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## Perry files first bills as senator

LUBBOCK — This week, Senator Charles Perry filed his first pieces of legislation as state senator. The series of bills and Constitutional Amendments focus on fiscal responsibility, reducing taxes, and eliminating government waste.

"As a lifelong conservative and a CPA, I have used my background to audit the government to hold them accountable for wasteful spending," said Senator Charles Perry. "I am proud to say that this first set of bills will ensure that our government is more efficient and transparent with our taxpayer dollars."

"Last Tuesday, the people of Texas sent a clear message at the ballot box," continued Perry. "Texans want government to live within its means and stay out of our pocket books. These bills will help Texas continue down the path of prosperity and remain an example for the nation when it comes to fiscal responsibility and economic growth."

Below is a brief synopsis of the bills filed by Perry earlier this week:

S.J.R. 11 & S.B. 137: This Constitutional Amendment places a common sense cap on state government spending by capping

our budget growth to population growth plus inflation.

S.B. 136: This legislation ensures the government lives within its means by requiring each state agency's budget to start at zero on a regular basis. This should curb back wasteful spending and ensure each tax-dollar spent is justified.

S.B. 138: This legislation gives much needed tax-relief to small business owners by phasing out our state's cumbersome franchise tax over a period of 4 years.

S.J.R. 12 & S.B. 139: This Constitutional Amendment creates a permanent solution for transportation funding by eliminating

diversions from the state highway fund to DPS. This measure will increase transparency, while at the same time funding the construction and maintenance of transportation infrastructure without raising taxes or fees.

S.B. 140: This legislation extends the current sales tax-exemption for agriculture equipment and to GPS services used by farmers on tractors and other farm equipment. This is a common sense bill that will help our rural district by aligning our tax law with the changing technologies in the field of agriculture.

County teams in playoffs Thursday

## 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.

### Thanksgiving Festival

The St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Pep, Texas will host their 69th annual Thanksgiving Festival on Thanksgiving Day, Nov 27, 2014 at St. Philip Neri Hall. The self-serve dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Cost for adult plates will be \$10 and \$5 for children under 6. Take out plates will be available until 2 p.m. at a cost of \$10. For any information on Nov 25th, 26th, or 27th please call the parish hall at 806-933-4355.

### The Greatest Gift

The OS Museum invites you to view "The Greatest Gift" A spectacular exhibit of Nativities, Creches and ornaments gathered around the world. Viewing is Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. (closed major holidays) 201 East Main and Ave. 1 (806) 495-3570 upstairs-handicap accessible

## Before...



## And after...



Kent Mahoney/Post Dispatch  
The first day of demolition of the 106-year-old Algierita Hotel began Tuesday as crews began methodically bringing the structure down starting with the contentious southeast side of the building, believed to be the structure's weakest point. Crews will be working through the next two weeks to complete the project.

## Foundation grants given to local teachers, schools

By Denise Oviedo

Special to the Post Dispatch

The Post-Garza County Endowment recently awarded grants to eight area nonprofit organizations. Earnings from the endowment fund, and generous gifts given by the Lubbock Area Foundation and local business partners generated the grants for 2014.

In addition to these grants, the Lubbock Area Foundation awarded Mini-Grants for Teachers to four Post-area teachers for use in their classrooms.

Three of those grants were for teachers in Post Elementary and the Lubbock Area Foundation and Post Area Endowment are working with them and officials to see what the need is most in the classrooms at this time.

One Mini-Grant for Teacher was awarded to Tim and Leslie Tatum, One Act Play and theatre program

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## More farm bill meetings set

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Editor's note: Anyone missing last week's farm bill decision-aid meeting at Graham Community can find one of the upcoming meetings.

LUBBOCK — The second round of farm bill decision-aid meetings conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service county agents across the South Plains during the next two months will begin Nov. 25, said a keynote speaker for the meetings.

Dr. Jackie Smith,

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## Antelopes Mustang Bowl bound

By Kent Mahoney

Post Dispatch

POST — When the Post Antelopes take the field Thursday night against San Angelo Grape Creek, they will be doing so in one of the historic bowl stadiums in Texas — The Mustang Bowl.

Built in 1939 by the Civilian Conservation Corp, it seats approximately 6,500 fans and the playing surface is artificial turf. It is also home to the Sweetwater Mustangs high school football team.

It has been named a member of the Texas Football Stadium Hall of Fame. It is one of the older facilities in the state.

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## Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Kent Mahoney at thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

## News on the go

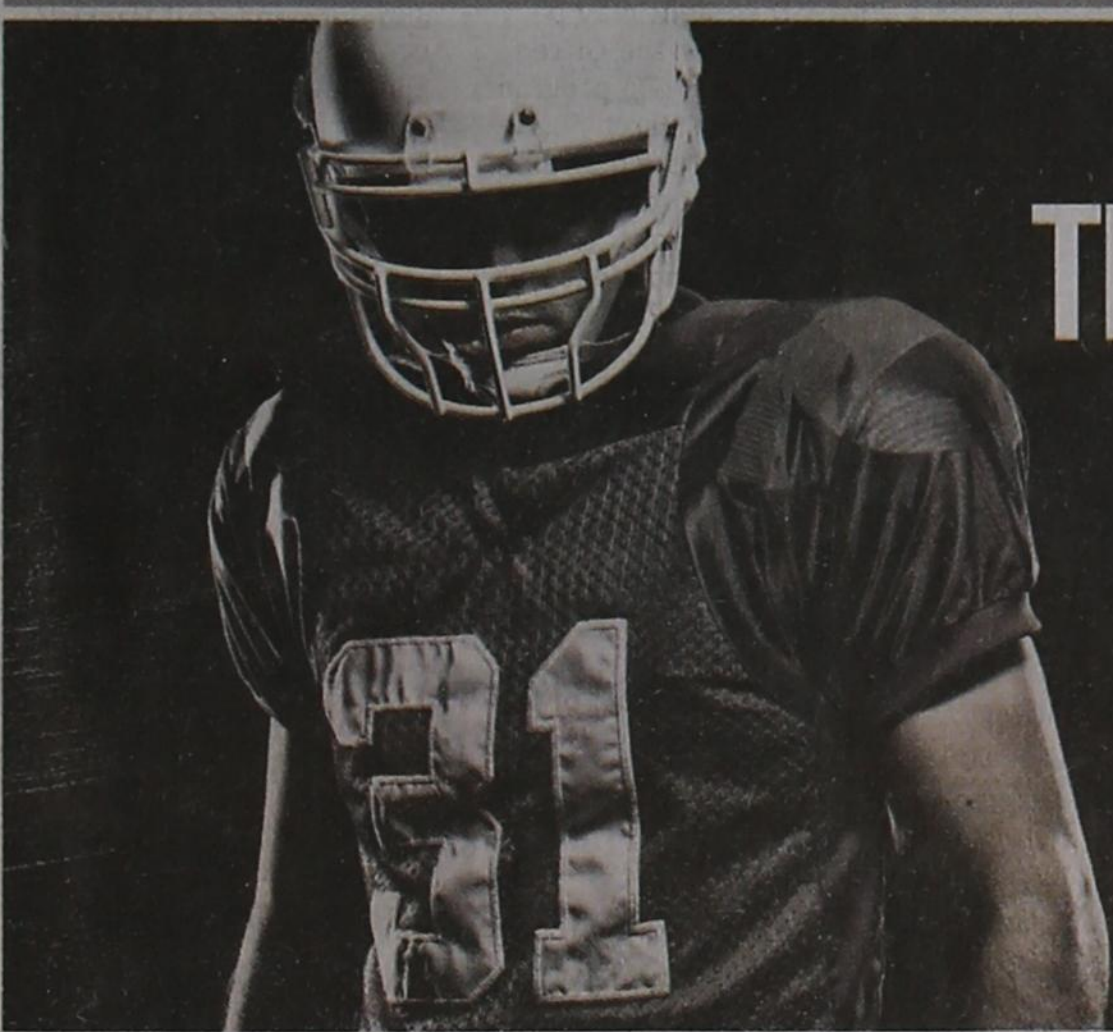


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Courtesy photo  
 Proceeds of the First Moose Knuckles BBQ cookoff were presented to Post Animal Rescue Center to the tune of \$5,000. Pictured are (from left to right) Greg Williams, Alonzo Luna, Rick Jones, Mark and Kyran Elliott, Kristi McMurry, PARC Director Janice Plummer, Margie Maestas, Christy Tadlock, Jessie Collazo, Rick Maestas, Courtney Fontenot, Carol & Frank Tobias . Not Pictured, Kelsie Bush.

## Girl Scouts News



Courtesy photo  
 The Southland Girl Scout Troop#6864 volunteered this last Saturday at the South Plains Food Bank in Lubbock. The girls and leaders sorted apples for boxes to be given away this holiday season. The girls will apply the three hours they worked at the food bank towards their community service hours. Members of this troop: Averi Graves, Ryleigh Graves, Hailey Apolinar, Emily Hadderton, Caitlyn Silva, and MaKenzie Wagner (not pictured). Leaders: Joni Huffman, Alicia Graves, Marysue Hadderton (not pictured), Alicia, Wagner (not pictured), and Marisa Silva (not pictured). Honorary non-member in picture: Garrett Graves.

### 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 PInocchio

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## The Paperboy

When in doubt, try vinegar...

Is vinegar a miracle substance? Outside of water, it's hard to think of a liquid so helpful to us humans.

Vinegar is a liquid consisting mainly of acetic acid (CH<sub>3</sub>-COOH) and water. The acetic acid is produced by the fermentation of ethanol by acetic acid bacteria.

There are no harmful chemicals or preservatives in vinegar, which is a preservative itself.

Interestingly, vinegar makes itself when it comes in contact with any aerobic bacteria while it is exposed to oxygen. By simply letting a wine, fresh uncooked apple cider or other fresh juices stay uncorked, you can get a batch of vinegar in a week or so. However, not all aerobic bacteria can produce good tasting vinegar.

There is no official record about the invention of vinegar. One legend states that a courtier in Babylonia discovered wine that was formed from unattended grape juice. This led to the eventual discovery of vinegar.

Historians state that before 5000 B.C., a civilization of ancient Babylonia used vinegar as a cleaning agent. The Babylonians later discovered that vinegar slowed the action of bacteria that spoils food and so they began using it as a preservative and a condiment.

My mother was a huge proponent of vinegar. She used it in cooking, cleaning, stain removal and to remove hard water build-up in faucets and coffee machines.

Reader's Digest has the uses of vinegar on their website. I've listed some of the uses, but the explanation of how to use the vinegar and many, many more uses can be found at <http://www.rd.com/home/150-household-uses-for-vinegar/>.

- Some uses:
- Erase ballpoint-pen marks
  - Clean your computer mouse
  - Clean your piano keys
  - Get rid of water rings on furniture
  - Restore your rugs
  - Remove carpet stains
  - Brighten up brickwork
  - Revitalize wood paneling
  - Revitalize leather furniture
  - Conceal scratches in wood furniture
  - Unclog and deodorize drains
  - Get rid of smoke odor
  - Clean chrome and stainless steel
  - Steam-clean your microwave
  - Polish brass and copper items
  - Make an all-purpose scrub for pots and pans
  - Purge bugs from your pantry
  - Trap fruit flies
  - Clean windshield wiper blades
  - Remove bumper stickers

Yes, vinegar can do just about everything. I'd put it up there with a screwdriver, pair of pliers and duct tape as must-have items.

The two best things about vinegar: it's affordable and a little goes a long way.

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## GRANTS

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directors at Post High School. With the \$1,000 grant, a new light board for the stage was purchased.

The mobile light board enables the teachers to take the lighting with the group to performances in other auditoriums for stage lighting and backstage lighting during the play. Both Jr. High and High School students will be able to make use of the light board during their performances. The lighting equipment is vital to the quality of play presented to audiences.

The theatre program at Post High School is well-regarded and the students and directors are dedicated to the program. Last year,

Post High School had four students receive college scholarships through the theatre program.

Last year's play made it to regional competition and was the alternate for the area to state competition.

The theatre not only provides great entertainment for audiences, it is beneficial to students as well. In 2013, a senior in high school came to Post to live with a foster family.

The student was shy and adjusting to a new school and coping with new living arrangements. The student tried out for the fall musical and was picked for the cast. This student's participation in theatre was so well received that they received a college scholarship and is now working towards a theatre major.

Theater forms a bond between students who have varied interests. A band student, a primarily academic student, and a football player could become friends and develop a close relationship that would not have transpired if not for their common interest in theater.

It also teaches team work and that a quality performance demands time and hard work requiring students to give up many evenings to practice. Theatre also gives students the experience of talking in front of large groups of people.

The Post-Garza County Endowment and Lubbock Area Foundation are proud to support such a great activity for students that will benefit them throughout their lives.

## Legends

# Remembering Polly

This week's Legends will touch the heart of many, and especially my friends at Rotary.

Lela Paulyne (Polly) O'Neal, daughter of Oscar and Lois O'Neal, was born March 23, 1948 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The O'Neal family lived in Ballinger, Texas when the terrible disease Polio, also known as Infantile Paralysis, struck two of their three children in August of 1951. Polly was only two and a half years old when she was stricken with both the bulbar and spinal types. Her 12 year-old brother Charles suffered only from the spinal type but miraculously recovered. Seven year-old Danny was lucky and escaped having the disease. Polly and her



brother Charles shared the same room in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, where the medical team deemed the little girl Polly would be crippled by this awful disease.

LINDA PUCKETT

Sometime later, Mr. O'Neal moved his family to Post where he was employed in the oil field. In a 1954 newspaper article, Mrs. O'Neal stated, "Luckily, we had polio insurance. We can sympathize with the thousands of parents who do not own insurance when their children are stricken."

Polly had surgery at Temple to straighten her little back that was left crooked by simultaneous attacks of bulbar and lumbar polio. She was only six

years old at the time of the surgery, after which was followed by five months of extensive physical therapy treatments before being dismissed from the hospital. She was now able to walk with one leg brace and one crutch.

As you can see from the photograph, she was a beautiful little girl, said to have blonde hair and blue eyes. Polly's pastimes included teaching herself to read and attending all den and pack meetings of the Cub Scouts, to which her brother Charles attended. Polly stated that she was almost old enough to be a Brownie. She really looked forward to spending two weeks at the Lion's Club Crippled Children's Camp at Kerrville that year.

Polly's story continues next week as she travels to Hollywood to make a movie short with film star Greer Garson.

## MEETINGS

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AgriLife Extension economist at Lubbock, said the free public meetings are collaborative efforts among AgriLife Extension, the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Farm Service Agency, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and various commodity groups.

The meetings are scheduled for the following dates, times and locations, with more information available by calling the phone numbers listed:

- Nov. 25, 9 a.m.-noon, Bovina Community Center, 215 North St., Bovina.

- Nov. 25, 1-4 p.m., Bailey County Electric, 610

American Blvd, Muleshoe.

- Dec. 1, 1-4 p.m., Brownfield Church of Christ Family Life Building, 506 N. Atkins, Brownfield.

- Dec. 9, 9 a.m.-noon, Dimmitt, location to be announced.

- Dec. 19, 9 a.m.-noon, Floyd County Friends Unity Center, 990 Farm-to-Market Road 786, Lockney.

- Dec. 19, 1-4 p.m., AgriLife Extension office, 201 W. Aspen, Crosbyton.

Smith said the programs are designed to help producers through the new farm bill's decision-making process.

"This farm bill sign-up requires producers to make several significant decisions that will affect them at least through 2018," Smith said.

"These trainings will help them through the sign-up process and teach them to use the online decision-aid tool that's available for them. This tool will help them with the decisions they'll need to make related to base reallocation and yield update and whether to select Price Loss Coverage, (PLC), or Agricultural Risk Coverage, (ARC), for covered commodities."

Smith will present a demonstration of the online decision aid-tool and offer examples for demonstration purposes.

Smith said more counties would be scheduling similar meetings throughout the region. Interested persons should check with their local AgriLife Extension agent.

## ANTELOPES

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It was reported in a March 1939 article in "The Pony Express", the cost

for the stadium was about \$65,000 and was supported by then Senator Tom Connally and Clyde L. Garrett.

The Mustang Bowl is highlighted on Texas Bob website.

Post ISD will be taking a

fan bus to the football play-off game. The cost is \$5 per rider, and people can pay at Central Office. The bus will leave at 5:00 p.m.

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**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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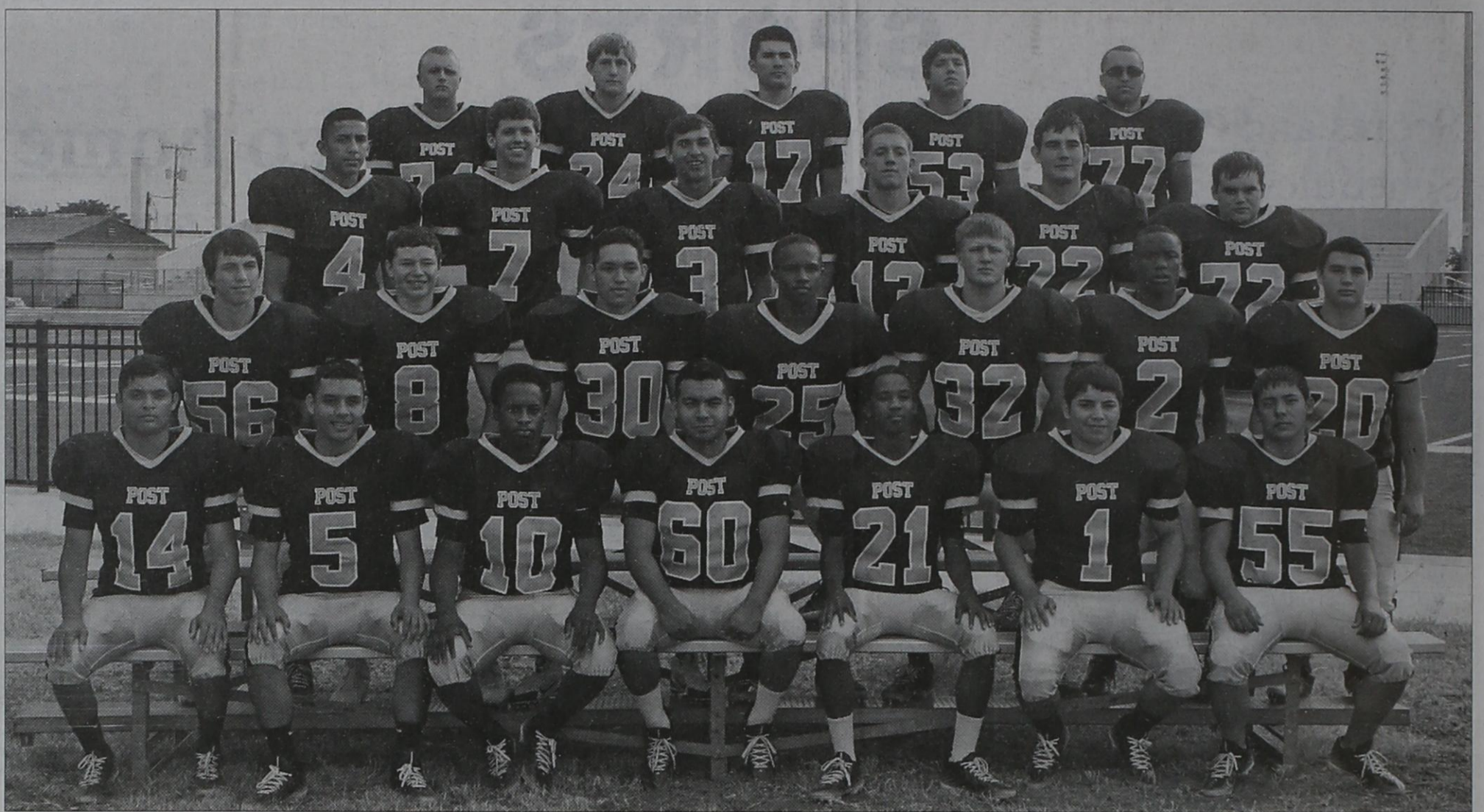
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2	Shandon Wiley	WR/DB	5-9	145	11
3	Dylan Pearson	WR/DB	5-8	145	12
4	Alex Ramirez	TE/LB	6-0	155	11
5/54	Alejo Rodriquez	TE-OL/LB	5-10	160	12
7	Carson Kirkpatrick	WR/DB	6-0	175	12
8	Christian Pearson	WR/DB	5-8	155	11
10	AJ Reed	RB/DL-LB	5-10	165	10
13	Anthony Soto	QB/LB	5-10	165	11
14	AJ Escobedo	RB/LB	5-11	165	10
17	Aron Lopez	TE/LB	6-2	180	11
20	Auggie Menchaca	RB/LB	5-6	145	10
21	Jarred Curtis	WR/DB	5-6	120	11
22	Austin Garza	QB-WR/DB	6-0	175	12
24	Brody Kelso	TE/DL	6-0	190	10
25	Cambry Gilbert	RB/DB	5-8	140	11
30	Sammy Soto	RB/LB	5-9	165	11
32	Blaine Reece	QB-RB/LB	5-10	180	11
53	Jaybren Rodriguez	OL/DL	6-0	220	11
55	Edel Sanchez	OL/LB	5-6	155	11
56	Hayden Belongia	OL/DL	5-5	145	12
60	Rafael Gonzalez	OL/DL	5-10	185	11
72	Russ Morris	OL/DL	5-7	230	10
74	Tristan Fannon	OL/DL	5-11	190	11
77	Jayson Walden	OL/DL	6-1	205	12

**Antelope Schedule At a Glance**

Abernathy 24, Post 21	0-1, 0-0
Post 46, Tahoka 0	1-1, 0-0
Denver City 38, Post 11	1-2, 0-0
Post 47, Floydada 6	2-2, 0-0
Post 27, Slaton 19	3-2, 0-0
Coleman 28, Post 0	3-3, 0-1
Post 32, Ballinger 0	4-3, 1-1
Post 14, Coahoma 13	5-3, 2-1
Post 21, Colorado 12	6-3, 3-1
Post 41, Stanton 0	7-3, 4-1

Bi District Playoffs  
Post Vs. Grape Creek

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2014 Southland Eagle Football

## Southland Schedule At a Glance

O'Donnell 77, Southland 49	0-1, 0-0
Nazareth 76, Southland 46	0-2, 0-0
Southland 38, Whiteface 25	1-2, 0-0
Southland 55, Cotton Center 0	2-2, 0-0*
Southland 61, Dawson 24	3-2, 0-0
Southland 52, Loop 0	4-2, 0-0*
Southland 48, Lorenzo	5-2, 0-0*
Southland 78, Whitharral 32	6-2, 1-0*
Southland 2, Wilson 0	7-2, 2-0**
Southland 62, Wellman-Union 0	8-2, 3-0*

Bi District Playoff  
Southland Vs. Lazbuddie

\* denotes 45-point victory  
\*\* denotes forfeit

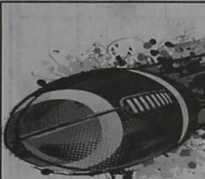
#	Hgt.	Weight	Year	Name	Position
1	5-10	150	11	Kevin Dorman	QB/S
3	5-7	160	10	Walker Booth	RB/LB
6	5-8	145	9	Christian Sanchez	RB/E
7	5-6	140	9	Israel Guerra	RB/LB
9	5-10	160	12	Zaron Garza	E/S
10	5-8	140	12	Wyatt Benham	C/DL
11	5-6	130	11	Hayden Benham	RB/LB
12	5-10	185	12	Demaria Fisher	RB/DL
19	5-8	210	12	Gilbert Flores	G/DL
21	5-8	130	10	Marcos Flores	E/DE
23	6-2	185	12	Bryce Meurer	G/DL
26	5-6	150	11	Zachary Vizcaino	RB/E
30	5-10	150	10	Erick Alfaro	WR/S
38	5-10	210	10	Dallyn Fogerson	C/DL
44	6	140	12	Ethan Self	RB/S
45	5-10	200	9	Corbin Mason	E/DE

**LET'S GO EAGLES!**



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### Post Dispatch Weather Summary

#### Post's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny 47 / 33	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny 60 / 30	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny 42 / 28	<b>Monday</b> Sunny 55 / 34	<b>Tuesday</b> Sunny 62 / 41	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Sunny 60 / 42	<b>Thursday</b> Few Showers 58 / 39

#### Local UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

#### Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 47°, humidity of 39%. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 85° set in 1995. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 33°. South southeast wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 8° set in 1976. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 60°, humidity of 38%. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Skies will be mostly clear Saturday night with an overnight low of 30°. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

#### Weather Trivia

Can it snow on the equator?

**Answer:** If the elevation is high enough, it does in fact snow on the equator.

#### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	5:34-7:34	6:04-8:04	Tue	8:26-10:26	8:56-10:56
Sat	6:17-8:17	6:47-8:47	Wed	9:12-11:12	9:42-11:42
Sun	7:00-9:00	7:30-9:30	Thu	9:59-11:59	10:29-12:29
Mon	7:43-9:43	8:13-10:13	www.WhatsOurWeather.com		

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>Last 11/14</b>	Fri 7:16 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	11:57 p.m.	1:15 p.m.
Sat 7:17 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	12:50 a.m.	1:48 p.m.	
Sun 7:18 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	1:43 a.m.	2:21 p.m.	
Mon 7:19 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	2:36 a.m.	2:53 p.m.	
<b>New 11/22</b>	Tue 7:20 a.m.	5:41 p.m.	3:31 a.m.	3:27 p.m.
Wed 7:20 a.m.	5:41 p.m.	4:26 a.m.	4:02 p.m.	
Thu 7:21 a.m.	5:40 p.m.	5:24 a.m.	4:41 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					
11/4	56	41	66/39	2.40"	11/4	0	11/8	5
11/5	60	42	66/38	0.00"	11/5	1	11/9	10
11/6	67	38	65/38	0.00"	11/6	2	11/10	8
11/7	67	39	65/38	0.00"	11/7	3		
11/8	66	44	64/37	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.			
11/9	76	44	64/37	0.00"				
11/10	81	36	64/36	0.00"				

# Kent's Korner

## Education is the key

*"The mind is a terrible thing to waste." — Theme of an education commercial about 30 years ago.*

This is going to be a continuing theme in this column for a couple of reasons.

Mainly, it's my drum to bang and I get to pick the topic.

But beyond that, education is the single most important thing we get to do that impacts our quality of life.

We have discussed the North Carolina debacle and now there is a lawsuit from a former student-athlete who alleges he was not given the education he expected.

At that point my response is, "Where were you when this deficiency was going on?"

Education is a two-way proposition. Someone teaches, someone learns.

If there is a breakdown in the process, then one or both are obligated to have a conversation about the problem.

I was an education major in college. I've been a day-to-day substitute. I've been a permanent substitute. I have contracted with private and parochial schools to teach music. Not that I've been around the world in teaching, but I've been around the block. I understand the basic premise of learning.

Frankly, I'm shocked at the level this country has sunk in the education of our young people. (That's another topic)

In the case of the UNC student, someone had to know what was going on. Whether it be teachers, students or both, it is a travesty to allow this kind of activity to go on, much less continue.

On the state and local level in Texas, our tool of "No Pass, No Play" has served well over the last three decades. No Pass No Play turned 30 this academic year and there has not been a school in the state that has not been affected by it in the extracurricular activities, not just sports.

But even with that in place, there are still instances of students falling through the crack. There are some who just simply are not getting the help they deserve or need.

Shortly after NP-NP was passed, I was sports editor in Alvin, Texas. A junior high basketball coach walked into my office and handed me his weekly report, begging me not to print it.

It seems his Alvin 8th-A team had run into a buzz saw from Galveston and got beat 100-something to 40-something. (I don't remember the exact score, but you get the picture.)

"Kent, you wouldn't believe what we went through," he told me. "Their front court was 6-1 and 6-2. We didn't stand a chance with my boys who were only 5-6 and 5-7."

I called Galveston ISD and asked some questions. They told me there were no players over 16 and they had a policy in which students could not be held back two consecutive years. They had to be passed on to the next grade.

A lot of sport writers and editors were writing Austin, because this was a common practice in and around Houston. High schools were get 15 and 16-year old freshmen, using them for as long as they could or keep them in school. Some were reaping the benefits of that.

None, if any of those students made it out of high school with a diploma, much less an education because the system failed them.

I made a pretty good life (not living) out of being a sports writer and editor in the 80's and 90's, and I had access to a lot of perks and went to events I never would have paid for.

But I would have banged the education drum a lot louder if I had known we would be in this kind of environment 30 years later.

Folks, it all starts on the local level and I've not been here long enough to make an assessment of our local efforts.

This is not an indictment of our efforts. It is a call to arms.

Nothing would make me happier than to print 600-plus names on six-week honor rolls from all the schools in the county.

And yes, that was a shameless plug to get the honor rolls to me ASAP. I'm terrible that way...

#### NOTES

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**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**  
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BY Cindy Brook

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