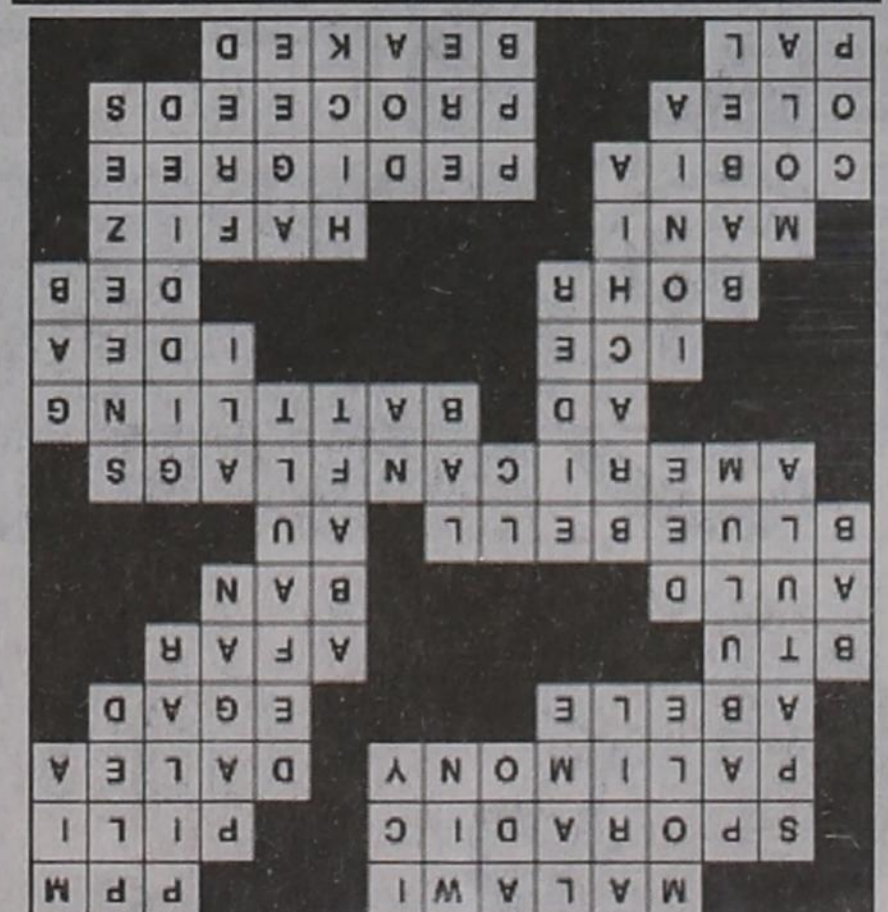
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- Rapid bustling movement
- Come out first in a competition
- Devoid of warmth and cordiality
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- In a way, appealed
- Actress Farrow
- Spreader with a flexible blade
- Comestible
- Heathen
- Loss due to not showing up
- Founder of Babism
- Toward the stern
- River in NE Scotland
- Parts of a branching shape
- Sea duck
- Not caps

#### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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#### PUZZLE SOLUTION



### 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 Dick Cheney

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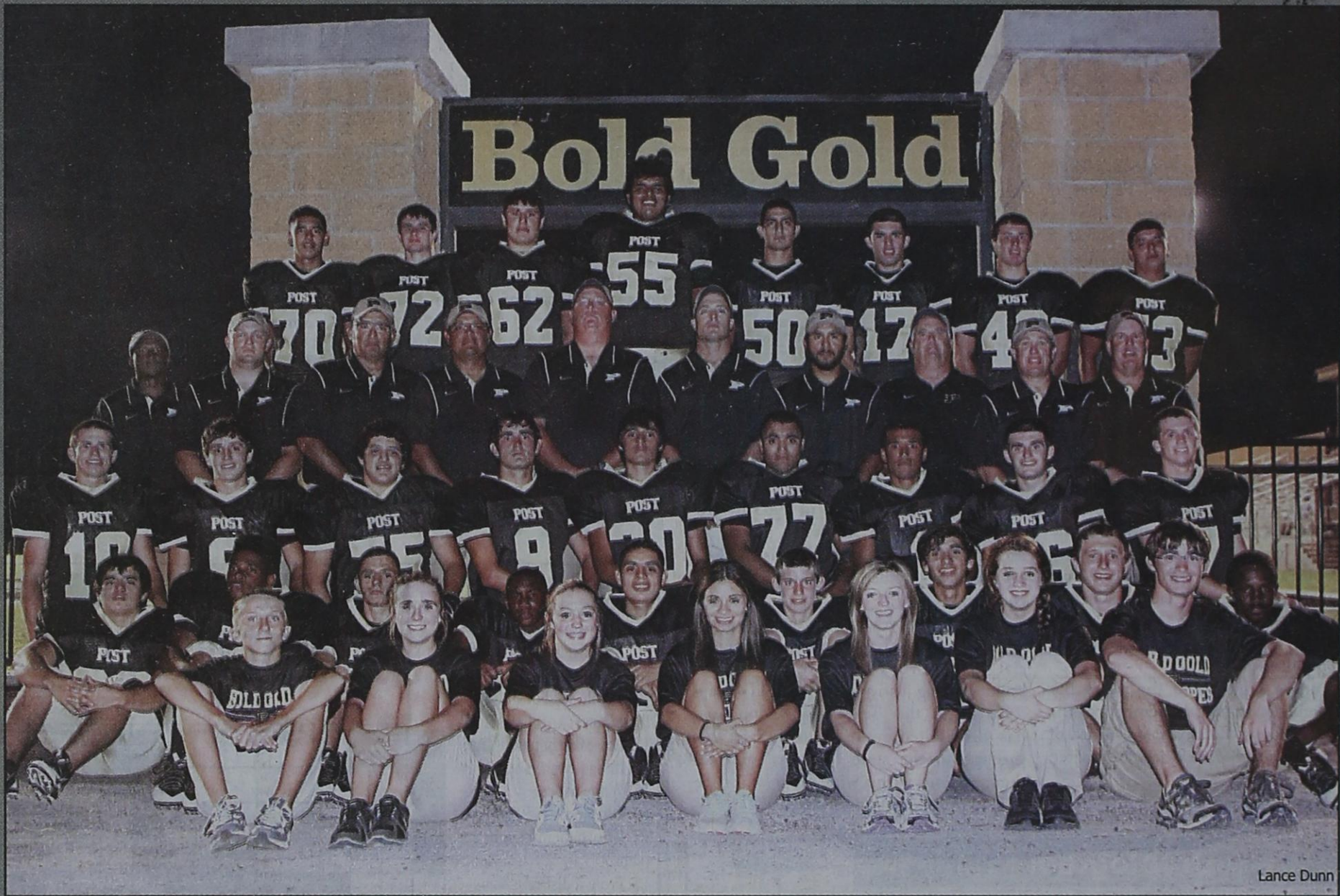


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DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 16	Brownfield-scrimmage	Brownfield	6:00
Aug. 23	Sudan-scrimmage	Post	6:00
Aug. 30	Morton	Post	7:30
Sept. 6	Lamesa	Lamesa	7:30
Sept. 13	Slaton	Post	7:30
Sept. 20	Tahoka	Tahoka	7:30
Sept. 27	Denver City	Denver City	7:30
Oct. 4	Open		
Oct. 11	*Roosevelt	Post	7:30
Oct. 18	*Tulia	Post	7:30
Oct. 25	*Floydada	Floydada	7:30
Nov. 1	*Olton (Homecoming)	Post	7:30
Nov. 8	*Abernathy	Abernathy	7:30

\*District 2-AA

**JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM**

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	@Slaton	6:00
Sept. 19	Tahoka	6:00
Sept. 26	Denver City	6:00
Oct. 10	@Roosevelt*	6:00
Oct. 17	@Tulia*	6:00
Oct. 24	Floydada*	6:00
Nov. 7	@Abernathy*	6:00

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Aug. 29	Levelland	5:00		
Sept. 12	Slaton	5:00	6:00	7:00
Sept. 5	Lamesa	6:00		
Sept. 19	@Tahoka	TBA	5:00	6:00
Sept. 26	@Denver City	4:30	6:00	7:30
Oct. 3	@Brownfield	4:30	6:00	7:30
Oct. 10	Roosevelt*	4:30	6:00	7:30
Oct. 17	Tulia*	TBA	6:00	7:30
Oct. 24	@Floydada*	TBA	6:00	7:30
Oct. 31	Olton*	TBA	6:00	7:30
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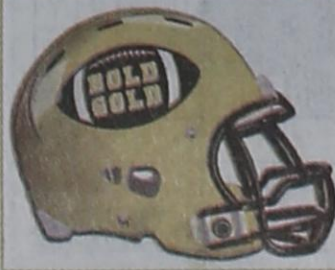
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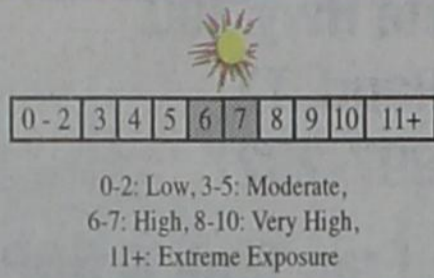
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Post's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Friday</b> Sunny 73 / 41	<b>Saturday</b> Sunny 71 / 42	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny 72 / 47	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Sunny 71 / 48	<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Sunny 73 / 51	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy 70 / 52	<b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy 68 / 49

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

What is a front?

Answer: A boundary zone between two air masses of different density.

Weather History

**Nov. 1, 1861** - A hurricane near Cape Hatteras, N.C. battered a Union fleet of ships that was attacking Carolina ports. The hurricane produced high tides and high winds in New York state and New England.

**Nov. 2, 1989** - Squalls in the Upper Great Lakes region the first three days of the month buried Ironwood, Mich. under 46 inches of snow and produced 40 inches at Hurley, Wis. Arctic cold invaded the Southern Plains region. Midland, Texas reported a record low of 22 degrees.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 73°, humidity of 27%. North wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 87° set in 2010. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 41°. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 21° set in 1991. Saturday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 71°, humidity of 31%. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Skies will be mostly clear Saturday night with an overnight low of 42°. South wind 10 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	9:00-11:00	9:30-11:30	Tue	1:13-3:13	12:43-2:43
Sat	9:51-11:51	10:21-12:21	Wed	2:13-4:13	1:43-3:43
Sun	10:46-12:46	11:16-1:16	Thu	3:12-5:12	2:42-4:42
Mon	11:43-1:43	---			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	8:04 a.m.	6:53 p.m.	6:04 a.m.	5:44 p.m.
Sat	8:05 a.m.	6:52 p.m.	7:06 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
Sun	7:06 a.m.	5:51 p.m.	7:11 a.m.	6:11 p.m.
Mon	7:07 a.m.	5:50 p.m.	8:16 a.m.	7:02 p.m.
Tue	7:08 a.m.	5:49 p.m.	9:21 a.m.	7:59 p.m.
Wed	7:09 a.m.	5:49 p.m.	10:21 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
Thu	7:10 a.m.	5:48 p.m.	11:17 a.m.	10:05 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
					Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
10/22	76	37	72/45	0.00"	10/22	6	10/26	12
10/23	78	40	72/44	0.00"	10/23	9	10/27	3
10/24	72	43	71/44	0.00"	10/24	8	10/28	14
10/25	63	41	71/43	0.00"	10/25	2		
10/26	75	48	71/43	0.00"				
10/27	71	35	70/42	0.00"				
10/28	79	50	70/42	0.00"				

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

Dixie Divas  
Priceless lesson  
found in materialism

For years, I blamed it on those richly royal blue suede high heel pumps. The ones with the ridiculously tall, spiked heel and absurdly pointed toe. I was 22 when I bought them, and 36 when I donated them to the Salvation Army.



RONDA RICH

Those shoes had a history, one that made me smile. I was a young sports reporter on assignment at USA Today in Washington, D.C. I had a terrific blue and black wool suit Mama had made that matched them perfectly. The first time I wore that outfit, I was covering the Cotton Bowl in Dallas and wore it to a coaches' press conference. I felt so grown up and glamorous. Those shoes were what I like to call a "chat maker" because both men and women, often strangers, would comment on them and a conversation would begin.

One day I was cleaning my closet. You know those days. You aren't thinking clearly, the job becomes too time-consuming so you start tossing away things that, in your right mind, you would never discard. Those fantastic, still perfect blue shoes went into the donation pile. Later that afternoon, I hauled several bags down to the Salvation Army, dropped them off, took my contribution receipt and headed home. It was a couple of hours before the regret set in. It grew stronger to the point that I couldn't sleep. Finally, I promised myself, "First thing in the morning, I'll go back and retrieve them. I'll even buy them if necessary." But the shoes were gone. "One of our volunteers saw them as soon as they came in and bought them," the clerk said. I was just sick, a symptom that has lingered for many years to the point that it makes it hard for me to give away something. I'm afraid I'll regret it.

At times, I have thought I had a bit of hoarder in me or that I'm indecisive or that I can't move on without looking back, but now I know better. The point of clarification that turned into crystallization for me came when it was time for Tink and me to merge our furnishings, requiring me to purge some things from my life to make room.

I discovered it wasn't the affection I had for a sofa or a lamp but rather the journey and how it detailed the roads of my life. Just like the shoes that represented my first big sports reporting assignment — a week covering the Cotton Bowl — and the months I spent at USA Today.

The grandfather clock that stands in the corner of the living room reminds me of youthful determination. Though I had a full-time job that paid — barely — the monthly expenses, I took a part-time job cleaning a wing of an elementary school every afternoon. I vacuumed and scrubbed the bathrooms where 6-year-olds had been sick on the floors, walls and everything in-between. I netted \$80 weekly and saved every penny to buy that clock. It reminds me from where I've come and where I can return if necessary to make a living. It cannot go.

In the closet are dozens of suits in nice fabrics I sewed when there was no money to buy clothes and when I could make three beautiful suits or dresses for the cost of one. They are meticulously sewed and hand-finished with satin linings and covered buttons.

I need to keep every one for two reasons: When I depended on the workings of my hands to carry me through, those hands did it beautifully. Too, it brings forth gratitude that I no longer have to set up my sewing machine in my kitchen and sew long into the night just to have a new dress.

It's not the materialism, I realize, that makes these items valuable. It's that they ground me and keep me from thinking too much of myself. The less you think of yourself, the more you can accomplish. That's priceless.

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