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Post turns to taxpayers for water answers

Council will consider calling for a near \$2 million bond election to secure supply for residents

Hanaba Munn Welch
The Post Dispatch

Water woes are nothing new for the city of Post.

Town founder C.W. Post established himself as an early day, would-be rainmaker with his efforts to blast rain from Garza County clouds with explosives. He met with measured success.

Now, under drought conditions, the city is poised to consider a less spectacular way to enhance the municipal water supply system — a plan that will cost roughly \$2 million to drill wells near Southland to add a supplemental supply to water already provided from other sources, namely Slaton and the White River water district.

With a \$350,000 state grant already in hand, the City Council, meeting Tuesday in regular session, will decide whether to authorize a bond election for \$1.6 million and let voters decide the ultimate fate of the proposed project.

Post residents would also face a boost in charges for water.

"About \$6 a meter per month," Mayor Archie Gill said. "I can't quote you the exact figures, but most people will see an increase between \$5 and \$6 on their monthly water bill."

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Election: JP2 race Incumbent Massey touts 16 years' experience in law

By Angela Massey
Special to the Dispatch

I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Garza County.

After the retirement of longtime Judge Dee Justice, the Garza County Commissioners Court took applications to appoint someone to fill the position for the unexpired term. I, along with other candidates, was interviewed by the Commissioners Court. I was appointed as Justice of the Peace due to my qualifications and prior experience, which include 16 years of court-



ANGELA MASSEY

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Williams family archive

E.W. AND MARY ANNE WILLIAMS

Williams family has been banking on Garza County since 1919

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

From his first job as a bank cashier working for wages of \$5 a day in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, to senior chairman of a \$725 million financial institution with banking centers across the state, E.W. Williams is ever mindful of home in Garza County.

Born in Post in 1927, he was raised on a ranch in the northern portion of the county and attended Post schools until late in his high school career when he opted to transfer to the New Mexico Military Institute, where he would graduate with the rank of sergeant major of the corps, at the time the highest military rank available to high school cadets.

Enrolling at Southern Methodist University in 1945 by phone, Williams, upon graduation in 1949, was unsure of his life's direction when he took a job in the first town he came to and applied for a job at the local bank. Days later, he began as an assistant cashier at a bank in Grapevine making \$5 a day.

Williams would remain at the bank for two years before joining ranks with the U.S. Department of Treasury as a bank examiner, often being sent to Lubbock on business.

It was on these trips that the cool West Texas summers and long, lingering sunsets would lure him back home to the South Plains.

While on a job for the federal government examining the financial records for First National Bank in Post along with his elder colleague Irby Metcalf, the dynamic duo was approached by the ownership to buy out control of the local bank. Days later, with shares in hand, Metcalf and Williams would embark on "the rest of the story."

Over the next several years, Williams would continue his education in and of the banking industry with stints in Amarillo and Fort Worth before the back-and-forth traveling to and from Post City became a burden on him and his

burgeoning family.

In 1970, Williams would sell his shares in First National Bank of Post to Giles McCrary and J.B. Potts and move his family to Amarillo, where he was snubbed on an offer to buy Amarillo National and given a job instead.

Leading by example in the banking industry, Williams' son David soon would be following in his father's footsteps when he took his first job after graduation from Texas Christian University in 1976 at Citizens Bank in Slaton — a job that eventually would pay big dividends for him when he would leave to join Hale County State Bank in Plainview as senior vice president.

Just this past year, HCSB merged with Citizens Bank, which had locations in Slaton, Post and Lubbock, to form Centennial Bank, headquartered in Lubbock with offices in 15 towns across the Texas Panhandle, South Plains and the Texas Hill Country.

Although the Williamses never could quite let go of their Garza County beginnings, their family really has come full circle, solidifying that home really is where your heart is.

When E.W. Jr.'s father, Embry, pulled stakes from his home in Decatur and moved to the rough and tumble badlands of northern Garza County in 1919 in search of C.W. Post's utopian society, he probably wasn't envisioning that his family, nearly 100 years later, would have become part of the bedrock on which Post City continues to prosper.

Embry Williams might not then have known his courage, charisma and derring-do as he took on the wilds of West Texas would be passed down through the generations, but it's those qualities that have been instilled in his living legacies today.

"Your character is such that when you agree to do something," E.W. Jr. is fond of saying, "you do what you agree to without exception — even if you don't profit from it."

Post Notes

Events are listed free of charge as a service by this newspaper for nonprofit groups, civic organizations, churches, schools and select community events. Listings should be submitted at least two weeks in advance and will run as often as possible through the date of the event. News staff does not guarantee placement of events. Emailed submissions are preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

Military exhibit

The Garza County Historical Museum, 119 N. Ave. N, Post, has a new exhibit of more than 100 cast-dyed military warplane models on display as part of the 72nd anniversary of the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor. The planes were donated by U.S. Marine Corps veteran Patrick Reilly and will be part of the museum's permanent collection. This county museum is housed in an old sanitarium built in 1912 by C.W. Post. Exhibits feature artifacts significant to the county and of general interest to visitors. For information, call 806-495-2207.

Taxpayer clinic

Students at the Texas Tech School of Law conduct free clinic for low-income taxpayers throughout the year to assist them with federal tax issues related to individual tax matters. Eligibility is determined by the federal poverty guidelines. For information or schedule an appointment, call Nancy Mojica at 806-834-7972 or 800-420-8037.

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Corrections

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

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Lloyd Glass, director of probation for the 106th Judicial Circuit, presents Brandt Taylor, Post-Garza County based community supervision officer, with the district's Employee of the Year award. The district covers Dawson, Gains, Garza and Lynn counties.

Post Community Supervision Officer named Employee of the Year

Brandt Taylor, a Community Supervision Officer for the 106th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department, has been named "Employee of the Year." Mr. Taylor is assigned to the Garza County Office.

The award was presented at the Department's annual Christmas dinner in Lamesa by Director of Probation Lloyd Glass. In presenting the award, Glass stated, "As always, Brandt has done an absolutely outstanding job during the past year. He has displayed a high degree of dedication and his professionalism is exceptional. We are indeed fortunate to have Brandt on our staff."

Supervision and Corrections Department covers four counties, with offices in Lamesa, Seminole, Tahoka, and Post. The Department has 16 employees, including eight Community Supervision Officers, five Administrative Technicians and three Community Service Supervisors.

Mr. Taylor has been employed by the Department for 12 years. He is also a member of the Post Volunteer Fire Department and the Garza County EMS. Brandt is married to Liza and they have three children, Michael, Rebecca and Nathan. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Post.

The 106th Judicial District Community

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The Paperboy Oh to be so young — or not

If you don't check your child's phone every once in awhile, you need to.

A new study released by Reuters claims a growing number of junior high students are engaging in "sexting." Researchers have also found that youth who sext are seven times more likely to engage in other sexual behaviors compared to adolescents who said they didn't sext.

If you're not aware, "sexting" refers to sending nude or seminude images or sexually explicit messages over an electronic device, such as a mobile phone.

I know we all want to trust our children are doing the right thing at all times, but think back to when you were their age. Did you ever have sexual thoughts? If you answered yes, it's fine because you're a human. If you answered no, you might want to ask yourself again and be a little more honest this time.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

It is totally natural to think about things of the sexual nature before, during and after puberty. Unfortunately, now we have devices that let us be more carefree when it comes to expressing such feelings.

So, do yourself a favor and check that phone. And before you feel guilty about being a parent, remember who pays the bill and who owns the roof your wonderful child lives under.

It makes more sense to check the phone rather than have your child act on things they may not be ready for.

I don't know about you, but this global warming has got to end before we freeze to death!

Al Gore made millions with his campaign to end global warming. He even warned us that if we didn't act quickly, the polar ice caps would completely melt by the year 2013! Oops.

Somewhere in all of the drama, global warming was changed to climate change. That's the real funny part to me.

Why?

Probably because we live on a planet and not in a dome. You see, on planets, there is constant climate change. Earth has warmed and cooled and warmed again many times, and it will continue to do so — with or without man.

I could go into the fact that a single volcanic eruption can play more havoc on the climate of the planet than all of the cars and factories combined, but why should I? It should be common sense.

Look, I'm all for a "greener" planet. Just don't sell me a bill of goods then drive up the cost of everything through taxes and regulations. That's dishonest. Then again, I don't think many have accused Al Gore of being honest. He's profited more than anyone of his misguided propaganda. I'm assuming this all occurred after he invented the Internet, but I digress.

For the record, we had one of the warmest Novembers ever in 2013 followed by record-setting cold in December, which included the lowest temperature ever recorded. So far, January is off to a frigid start.

Like I said, it's a planet.

Weather happens.

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Menus

Southland ISD Breakfast Menu for Jan. 13-Jan. 17

Monday
Pancake on a Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Tuesday
Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday
Cherry and Apple Frudel, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Thursday
Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Friday
Biscuits, Gravy, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu for Jan. 13-Jan. 17

Monday
Crispy Beef Chalupas, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Applesauce, Salsa,

Milk

Tuesday
Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Carrot Coins, Hot Roll, Strawberry Cup, Milk

Wednesday
Chicken Fajitas, Tortillas, Charro Beans, Tortilla Chips, Salsa, Orange Smiles, Milk

Thursday
Chicken Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Carrots w/Ranch, Breadstick, Apple Slices, Milk

Friday
Hamburgers, Baked Fries, Fruit, Pudding, Milk

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF POST, TEXAS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Post, Texas, will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 105 E. Main Street, Post, Texas, to receive comments regarding a proposal to change the zoning on the following properties:

From Single Family Residential (R1) to Commercial (C) all properties currently zoned R1 west of Broadway Avenue and east of Avenue K from 3rd Street to 15th Street; all properties currently zoned R1 south of West 10th Street and north of West Main Street from Avenue K to Avenue M; all properties currently zoned R1 north of West 8th Street and south of West Main Street between Avenue K and Avenue L.

From Multi-Family Residential (R2) to Commercial (C) all properties currently zoned R2 east of Broadway Avenue and west of Avenue I from 3rd Street to 15th Street; all properties currently zoned R2 south of East 10th Street and north of East 8th Street from Broadway Avenue to G Place Avenue.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing to express comments regarding this proposed change to the zoning within the City of Post. If you cannot attend, you may submit comments in writing prior to the Public Hearing to the following:

City Secretary
City of Post
105 E. Main Street
Post, Texas 79356

If you have questions concerning this Notice of Public Hearing, please contact the City of Post at (806) 495-2811 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The Post Dispatch welcomes letters from readers on topics of local, state, national and international importance. Email letters are preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com. All letters must include a first and last name, street address (no post office boxes), daytime phone number. Letters sent via U.S. mail may be sent to P.O. Box 426, Post, TX 79356.

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GED classes

Instructional sessions for the GED test are 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 18 at Post High School. Call the school at 495-2770 for information. The Post

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

Veterans benefits

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

City Council

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

County Commission

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

School board

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

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United Supermarkets Renews Commitment to NuVal® Nutritional Scoring System

(LUBBOCK, Texas) — NuVal LLC announced today that United Supermarkets, LLC, is the latest supermarket chain to sign a contract extension guaranteeing its stores will continue carrying the NuVal® Nutritional Scoring System.

Under its United Supermarkets, Market Street, Amigos and United Express banners, United has offered NuVal scores since early 2010 and was the first supermarket chain in Texas to do so. The contract extension assures United's guests that they can continue to count on the unique, easy-to-use program they have depended on to find the most nutritious foods on its shelves.

The NuVal Nutritional Scoring System rates foods on a scale of 1 to 100; the higher the score, the more nutritious the food. Scores are displayed on grocery shelves right on the shelf tag next to the price, making it easy for consumers to decide what foods to buy.

"The NuVal system is one of the ways our stores make it easy for our guests to build a better basket," said Robin Hawkins, M.S., R.D., L.D., director of health and wellness for United Supermarkets, LLC. "We are extremely proud to have been the first retailer in Texas to implement the NuVal system and are excited about the opportunity it provides the one million guests who shop our stores every week."

The NuVal system allows shoppers the opportunity to:

• Quickly and easily identify the most nutritious products by shelf tags with higher NuVal scores.

• Share nutrition information with their families that is backed by the U.S.' best nutrition experts, who researched and developed the NuVal System.

• Get more nutrition for their budget, as shoppers can do side-by-side comparisons to determine which product offers the best nutrition and

price value. For instance, some varieties of frozen or canned vegetables may score the same as fresh produce on the NuVal scale. Shoppers can also compare the nutrition-to-price value of name brand vs. store brand products.

"We are proud of our relationship with this leading food retailer. These efforts put health and wellness right into the grocery store aisles where food decisions are made," said Mike Nugent, NuVal general manager.

About United Supermarkets, LLC Now in its 97th year of operation, United Supermarkets, LLC, is a Texas-based grocery chain with stores in 31 markets across north and west Texas. A self-distributing company with its headquarters in Lubbock and distribution centers in Lubbock and Roanoke, United currently operates 58 stores under four unique brands: United Supermarkets, Market Street, Amigos and United Express, along with subsidiary operations R.C. Taylor Distributing, Praters and Llano Logistics. The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Albertson's LLC. For more information, please visit: www.unitedtexas.com.

About NuVal LLC The NuVal Nutritional Scoring System is a unique food labeling system which ranks all foods between 1 and 100; the higher the score, the higher the food's overall nutrition. NuVal Scores can be found in more than 1,600 supermarkets, as well as in schools, hospitals and other health facilities. The NuVal System is endorsed by the American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM), and a recent Harvard School of Public Health study showed that those who ate food with more favorable NuVal Scores had a lower risk of chronic disease and had a better chance of living a longer, healthier life. NuVal LLC is a joint venture formed in 2008 by Topco Associates, LLC, and Griffin Hospital.

State-winning coach, principal under fire

Paducah school official arrested on underage sex charges

By Josie Musico
Special to the Dispatch

PADUCAH — Paducah High School's principal and basketball coach was fired effective immediately as he faces charges of sexual misconduct, according to a unanimous school board decision late Monday.

Jay Cantrell, 43, is accused of inappropriate sexual activity with multiple underage victims. He was arrested the evening of Jan. 3 on four counts of indecency with a child and one count of sexual assault of a child.

Paducah's school board gathered for a special meeting at 7:15 p.m. Monday with an agenda item to consider terminating Cantrell's employment. The board first discussed termination procedures with the school district's legal counsel during closed session.

Texas law requires any formal vote to be held in open session. Superintendent Troy Parton said he anticipates the bulk of the discussion preceding the vote, though, to be held in closed session, as is standard for personnel matters.

The coach and principal's arrest was the culmination of an investigation that began Dec. 21. Paducah police



Terry County Sheriff's Office
Jay Cantrell, 43, principal and basketball coach at Paducah High School, was arrested last Friday in Brownfield on multiple charges of sexual misconduct with underage victims.

and school administrators investigated the initial stages of the case, then requested help from the Texas Rangers.

Authorities received a warrant for Cantrell's arrest. They determined his location, then arrested him about 6 p.m. at a house in Brownfield.

The suspect surrendered without incident, said Terry County Sheriff Larry Gilbreath.

He was taken to the Terry County Jail and booked on all five charges. He was released about noon Saturday on a \$200,000 total bond.

Cantrell is on paid leave, according to a statement on the school website. The announcement also requests prayers and support as the case proceeds.

Parton said the Dragons' basketball season will

continue as scheduled, under the leadership of an assistant coach.

Sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child are second-degree felonies. If convicted, Cantrell could face up to 20 years in prison for each charge.

Cantrell led the Dragons to a state championship in March 2011. He previously coached in Brownfield.

Paducah, located about two hours northeast of Post, is the Cottle County seat with a population of about 1,500 residents.

The case remains under investigation. Officials request anyone with information to call the Childress office of the Texas Rangers at 940-937-2548.

Josie Musico is a reporter for the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.



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Wilder Good Red-tailed hawk



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I read a book about Native Americans one time, and it said birds

of prey were "Big Medicine." Some of the Indian tribes believed the power of hawks and eagles was very important. They believed that to see one or have their feathers on their clothes imparted that power to the tribe or to the person. They thought these birds were very special.

I'm not sure if that's true, but I kind of have the same feeling when I see a red-tailed hawk.

S.J. Dahlstrom is a Garza County resident and author of the young adult fiction book series "The Adventures of Wilder Good," based on 12-year-old Wilder Good, who lives in southeastern Colorado where the plains meet the mountains. Wilder goes on outdoor adventures that include hunting, fishing, cowboying and just about everything else you can do outdoors.

Annual Caprock Crop Production Conference slated for January 23

The 19th annual Caprock Crop Production Conference will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at the Friends Unity Center in Muncy, Texas. The conference will begin at 7 a.m. Participants can preregister for \$35 by contacting the Floyd or Crosby County Extension Office; onsite registration will be \$45.

Conference attendees will receive 8 Continuing Education Units, which have been approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Attendees will also have a chance to win an Apple iPad Mini donated by Vista Bank

and \$100 donated by People's Bank. The conference will include donuts and coffee provided by Panhandle-Plains Land Bank and a brisket lunch sponsored in part by Plains Cotton Growers. There will also be a trade show with numerous local agricultural vendors.

Producers, landowners and those interested in production agriculture are assured to gain valuable education about upcoming technologies, practices and legislation that are currently effecting agricultural production in Crosby, Floyd and the surrounding

counties. Educational sessions will include: herbicide resistant weeds, nematodes management, High Plains Water District updates, Risk Management Association changes, managing risk and selection of cotton varieties and various other significant topics.

For more information contact the Crosby County Extension Office at (806) 675-2347 or the Floyd County Extension Office at (806) 983-4912. For auxiliary aids or accommodations, please contact us by January 17, 2014.

No-wait technology a feature of new driver license office

The Post Dispatch

LUBBOCK — The driver license office at the new Department of Public Safety complex in the Lubbock Business Park features technology that allows customers to reserve a place in line before arriving at the facility.

Customers can virtually enter the line via phone, mobile device or the Internet. The system also allows customers to adjust their place in line, said Sgt. Bryan Witt, spokesman for the DPS regional headquarters in Lubbock.

"For instance, if they are running late, they can push themselves back in line," he said.

Walk-in customers can use self-service check-in kiosks and have the option of returning later, closer to their appointment time.

"We encourage residents to renew their license or identifications card online," Witt said. "Those who are eligible can skip the trip to the office completely via online renewal of their license, identification card or change of address at Texas.gov."

Licenses must be renewed in person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and eyesight can be tested. If residents need to come into the office to renew, they can do so within one year prior to the expiration date, which means they can pick a time that is convenient for their schedule.

To be eligible to renew online, the expiration date on the card must be within one year. When a resident renews their card, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card's expiration date, even if customers

renew early. The renewal fee is the same for online, in-person and telephone renewals.

In addition, driving tests at some locations can be scheduled online without a trip to an office. Residents are encouraged to visit the DPS website to make sure they have the proper paperwork, including documents needed for the new residency requirements, before making the trip to the office:

For additional information about the new technology, or to find out which offices offer online scheduling for driving tests, or to book an appointment, visit txdps.state.tx.us.

New numbers

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) in Lubbock, 1404 Lubbock Business Park Blvd., has new telephone numbers that are listed below. The only number that remained the same was for the Driver License Office.

- Driver License Office-806-472-2800
- Highway Patrol and Crash Reports-806-740-8995
- Criminal Investigations Division-806-740-8736
- Texas Rangers-806-740-8975
- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement-806-740-8938
- Compliance Enforcement-806-740-8782
- Communications-806-740-8770
- Crime Lab-806-740-8900
- Emergency Management-806-740-8982
- Recruiting-806-740-8894
- Victim Services-806-740-8897
- Main Number-806-740-8700

Demand for power this week hit a new winter peak in Texas

AUSTIN — Sub-freezing temperatures in most portions of the state pushed the demand for electricity Tuesday morning to a new winter record, with electric use peaking at 57,277 megawatts in the hour ending at 8 a.m., based on preliminary operations data.

There was sufficient generation available

Monday evening and Tuesday morning to serve expected needs and maintain the desired level of operating reserves, even with demand exceeding Monday's 55,487 MW morning peak and 56,031 MW evening peak. Peak demand in winter weather typically occurs between 6 and 9 a.m. and 4 to 8 p.m.

State officials

conservation alert that began Monday, when high demand and sudden electric generation outages in the early morning hours caused operating reserves — the electricity available on the system in excess of what is currently being used — to drop below the 2,300 MW trigger for an Energy Emergency Alert.

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Assembly of God
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Lifeline Church- 108 N. Broadway

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nazarene
Post Church of Nazarene- (Pastor: Charles Gibson) 202 W. 10th, 495-3044
Grassland Church of Nazarene- 327-5656

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Members of the Post and Southland high school chapters of the FFA, Garza County 4-H members, parents and others are gearing up for one of the county's most anticipated events of the year.

Crews gathered last Saturday at the Garza County Junior Livestock Association show barn for a clean-up day ahead of next weekend's annual stock show.

Weigh in for the Jan. 18 event will begin Thursday evening, and on Friday most all junior exhibitors — and probably a few of their parents as well — will be on site working with their animals and getting them ready for the big show.

Members of the Garza County 4-H Club, as always, will operate the concession stand with all proceeds benefiting the Syd Conner Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Special to the Dispatch
Perry Smith, FFA adviser at Post High School, chats with local veterinarian Dr. Kerry Wink, wielding a yard blower, and son Kason Wink with broom in hand at the annual Clean Up Day last Saturday at the Garza County Junior Livestock Association show barn and grounds. The day precedes the annual livestock show sale and exhibition, in which dozens of local youth and a few of their furry friends will have the chance to wow the crowd.

The sale begins at 9 a.m. Jan. 18 at the GCJLA show barn.

This year's GCJLA officers include President Milton Williams, Vice President Keith

Williams, Secretary Chad Hackaby and Show Secretary Jancee Williams.

Wayne Hodgins

MASSEY

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law-related work.

During those years I worked for the Garza County Attorney, the Garza County Judge and the Garza County Sheriff's Department. I also served as the Post Municipal Court Judge. The experience and knowledge I gained during my time in each office is invaluable to the work I do on a daily basis as a justice of the peace.

I graduated from Post High School in 1987 and from the South Plains Association of Governments Law Enforcement Academy in 1998. I completed the 40 required hours for

new judges when I was appointed as the Post Municipal Court judge with the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center.

I am currently working toward completing the 80 required hours for new justices of the peace with the Texas Justice Court Training Center. I have completed 40 hours to date and will complete the final 40 hours this January.

I am a wife, a mother and a grandmother. Family is most important to me. I have been married to Greg Massey for almost 12 years. Together we have three children, Brandon, Hayley and Kristen. We have been blessed with three amazing grandkids, Ayden, Ryan and Myles. I am the

youngest daughter of James and Shelia Melton.

In making decisions as a judge, I believe in being firm but fair and considering all factors in a situation. Being a justice of the peace is a 24-hour-a-day job — not always easy — and comes with duties that are not to be taken lightly.

That being said, I love my job. I love working with people and will continue to be accessible to the public no matter what situation arises.

I highly respect the people in this community. I ask for your continued support and vote during this election.

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WATER

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Gill characterized the proposal as the right thing to do, in his opinion, to ensure Post will not face a water crisis in coming years.

Already, the White River has ceased to flow enough water to White River Reservoir, constructed in the mid-1960s, to allow the lake to continue to serve Post, Ralls, Crosbyton and Spur with river water. Instead, the treatment plant at the reservoir depends on water wells.

"They drilled, I think, it's 12 or 13," Gill said. "In the wintertime, they can furnish the town. In the summertime, it's going to be close."

The flow of the White River is down not only because of a lack of rainfall but also because of a diminished flow from springs dependent on the dwindling Ogallala Aquifer, a water source that has, over decades, dropped markedly.

Meanwhile, Post also depends on a 28-mile pipeline to Slaton for water. Slaton, in turn, depends on wells and also water from Lubbock that comes from Lake Alan Henry.

When the pipeline to Slaton was constructed in 2002, a time when Gill was previously mayor, the cost didn't set well with everyone, he recalls.

"They called it the 'golden' water line," he said. "Right now it's turned into the 'platinum' water line."

Post gets about a third of its water from Slaton, Gill said.

"I think the (White River) lake is about seven foot deep," Gill said, describing how the lake level has dropped. "Having a back-up source for the residents of Post has helped."

The pipeline to Slaton is also a way for Post to have a source of water if problems occur that require the pipeline to the White River Reservoir treatment plant to be shut down for repairs.

"We've got gentlemen's agreement with Slaton to furnish the city of Post with water if the line to White River is offline for more than 24 hours at a time," Gill said. That line, Gill noted, is nearly 50 years old and requires a good deal of maintenance to keep it online today.

"The line out there was put in back in 1965," he said. "So anything's possible."

Gill clearly wants to be ready for the unexpected. He thinks the price of the Southland project isn't prohibitive.

"It ain't a lot of money if you ain't got no water," he said.

The city has had water rights at Southland for several years. The area in question will support four wells, Gill said.

"I think we're probably

going to start with three," he said.

Post uses about 650,000 to 700,000 gallons a day. The city's water conservation plan has already imposed Stage 3 restrictions on residential or commercial watering of landscape among other limitations of usage.

City Manager Deana Watson is hopeful the council and residents of Post will do what it takes to see the Southland project is funded.

"All we're doing now is planning for the city's future water supply," she said. "We just want to get as much water secured as we can."

The water from the Southland wells would be pumped into a 75-foot-high tower, Gill said.

The distance to connect with the existing pipeline from Slaton is relatively short.

"We're within 2,000 feet of that line," Gill said. "It's just across the road."

From the point where the water from the Southland wells would flow into the pipeline, gravity would flow the water to Post, he said.

The Southland project isn't a new idea, but it languished when rainfall boosted the level of White River Reservoir.

"That's what happens when you put something on the back burner," Gill said.

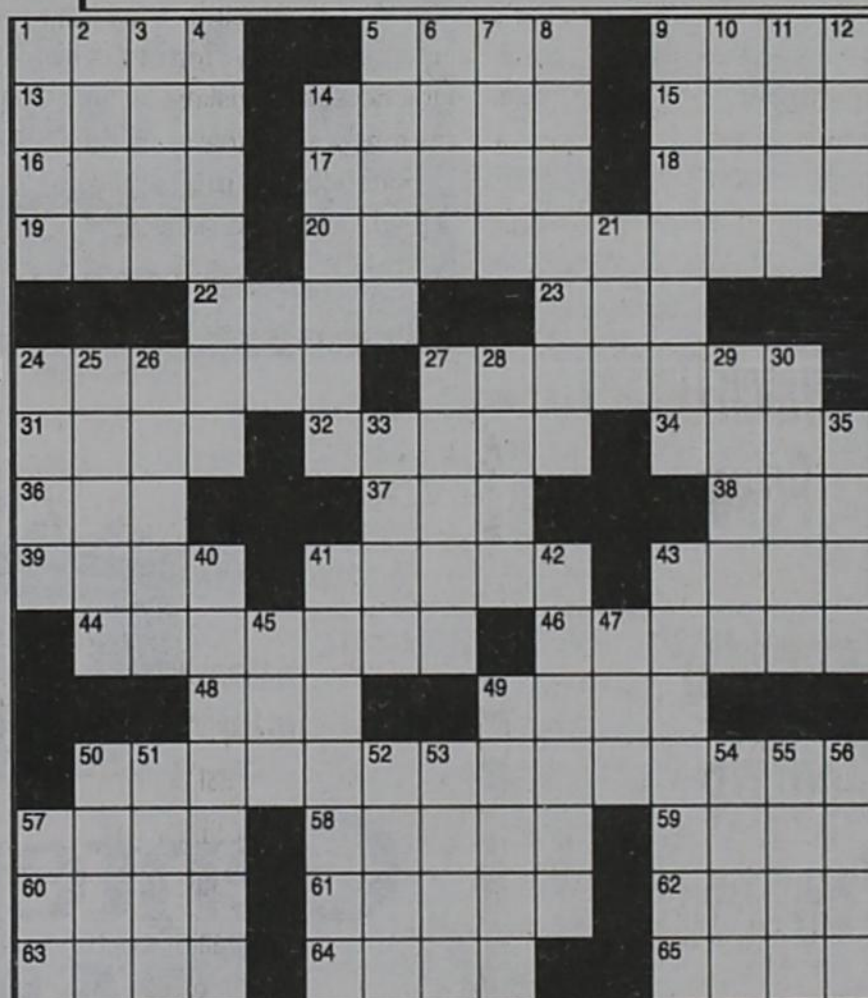
Puzzle of the Week

CLUES ACROSS

- Pock mark
- Yes, yes (span.)
- Cas ___: winter melons
- Inter ___: intervening period
- Moses' elder brother
- ___ date: confirm
- Assist in wrongdoing
- Pilfer (slang)
- Ardor
- ___, vidi, vici
- ___ jan ___: Window coverings
- Zilch
- ___ Dhabi, Arabian capital
- A marching procession
- Winters, opposite
- Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences
- Cause to lose courage
- Paper bag
- Insecticide
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Volume equal to 2 butts
- Sew up a hawk's eyelids
- Elastance unit
- Stalk of a moss capsule
- Inanely foolish
- About vision
- Petersen film "___ Boot"
- Saddle horse
- New Haven school
- Tempo
- Skin lesions
- Thought
- Minerals
- Electronic intelligence
- A beloved person
- Totals
- Cheap lodging (Br. slang)
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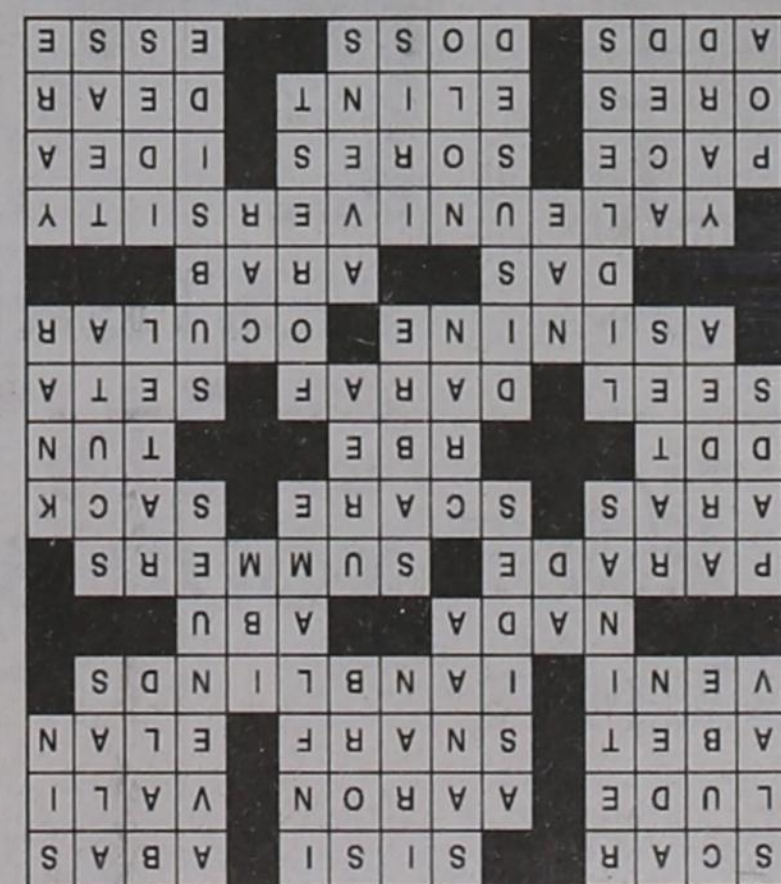
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- Honey badger
- Roman shields
- Vaccinium or ___ berry
- Burl in wood
- Without hat
- No longer in use
- A dense growth of trees
- Lessen
- No (Scottish)
- Automobile
- Genus geum
- 36 inches
- Breeded through
- ___ contendere, plead no contest
- Fleur-de-lis flower
- Famous March date
- Orange pekoe or green
- Agile, lively
- Blue grass genus

PUZZLE SOLUTION



CLUES DOWN

- One of an eastern European people
- Solid with 6 equal square faces
- Arabian Gulf
- To sprout (Spanish)
- Yemen capital
- Former Shah's country
- ___ et: fruit juice ice
- Ignite
- Streets
- Without hair
- Unfortunately
- Violate a law of God
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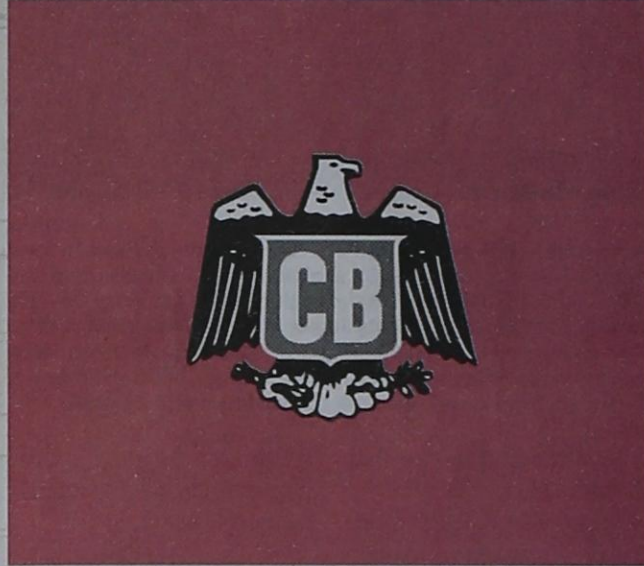
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Weather Trivia

What meteorological instrument was invented by Samuel F.B. Morse?
Answer: The telegraph, which made timely detection of storm systems possible.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day		Peak Times		Day		Peak Times	
		AM	PM			AM	PM
Fri	8:21-10:21	7:51-9:51	7:51-9:51	Tue	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00	
Sat	9:10-11:10	8:40-10:40	8:40-10:40	Wed	11:34-1:34	11:04-1:04	
Sun	9:58-11:58	9:28-11:28	9:28-11:28	Thu	---	11:50-1:50	
Mon	10:46-12:46	10:16-12:16	10:16-12:16				

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
Full 1/15	Fri 7:49 a.m.	5:57 p.m.	1:58 p.m.	3:04 a.m.	New 1/30
	Sat 7:49 a.m.	5:58 p.m.	2:41 p.m.	3:59 a.m.	
	Sun 7:49 a.m.	5:59 p.m.	3:26 p.m.	4:51 a.m.	
	Mon 7:49 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	4:15 p.m.	5:40 a.m.	
Last 1/24	Tue 7:48 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	6:27 a.m.	First 2/6
	Wed 7:48 a.m.	6:01 p.m.	5:58 p.m.	7:09 a.m.	
	Thu 7:48 a.m.	6:02 p.m.	6:51 p.m.	7:49 a.m.	

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
					Date	Degree Days
12/31	57	21	51/24	0.00"	12/31	0
1/1	68	29	51/24	0.00"	1/4	1
1/2	48	19	51/24	0.00"	1/1	0
1/3	61	32	51/24	0.00"	1/2	0
1/4	72	30	51/24	0.00"	1/3	0
1/5	38	14	51/24	0.00"	1/6	0
1/6	32	7	51/24	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 How Gen. Grant became Mr. Grant

(Editor's note: The following column by Ronda Rich is the second of a three-part series about Charlie Tinker, her husband's great-grandfather who also was a confidant of President Abraham Lincoln.)

Upon discovering Charles Almerin Tinker's leaf-strewn grave in Green-Wood cemetery in Brooklyn, N.Y., we — one of us more than the other — began to study the names and dates engraved on the towering monument.

Three of his children, all born after the Civil War ended, were named in honor of men Charlie had apparently held in great esteem — Lincoln, Stanton (Secretary of War and Charlie's immediate boss) and Grant.



RONDA RICH

That answered a question I had been pondering for some time. My father-in-law carries the family name of Grant.

"Aha!" I exclaimed. "Your father's name does come from Gen. Grant! I thought it might." I stopped and smiled. "I still love him, though," I said matter-of-factly. "It does not sway my adoration of him."

In an ironic twist of history, I quickly noted my father-in-law is the link that unites the Civil War general with one of television's most iconic characters — Lou Grant. My father-in-law was named after Gen. Grant while Mr. Grant was named after my father-in-law. It should be a Jeopardy question. The things you can learn in a graveyard.

I studied the names of the seven people buried in that plot. Charlie outlived two wives and four children with only Tink's great-grandfather, Arthur Lincoln, living longer than Charlie. Two sons and one daughter had not lived to the age of 3. I cannot think of anything much sadder than outliving all those you love, not just for the pain it engraves on your heart but also for the suffocating loneliness it must impart.

"What a sad life," I commented. "Look! One of his children — Stanton — died on Charlie's birthday, January the 8th. How terrible."

When we returned home, we brought out the diaries and began to read, beginning on Jan. 5, 1875. "Little Stanton taken with diarrhea and vomiting. Called Dr. Clark. Says he has cholera infantum. Grant ailing also but not serious."

Charlie, usually one to chronicle his days precisely, continued to record nightly but his words were brief. Heavy-hearted, he feared his baby was dying. He was a praying man. We know that about Charlie Tinker so, without question, he prayed. But he was also pragmatic, and I suspect that his faith, though diligently practiced, could not outweigh a doctor's knowledge.

On Jan. 6, Charlie wrote, "Stanton continued about the same — up and down all day and very fretful, but eats a little and tries to play." I wonder if there was hope on that day for a child who could eat a bit and play. If so, he never revealed it and quietly held the hope. The child grew sicker.

Mama would say from time to time, "I'm so sick that I'd have to get better to die." It's true, death often follows a rally.

"Stanton worse. Remained in bed all day. Called in doctor again this evening and watched with him through the night. Very restless till 11 a.m. Quieted down."

There was no celebration on Jan. 8. "My 37th birthday but spent in sadness — a weary watch over our little darling whose disease changed for the worst around 11 a.m. and he continued to fail, passing away quietly at 8:30 p.m."

My heart sniffled. I'm surprised Charlie wrote the next day, but he was a man who wanted his history recorded.

"Very cold. Spent the day preparing for the funeral set for 2 p.m. tomorrow at the house. Many friends called to express sympathy."

Jan. 10: "Clear and very cold. A day of sadness. We laid the remains of little Stanton away in the vault at the cemetery to await our final selection of a resting place. Funeral largely attended. The Rev. Johnson officiated."

No stranger to death, it was only 10 years earlier Charlie watched an execution that would haunt him until his final days.

To be continued....

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