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Thanksgiving history lesson 101

By Kent Mahoney
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POST — Thanksgiving, Fall Festival, Harvest Festival — call it what you will, but celebrating the fruits of our labors is one of the most solemn observations we Americans have.

Dating back now nearly five centuries, the traditional Thanksgiving celebration mostly revolves around family and food.

In 1621, colonists from Plymouth and members of the Wampanoag Indians gathered to count their blessings and the bounty of their harvest.

Having spent most of their first winter of 1620 on the Mayflower, colonists planted crops, mostly corn, in an attempt to create a life for themselves.

Then governor William Bradford gathered the town's folks and also a group of local Indians, led by Chief Massasoit. The first-believed Thanksgiving was born.

The food was far different from what we are used to today.

While there was a selection of wild game, which probably didn't include turkey, it was five deer from the local tribe.

Once the American colony was taking shape, three presidents, George Washington, John Adams and James Madison presented proclamations encouraging the populace to engage in celebrations expressing their thankfulness and especially at the end of the country's struggle for independence.

It wasn't until nearly 200 years after the first celebration and the country in the grips of civil war that President Abraham Lincoln declared an official Thanksgiving Day.

Lincoln's declaration was the culmination of efforts began by Sarah Josepha Hale, an author of the time. She was known for many writings, especially the nursery rhyme "Mary had a Little Lamb". She campaigned for three decades, writing letters to the list of seated governors and other offices in an effort to consolidate their efforts into a national recognition.

Lincoln set the proclamation setting the last Thursday of November as the official date. And

it was celebrated that way until 1939 when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to increase pending holiday sales during the Great Depression. FDR eventually signed legislation marking the fourth Thursday as the official holiday, after his proposal was met with stiff opposition.

In today's celebrations, basically marking the beginning of the holiday shopping season, many Americans gather with friends and family. Many families stick to the traditional Thanksgiving turkey with the dressing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, homemade gravy and pumpkin pie.

Others who tend to be glued to the television feasting on football and other sports may enjoy a buffet of finger foods, sliders, BBQ or smoked ribs, and for true Texans, it might also include cheese-stuff, bacon-wrapped jalapenos.

Depending on the size of the turkey and size of the family, the head cook is also tasked with spinning off a couple of leftover main dishes over the course of the next week.

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Toys for Tots

The Post Lion's Club is conducting their annual Toys for Tots campaign. Registration forms are available at Post Elementary School. The deadline for the forms is Dec. 1. Students must meet qualifications of free or reduced lunch and reside or go to a school in Garza County, not all applications will be approved. Toy pickup will be held at First Baptist Church the week of Dec. 16-19.

Five Stone Fundraiser

The Five Stone Ministries is hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 5-8 p.m. at the Trailblazers senior Center. Brisket dinner plates will be available for \$8, along with a bake sale.

Trailblazers Fundraiser

The Trailblazers are hosting a fundraiser for \$100 United Super gift cards. Tickets are \$1 each and five winners will be drawn today and another five will be drawn on Dec. 19. Both drawings will be held at noon during lunch. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets may be purchased from any Trailblazers' board member.

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Alco store closing

By Kent Mahoney
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SLATON — Another "small town America" store, Alco, is shutting its doors locally after an order was issued by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Dallas, last week.

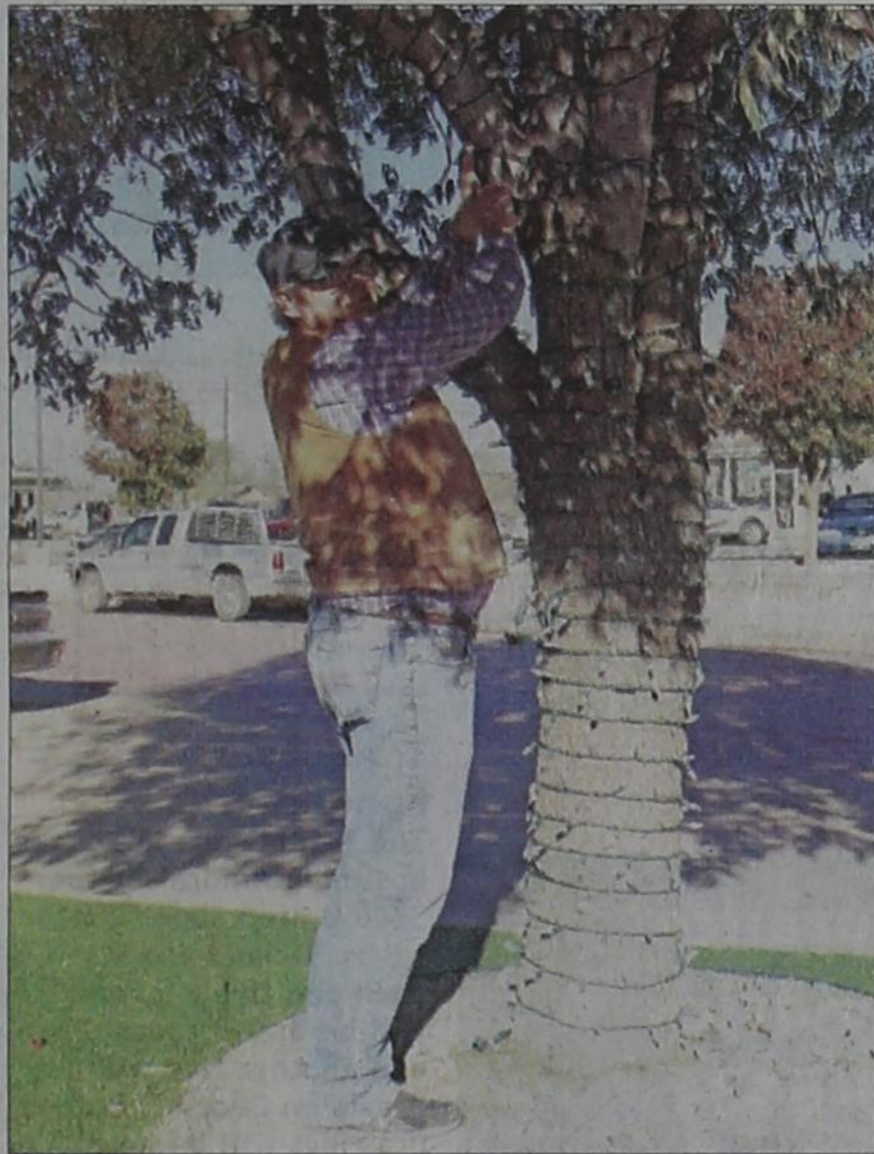
The Thursday court order came on the heels of Alco's announcement in October that it has filed Chapter 11 protection from creditors. The intentions of Alco was to stay open while the reorganization proceeded, but that is now not the case, according to their office in the Dallas suburb of Coppell.

Started in 1901, the 100-plus year old company operated 198 stores in 23 states in Middle America.

According to published, Alco experience a two percent loss in annual net sales in the last fiscal year. The company also relocated its headquarter from Texas to Abilene, Ks. Last year.

Within the Texas Panhandle, nine stores were located from Andrews to Coleman and Lovington, N.M. to Muleshoe.

There is no target date for the local closing.



Kent Mahoney/Post Dispatch

Aaron Rathbun adjusts some of the lights on trees on Main Street in preparation the upcoming holiday activities. Dec. 6 kicks off the festivities with Trade Days in the morning and afternoon, followed by the Light Parade that evening. The "Bell Ringers" will be at United Super collecting money for the Salvation Army.

Safe turkey cooking tips

From Staff Reports

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

The NFPA wants to remind homeowners of the following safety tips:

Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.

Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.

Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.

Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.

Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.

Keep knives out of the reach of children.

Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the

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Courtesy photo

Garza County was recently recognized by the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool for 40 years of participation as they joined the association in 1974 with 50 other members to pool resources in an effort to address the unique and changing dynamics of county risk. Pictured are Garza County Court members (from the left) commissioners Jerry Benham and Ted Brannon, County Judge Lee Norman, commissions Charles Morris and Gary McDaniels.

DPS gives anti-theft advice to shoppers

LUBBOCK — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging Texans to take necessary precautions to protect their automobiles from possible theft.

More than 65,670 motor vehicles were stolen in Texas in 2013. Almost half of all vehicles stolen had the keys left inside, according to the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority.

DPS offers the following tips that Texans can follow to help guard against ve-

hicle theft:

Never leave your car running unattended, even to dash into a business, store, etc.

Never leave keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes.

Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked at your home.

Never leave valuables in plain view. Put them in the trunk out of sight.

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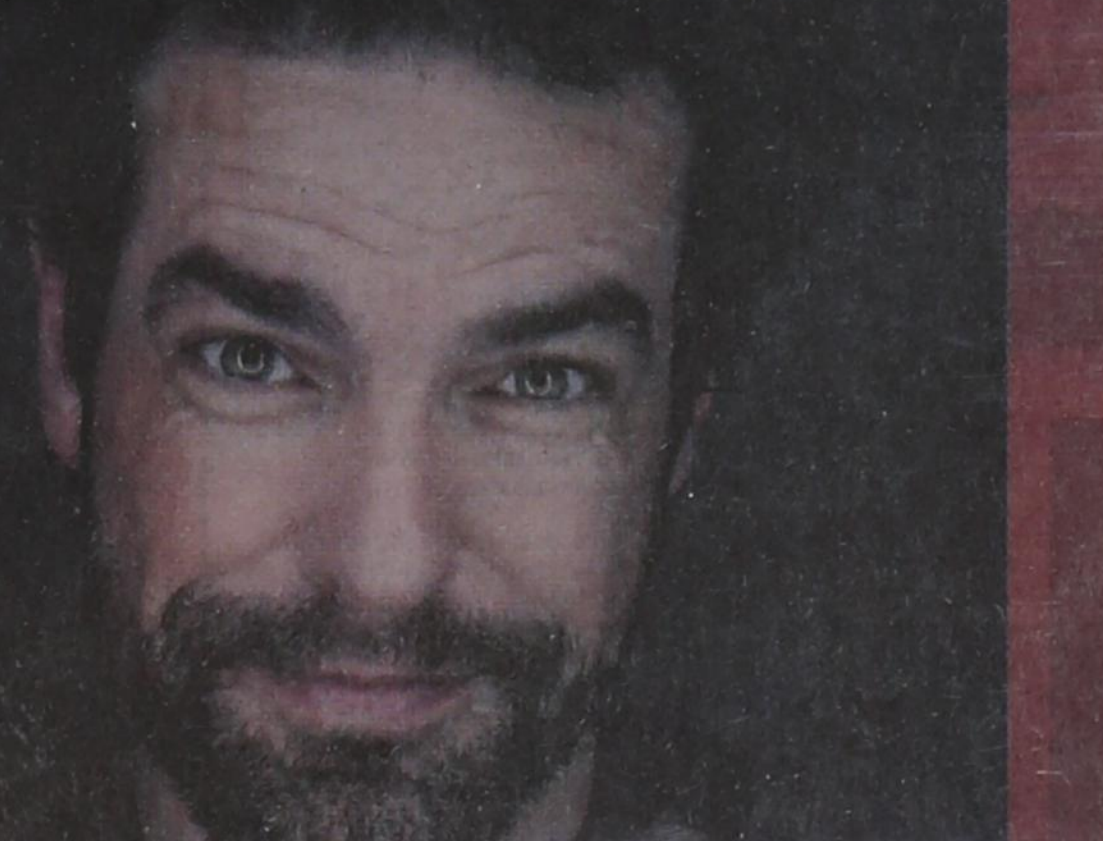
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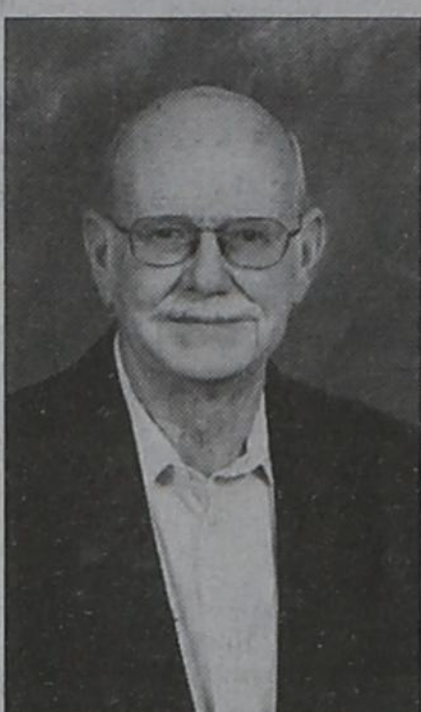
Jerry Dewayne Pennell

Jerry Dewayne Pennell, 77, passed away Nov. 20, 2014 in Harlingen, Texas.

Jerry was born Jan. 24, 1937 in Houston, Texas to Don and Opal Howard Pennell. He served his country as a SP 4 with the U.S. Army and graduated from Texas Tech, where he received an Engineering Degree.

Jerry married Betty Lou Pennell, who preceded him in death and then on June 8, 1990 married Carol Ann Pennell. He was employed by White Sands in New Mexico, Eagle International in Brownsville, R.C. Kelly, and then Anderson-Bingham. Jerry enjoyed woodworking and genealogy.

Jerry is survived by his wife Carol Pennell of Harlingen; daughter, Kim Pennell (Bill Thompson) of San Antonio; stepdaughter, Page Hines (Bart Hines)



JERRY PENNELL

of Fort Worth, and several nieces and nephews in Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Opal Pennell of Southland; brothers, Harvey Lewis Pennell of Plainview and Donald Harlan Pennell of Lubbock; and sister, Karen Gale Callaway of

Lubbock.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, Dec. 8, 2014 at 11 a.m. at Terrace Cemetery in Post, with Rev. Page Hines officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

The family would like to give a "special thanks" to the Camargo family (Phillip, Carmen, Moises and Carmen F.) who are a special part of our family. Our heartfelt thanks goes to Jerry's caregivers Roy Ramos, Alma Ybarra, Maria Cano and Phillip Camargo.

You are invited to sign the online guestbook or share a memory at www.buckashcraft.com.

Arrangements are with Buck Ashcraft Funeral Home.

Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

Garza County Justice of the Peace Courts collected \$28,282.75 during the month of October largely from highway travel and traffic fines issued, according to the official reports. The fund raising program, operated by Garza County in coordination with the State of Texas, took advantage of travelers who were accused of violating State Transportation Codes. State and county code enforcement officers are "just doing their jobs" by enforcing the traffic code, but what was sold to the public in the 1920's for "safe" roads, is now a huge money making scheme for corporate governments.

20 Years Ago

Garza County Sheriff's deputies, acting on an anonymous telephone tip arrested four suspects on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance, (cocaine). The Friday afternoon Nov. 18 arrest occurred approximately two miles south of Post on Highway 84. Garza County Sheriff, Kenneth Ratke received an anonymous phone tip that a 1995, blue Ford Winstar van without license plates would be traveling through Post on highway 84. The CI informed Ratke the occupants would be in possession of narcotics.

30 Years Ago

The Post Independent School District received an unqualified opinion, the best possible rating, by the accounting firm of Hearn, Criswell and

Robison, during a report by Ken Robison at the school board meeting last Tuesday. After a careful review of the detailed audit report, Robison told the school's financial situation was one of the best that the firm represents. The board elected Pru Basquez to serve as vice president.

40 Years Ago

There are quite a few new faces in the halls of PHS. We are very proud to have a new principle, Mr. Billy Hahn and his efficient staff consisting of Mrs. Ruth Ann Young and Mrs. Nancy Kemp. Mr. Hahn and his staff came to PHS straight from offices at Jr. High. The former secretary, Jan Bartlett and aides, Mrs. Sandra Fielder have transferred their offices to Jr. High where they will assist the new principle Bud Davis.

50 Years Ago

There isn't going to be any "big rush" this year at Garza's cotton gins. A Dispatch survey yesterday afternoon revealed a total of 9,541 bales ginned to date with most ginners starting to look ahead to cleaning up the "short crop". Close observers here are predicting about a 15,000 bale crop for 1964, which would be the shortest in the last seven or eight years anyway. Only one of the country's seven gins - the Hackberry Gin - has gone to 24 hour, round-the-clock operations. The other gins are just working one-crew long hours.

Menus

December Menus for 1-5

Trailblazers

Monday: Salisbury Steak, Diced Potatoes, English Peas, Fruit Salad, Roll
Tuesday: Chicken Tenders, Peas and Carrots, Banana Pudding, Wheat Roll
Wednesday: Beef Tips and Rice, Meadow Blend Veggies, Corn, Chocolate or Strawberry Cake, Roll
Thursday: BBQ on Bun, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Apricots
Friday: Meatloaf, Creamed Potatoes, Spinach, Sugar Cookies, Wheat Roll

Southland ISD

Breakfast

Monday: Frudel, Yogurt, Toast and Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Tuesday: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Wednesday: French Toast, Cereal and Toast, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Thursday: Breakfast Bagel, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Friday: Muffins, Sausage, Toast and Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch

Monday: Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Carrots w/Ranch, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday: Tangerine Chicken, Noodles, Carrots, Broccoli, Pineapples, Sugar Cookie, Milk
Wednesday: Tex-Mex Stack, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Garden Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk
Thursday: Hamburgers, Potato Rounds, Western Beans, Diced Pears, Milk
Friday: Chicken Parmesan, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Breadsticks, Fresh Apple Slices, Milk

Post ISD

Breakfast

Monday: Pancakes, Bacon, Fruit Juice or Fruit, Milk
Tuesday: Sunrise Sandwich, Fruit Juice or Fruit, Milk
Wednesday: Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Juice or Fruit, Milk
Thursday: Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit Juice or fruit, Milk
Friday: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice or fruit, Milk

Lunch

Monday: Corn dogs, Baked Beans, Crunchy Broccoli, Salad, Apple-Pineapple D?Lite, Milk
Tuesday: Beefy Queso Nachos, Garden Salad, Pears, Lime Sherbet, Milk
Wednesday: Bean and Cheese Burrito, Salsa, Mexicali Corn, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit Gelatin, Milk
Thursday: Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Garden Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Grapes, Bread Stick, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk
Friday: Pizza Choice, Tomato and Cucumber Cup, Baby Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

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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.

Star Lighting

The 21st Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain at the Borden County Museum, Courthouse and Courtyard in Gail, will begin Friday, Nov. 28, 2014 (day after Thanksgiving). The Courthouse and Museum will open at 5:30 p.m. for viewing, reminiscing, fellowship and refreshments. Santa Claus will be available to visit with the children.

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. I (806) 495-3570 upstairs-handicap accessible

Gifted and talented program

Post ISD student may be nominated for the Gifted and Talented (GT) program no later than March 13, 2015. Teachers, counselors, parents or guardians may make nominations. If you would like to nominate a child for the Post GT program please contact your child's school.

Railroad Crossing

Will you help our community and the traveling public and call BNSF Railway at 1-800-832-5452 to register a concern about the condition of the railroad crossing at US 380. Your call matters and will help get this dangerous crossing repaired.

Benevolence fund

Dusty and Renee Clary have a Benevolence Fund set up at Centennial Bank. For more information contact Marie Odom 806-495-4757.

GED classes

Free 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 wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/pplib to register. For information, contact librarian Peggy Ashley at 990-2149.

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The 501 When it hurts, laugh

If you've been blinded by headlights, don't walk around a car if two men are lying in your path - not unless there's a moon. Maybe not even then.

There was no moon. I landed on just one of them - Chadd, by name. You don't know him.



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I could simply say it was a dark and stormy night in Arkansas when my friend Beverly's cousin Glenda missed the driveway and nosed her SUV into the ditch. Except it wasn't stormy. Just cold.

Caution: If you jumpstart a car, keep the booster cables away from the engine fan.

Sometimes little catastrophes can break a somber mood or simply help mortals put things in perspective or both. That's how those named above and I decided to interpret our entire evening of minor misfortunes.

Sadly, the reason for my trip to Arkansas was the death of Paul Martin, 89, father of Beverly. He'll be missed. He was my friend. He was like a grandfather to Chadd. He was a beloved uncle to Glenda. For Beverly, he was always there as a loving dad - the kind that can handle stuff that needs fixing, squirrel feeders that need building and cars that need to be pulled from ditches.

In his absence we called for a wrecker. And waited. And waited.

In the front passenger seat was Marcie, Paul's wife of 67 years. Surely she

was missing him more than any of us. We couldn't get the door open enough to get her out of the tilted car.

Marcie, like most mothers, excels at worrying about her child. She worries about me too when I'm around Beverly. We both stood in front of the car in the headlights' glare once the wrecker arrived. We wanted Marcie to see we were not about to get wrapped up in the tow truck cable. But then I thought of something I wanted to say to Glenda, who had stayed in the car to keep Marcie company. As I approached Glenda's window my feet struck Chadd, who was lying halfway under the vehicle helping the wrecker operator attach the cable. I thought Chadd was a stray dog. As I fell, I wondered why he didn't budge. Thud.

Better to fall on a big guy than a dog. Once I'd picked myself up, I couldn't stand up straight. I was laughing too hard. Beverly was laughing too. Poor Chadd. He was concerned about me.

"I was lying down when you hit me," he said, as if to explain why he was OK. Somehow his remark struck me as very funny. I laughed harder.

Chadd's brush with danger came later when we jumpstarted his vehicle. Whack! Whack! He snatched the cable from the fan.

We didn't laugh then, but when the scenario played out again 30 minutes later, we laughed. Couldn't help it.

Next Chadd decided simply to leave the car running. It ran out of gas.

We laughed.

We had been running low on humor. We found some.

Or maybe it found us.

The Paperboy

Yik Yak is an app that is wreaking havoc on school campuses across the country including schools in this region.

It's founders Brooks Buffington and Tyler Droll are impossible to get in touch with. In fact, it's extremely difficult to get in contact with anyone from the company which leads me to think that the people who created an app for cowards are cowards themselves.

Yik Yak is an anonymous app. You can get on it and say anything about anyone in close proximity.



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In the hands of immature teens and adults, the app is an invitation for bullying and vile, disgusting posts about whatever crosses their minds.

My question is: what were the founders thinking with such an app? According to a story I found from earlier this year on the huffingtonpost.com (I guess they were able to actually get the founders on record):

"We were naive," Buffington said. "We designed the app primarily for college students. Using the app the way we intended it to be used requires a certain amount of maturity and responsibility, we were idealistic about who possessed that."

So after realizing they had opened Pandora's box, how do you think the duo handled it? They made the app for 17+ years of age, which is impossible to police.

Now, law enforcement officers, once threats have been messaged out, have to jump through a bunch of red tape in order to find those that do the threatening. That means using important time, resources and money to bust someone who probably has no idea the damage they are causing.

The founders of the app should be held accountable for their actions.

Personally, I think law enforcement agencies across the country should send Yik Yak a bill for the monetary resources

used to handle the threats. I also think the app should be outlawed.

In our society, all threats must be taken seriously. That in itself should be enough to outlaw an anonymous message board. Then again, it's only anonymous until enough pressure from law enforcement is brought upon the company to relinquish the internet protocol addresses of those misusing the app.

Across Texas, there are Texas Department of Public Service Troopers, Texas Rangers and now Game Wardens being assigned to the border.

I don't like this for several reasons but the main reason is it displaces people from their families.

The president is disingenuous with his recent actions.

President Obama has a super majority in Congress and could have legally changed immigration. Instead - he loses power as Republicans take both the House and Senate then he acts unilaterally. Does this make sense to anyone?

Obama is blowing smoke by telling the American people that we must secure our border. You secure the border before you allow a land rush by granting amnesty to 4.7 million people.

By your action Mr. President, you put the word out to "come on in," while Texas Rangers, DPS and Game Wardens are having to spend time away from their families - and their chosen profession - to secure the border.

If Obama really wanted the border secure, he could have it secure by week's end. It's not like we don't have the people and technology. The same can be said for Bush, Clinton, Bush and so on.

Instead, the border and immigration are used for political purposes. It's wrong.

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Out and About in Close City

BY Nancy Morris

Smallpox broke out before Thanksgiving one year. A big inoculation took place, but it was too late prevent it from spreading across the county, reaching epidemic proportions. The men who served in World War I or who were preparing to leave for military service, had been vaccinated. Most men were considered to be immune, the women and children

were at risk. Women and children, by the hundreds, were lined up in the schoolroom for their inoculation. Many people fell victim to smallpox. County health officials went up to every house and nailed red quarantine notices to the front door.

It was a harsh, debilitating disease, leaving some people scarred with smallpox marks. Dr. Williams and Dr. Sermon were up day and night giving out medicines and carbolated Vaseline. People were instructed

to keep the pox saturated with it. When it itched they put Vaseline on the smallpox. When the smallpox epidemic had run its course, the house and its contents were fumigated. After an inspection by the proper authorities, the quarantine sign was removed from the front door. This meant life could go back to normal again.

Church Directory

Assembly of God

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Lifeline Church- 108 N. Broadway

Baptist

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First Baptist Church, Post- 402 W. Main Street, 495-3554
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SPORTS

Lady Eagles win Wilson Cotton Classic

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

WILSON — Question: How does a team win a ball game twice?

It is simple. The scoreboard operator puts the points up for the wrong team.

Such was the case when the Lady Eagles took on Christ the King in the final game of the Wilson Cotton Classic played last weekend.

Southland had won the game in regulation 50-48. But because the scoreboard, and maybe even the official book, showed the game tied at 49-49.

Several scoreboard glitches were eventually corrected throughout the contest, except the last one

that led to the overtime period.

Southland had played five games over three days, even after traveling to their football team's playoff game Friday night. A game between Southland and Sands was mutually cancelled because of the football playoffs.

The lady Eagles trailed 16-7 after first quarter lead and again 27-21 at the half, thanks a couple of treys by Mallory Arguello and Daniela Galindo.

Also fueling the Southland offense was their six-for-eight performance at the free throw line.

The Lady Eagles still trailed at the end of the

third quarter, 39-32.

In the Cotton Classic, the game format was round robin in nature. Both teams were undefeated at this point. This game was for all the marbles.

CTK hit a trey the first shot of the fourth quarter and led by 10 points, 42-32, but Southland was not to be denied.

Jessica Payton hit a trey of her own and the Lady Eagles held CTK to just one point over the next three minutes, going on a 8-1 run to take 44-43 lead, capped by an Ashlee Graves bucket and free throw.

It was at this point the scoreboard became incorrect and was never corrected.

Southland continued scoring with shots from Jamesha Rose and Graves.

By the sound of the horn, Southland had won the game 50-48, but the one point that was mistakenly given to CTK made for the tied game.

Galindo hit a trey, along with Payton and Southland eventually wrestled the game away for the trophy, 58-53.

With the tournament wins, Southland is now at 6-1 on the season.

Arguello led the Lady Eagles with 14 points, followed by Payton and Galindo, each with 12 and Rose with 10.

In earlier action,

Southland defeated Dawson in the first of two games on Thursday, 36-22. Arguello had 16 points, followed by Rose with 10.

Southland defeated host school Wilson 40-27 in their afternoon tilt. Arguello had 21 points, followed by Graves with seven and Galindo with seven.

On Friday's only game, Southland defeated the O'Donnell JV 56-47.

Arguello had her best effort of the tourney with 32 points, followed by Galindo with 10. Rose, Graves and Payton each chipped in four points.

Southland defeated Loop 52-33 with Arguello hitting 28 points.



ARGUELLO

Southland was in action Tuesday afternoon at home against Cotton Center with both boys and girls games. The girls were to play Dec. 2 against Talkington at 5:30. The boys game, now that they are available for basketball, was still against a team to be determined.

Panhandle Fishing Report

Alan Henry

Water stained; 66-72 degrees; 9.55' low. Black bass are fair to good on chatterbaits, Texas rigs, jigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows and jigs over brush piles. Catfish are good on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Arrowhead

Water off color; 65-69 degrees; 19.6' low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.

Brownwood

Water clear; 71-75 degrees; 12.94' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits, chatterbaits, and craw colored crankbaits. Hybrid striped are slow. White bass are good on Li'l Fishies, small Rat-L-Traps, and shad crankbaits off lighted docks at night. Crappie are good on cut bait and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch.

Coleman

Water clear; 71-75 degrees; 18.98' low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin soft plastics and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striped are fair on silver striped jigs. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

Colorado City

21.71' low. No report available.

Ft. Phantom Hill

Water clear; 66-70 degrees; 17.16' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs and crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

Greenbelt

44.85' low. No report available.

Hubbard Creek

Water off color; 63-68 degrees; 29.28' low. Black bass are fair to good on shad pattern crankbaits, jigs, Texas rigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs over deep cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

MacKenzie

90.03' low. No report available.

Meredith

78.68' low. No report available.

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No report available.

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Water stained; 62-69 degrees; 42.03' low. Black bass are fair to good on

Playing defense



Lance Dunn/Post Dispatch

Post Antelope defensive back Carson Kirkpatrick hits Cisco's Kottie Hoover at the same moment the ball arrives during last Friday's ball game in Sweetwater. Post lost the Area playoff game, thus bringing the 2014 football season to a close.

Wildlife management area set for Panhandle

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission recently approved acceptance of a land donation to create the new 14,037-Acre Yoakum Dunes Wildlife Management Area in Cochran, Terry and Yoakum Counties near Lubbock, providing a refuge for the threatened lesser prairie chicken and other native grassland birds and wildlife. It's the first new WMA in Texas since the 2006 donation of the McGillivray and Leona McKie Muse Wildlife Management Area in Brown County.

Acquisition of land for the WMA was made possible through a partnership between The Nature Conservancy of Texas, The Conservation Fund and Concho Resources, Inc., an oil and gas company operating in the Permian Basin of Texas and New Mexico that donated \$400,000 to The Conservation Fund towards land acquisitions for the WMA. The donation leveraged \$1.2 million in federal Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program funds. "Conserving the lesser-prairie chicken all comes down to habitat, and the new Yoakum Dunes Wildlife Management Area will provide vital breeding and nesting habitat for the species in a critically important part of its range" said Ross Melinchuk, TPWD deputy executive director for natural resources. "It would not have been possible without federal wildlife grant funds and support from private partners."

In 2007, the Nature Conservancy of Texas began purchasing land that would become the Yoakum Dunes Preserve, using federal grant funds. The conservancy has acquired 10,635 acres, which the commission today approved to accept as a donation to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The department has acquired tracts totaling 3,402 acres contiguous with the TNC holdings. Today's commission vote clears the way for the conservancy to transfer its holdings to TPWD in order to establish the Yoakum Dunes Wildlife Management Area.

The primary impetus for the WMA is conservation of the lesser prairie chicken, whose historic shinnery oak/midgrass prairie habitat has been fragmented by agriculture, oil and gas development, and

other land uses. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the bird as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act in May, 2014. (See TPWD's lesser prairie-chicken web page for more information.) Besides the prairie-chicken, the new WMA will also provide important habitat for a wide range of indigenous wildlife, including Texas horned lizards, quail and mule deer.

The partners emphasized that although the new WMA is a major achievement, private landowner conservation is essential to recover the lesser-prairie chicken. TPWD and four other states within the bird's range are cooperating in a range-wide plan led by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, which provides funding and incentives for private ranchers and other landowners to conserve habitat.

It will take a few months to complete the land transfer from TNC to TPWD and create the new WMA. In June, Brandon Childers, formerly at Black Gap WMA, started work as the new biologist and WMA manager at Yoakum Dunes. For the next year or two, he will lead department efforts to complete baseline surveys to assess natural and cultural resources, begin habitat management practices such as brush control and water improvements to benefit the lesser prairie-chicken and other grassland wildlife, and plan public use opportunities on the WMA.

In coming years the agency plans to offer public recreational use of the WMA, including hunting, birding and other compatible recreation. However, decisions about what degree and how much of the WMA may be open to the public won't be possible until after on-site resources are fully assessed.

Once the new WMA is created after the land transfer, TPWD will eventually create a Yoakum Dunes WMA web page with more information for the public, including a phone number to contact. In the meantime, questions about the new WMA or landowner assistance for wildlife conservation can be addressed to the Panhandle/High Plains Wildlife District of the Wildlife Division.

Tahoka Lady 'Dogs take one from Post

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

TAHOKA — The Lady Lopes took another one on the chin Saturday as they went down to the wire with the Lady Bulldogs losing 46-44.

Very much like to heavyweight boxers, Post and Tahoka stood toe-to-toe and beat on each other all game long.

No one can say the Lady Lopes don't take it as well as they dish it out as each team had 20 personal fouls each.

Led by three seniors and the rest underclassmen, Post has experienced some growing pains in getting the season started.

In the first quarter, the lead changed hands four times as the score was tied twice, but Post had a 15-13 lead at the end.

Lady Lopes post player, Brooklyn Courtland had six of her game high eight points in that stanza.

Post relied on their free throw shooting abilities as they score six unanswered points from the end other first quarter to early in the second to take a 19-13 lead. In fact, Post started the second quarter in the bonus-shooting situation.

Tahoka took what looked like a little burst, tying the game at 19-19 and turned it into a momentum-building quarter, taking a 27-23 halftime lead.

Post had some work to do in the third quarter and started to take care of business tying the game at 3-31 with less than three minutes left in the quarter.

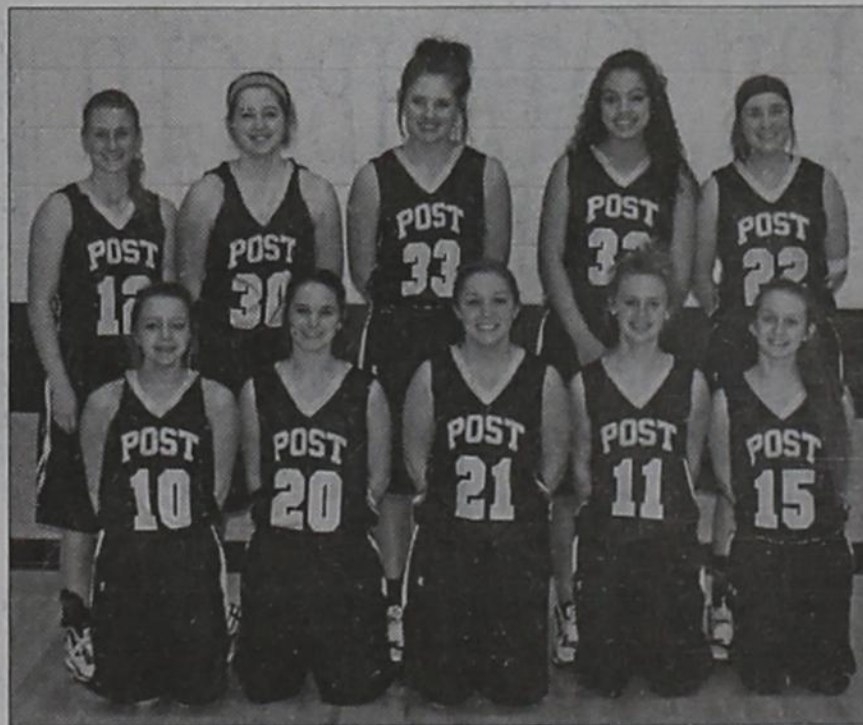
A trey by Kelbie Oden gave Post a 35-34 lead, firing up the Post side of the fans.

With the game on the line, Tahoka took off their full-court press, that seemed to kept Post on their toes. And as if reverse psychology works on the basketball court, Post hit one field goal and went seven-of-ten from the field goal line and lost two starters to foul trouble in the last eight minutes of the game.

Lauren Record finished the game with a team high 11 points, followed by Callie Odom with nine points and Courtney with eight.

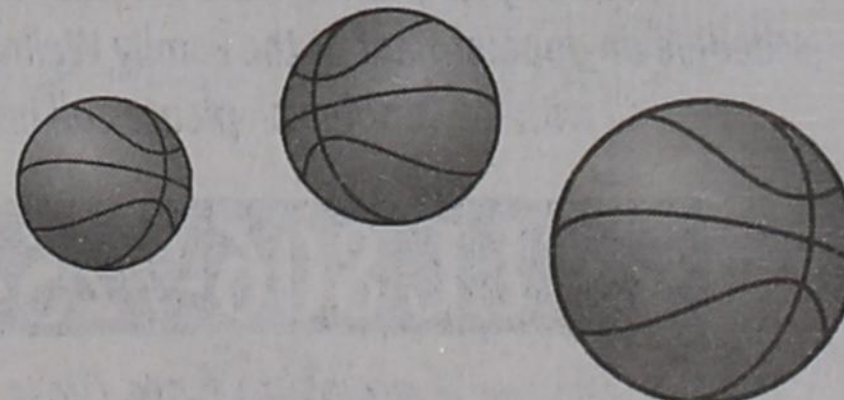
The Lady Lopes played Spur last Tuesday night, but early holiday deadlines prevented that score to be in this edition. However, it will be reported on the postdispatchonline.com website.

After the holiday break, the Lady Lopes will travel to Lubbock Christian University facility to take on the Canyon JV on Dec. 2 and will host Morton on Dec. 5.



Kent Mahoney/Post Dispatch

The Post Lady Lopes varsity basketball team is comprised of (front row from the left) Shailey Miller, Callie Odom, Kally Comeaux, Kelby Tidwell and Baylea Pittman; (back row from the left) Kelbie Oden, Lauren Record, Brooklyn Courtney, Daisha Greathouse and Kelsie Griffin.



Scores and Schedules will return next week

Southland ISD Honor Roll

Southland Elementary

2nd 6 Weeks

A Honor Roll A/B Honor Roll

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Texas rigs, chatterbaits, jigs and shakys. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs shallow.

Oak Creek

Water stained; 61-68 degrees; 25' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on chartreuse (use Worn-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Palo Duro

56.6' low. No report available.

Possum Kingdom

Water fairly clear; 63-70 degrees; 15.06' low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, drop shot rigs, Texas rigs and medium running shad pattern crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs and Road Runners. Striped bass are fair on live shad and while trolling. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

Spence

71.17' low. No report available.

Stamford

16.84' low. No report available.

Sweetwater

Water murky; 62-68 degrees; 28' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, chatterbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.

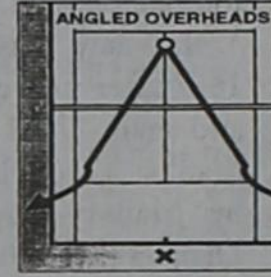
White River

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Hint: Quote by Alice in Wonderland

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- Athenian philosopher
- Basics
- _____d: praise greatly
- Redirect
- Angelic
- Island in the Firth of Clyde
- Public executioners
- Cain and _____
- Mexican shawl
- Large artillery
- Gambling town
- Source of chocolate
- Trash container
- Playful harassment
- About an EMT
- Seaport in Finland
- 6th Jewish month
- In an arched manner
- The highest points
- Dressed
- Overhung
- Soft and sticky
- Of an empty sink
- Float on the water
- Reap (Spanish)
- Grey sea eagle
- Enlighten

CLUES DOWN

- Public TV
- Wife of Jacob
- Assumed name
- Processes leather
- Matured beyond
- Access to pressured air space
- Women's undergarment
- Co-tangent (abbr.)
- Spectacle locations
- Give forth
- Removed from power
- Manila hemp
- Point midway between N and E
- Atomic #89
- No (Scottish)
- Drunkard
- A citizen of Thailand
- Fled from confine-

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- More bead-like
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- Jack P____: talk show host
- Nocturnal masked mammal
- GWTW's Mr. Wilkes
- S.E. Asian peninsula
- Mammalian enzyme
- Counted on
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 Someone is going to Vegas courtesy of Moose Knuckles First BBQ cookoff held last month. Pictured are (from left to right) Alonzo Luna, Kristi McMurry, Kyran Elliott, Greg Williams, (winners) Coy and Natalie Howell, Courtney Fontenot, Mark Elliott. Not pictured, Kelsie Bush.



Courtesy photo
 Post Elementary and Post Middle School Gifted/Talented (G/T) students participated in a chess tournament November 8th at Estacado High School. The Texas Tech Chess Program sponsored the tournament. Each student played four rounds of chess. The team was awarded a third place trophy for their combined scores. Chess coach and G/T teacher Realine Reece and chess coach Will Moncrief are super proud of these fine students who have put a lot of time and effort into learning and playing the game of chess. These students will participate in at least one more chess tournament this school year.



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 The Santa's Land Drive thru Christmas Park in Tahoka will open evening beginning Nov. 27, 28, 29 & 30 at 6:30 and lights will go off at 10. The Blue Weed Special Train will be at Santa's Land Nov. 27, 28 & 29, train rides start at 7-8:30 to provide ride through the park opening weekend only. Park will open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday (weather permitting) (Dec. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21 then we will be open Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25. Please check this page Santa's Land Drive thru Christmas Park is located at S.11th & Ave O (south west corner of town) in Tahoka. For more information call 806-891-1291.

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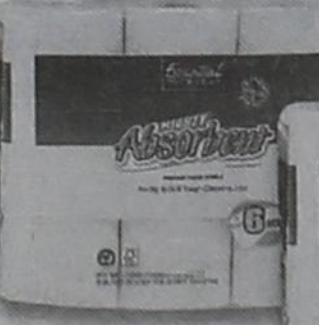
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Use car seats properly

With Thanksgiving upon us and Christmas soon approaching, families will be traveling by car and airplane to visit with friends and relatives. This is a good time to stop and think about having your child in the proper car seat before you begin to plan your trip.

Although parents always want to protect their children, studies show that nationally, three out of four car seats are not used correctly. For a car seat to best protect your child, it must be one that fits your child, fits your vehicle, and is one that you will use correctly every time you travel. Choose the right seat for your child's age, size, and development; and choose a seat that will fit properly in your vehicle.

Children are at greater risk than adults in a vehicle crash. In fact, motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for children. Crash data from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration show that on average in 2012, nearly two children under the age of 13 were killed and 332 were injured every day while riding in cars, SUVs, pickups, and vans. Unfortunately in 2012, over one third (37%) of children killed in car crashes were not in car seats, booster seats, or seat belts.

That's why Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service county agent, Nancy McDonald, is urging all parents and caregivers to secure children properly in age- and size-appropriate child safety seats in the back seat of your vehicle, which is the most effective thing you can do to protect them in the event of a crash. In fact, in motor vehicle crashes, child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers.

For a child safety seat to do its job correctly, it has to be:

- Appropriate for your child's age and size, Installed properly in your vehicle, and Adjusted to fit your child securely.
- Parents are reminded to keep children rear-facing until age two or until the limit of their rear-facing convertible seat, usually 35 pounds or more. Also, children should stay in a 5-point harness system until they are mature enough to ride in a booster seat. Booster seats are for children who are at least age four and 40 pounds or more and mature enough to sit still in a booster. Finally, keep children in a booster seat until the vehicle's seat belt fits correctly. This is usually at 4'9" tall and sometime between ages 8 and 12 years old. The average child reaches 4'9" at age 11!

TURKEY

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counter within easy reach of a child.

Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.

Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.

Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

The NFPA also discourages the use of turkey fryers, especially the gas-fueled ones.

These turkey fryers use a substantial quantity of cooking oil at high temperatures, and units currently available for home use pose a significant danger that hot oil will be released at some point during the cooking process.

The use of turkey fryers by consumers can lead to devastating burns, other

injuries and the destruction of property. NFPA urges those who prefer fried turkey to seek out professional establishments, such as grocery stores, specialty food retailers, and restaurants for the preparation of the dish, or consider a new type of "oil-less" turkey fryer.

The major points of potential problems range from placing or transferring the turkey to and from the fryer.

The fryer stands are a particular problem as they are easily knocked over.

The cooking oil is often heated to above the 350-degree mark. Any oil is combustible and even the fumes can ignite, causing a dangerous situation.

Some cookers use in excess of five gallons of oil in a large and sometimes unbalanced container. The turkey must be lowered slowly and safely into the container. With the hot oil, any moisture is going to cause the hot oil to splatter

and foam.

There is a new outdoor turkey cooking method that does not require oil and the NFPA believes that method should be explored. All appliances should be listed with a recognized testing label.

Finally from their website, the NFPA takes a strong stance on the issue.

"NFPA continues to believe that turkey fryers that use oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for acceptably safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer. Consumers may find packaging of turkey fryers displaying independent product safety testing labels. NFPA is familiar with the details of these test standards and does not believe that they are sufficiently comprehensive regarding the different ways in which serious harm can occur, and, in some cases, regarding the different parts of the turkey fryer that need to be tested."

Nancy's Notions

Turkey is space food?

How well do you know your turkey? I started researching the difference between stuffing and dressing (which is a whole other article) and kept getting caught up on interesting turkey facts. For instance, only tom turkeys gobble and hen turkeys make a clicking noise. I hope you enjoy this bit of turkey trivia as we pause to give thanks this holiday season.



NANCY MCDONALD

1863.

3. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving Day forward one week.

4. In 2013, more than 240.0 million turkeys were raised. Of that, more than 200 million were consumed in the United States with an estimated 46 million at Thanksgiving, 22 million at Christmas and 19 million at Easter.

5. Benjamin Franklin, who proposed the turkey as the official United States' bird, was dismayed when the bald eagle was chosen over the turkey. "The turkey is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America."

6. Deep fried turkey originated in the southern United States but is popular today throughout North America.

7. While turkey often receives the blame for causing drowsiness after eating Thanksgiving dinner, recent studies suggest that carbohydrate-rich meals may cause sleepiness by increasing the number of tryptophans in the brain. Therefore, the unusually large, multi-coursed, carbohydrate-rich meal most people eat on Thanksgiving is more likely the cause.

8. A turkey typically has about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat.

White meat has fewer calories and less fat than dark meat.

9. Turkey is listed among the top 10 foods for your eyes because it's rich in zinc (plus the B-vitamin niacin protects against cataracts).

10. It is estimated that turkeys have 3,500 feathers at maturity. The bulk of turkey feathers are composted or otherwise disposed of, although some feathers may be used for special purposes. 11. The naturally mild taste of turkey combines readily with different seasonings, making it an ideal choice in spicy ethnic dishes, as a substitute for higher-fat meats in favorite recipes and as a complement to other foods on the plate.

12. USDA's Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010 suggests we "Go lean with protein" by selecting the lower fat options with "lean meats and poultry." Turkey is a perfect choice.

13. Domesticated turkeys cannot fly.

14. Wild turkeys can fly for short distances up to 55 miles per hour and can run 20 miles per hour.

15. June is National Turkey Lovers' Month!

SHOPPERS

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Always park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas, when possible.

Install an anti-theft device that locks the steering wheel, column or brakes.

Never leave personal documents, vehicle owner-

ship title or credit cards in your vehicle.

In high-theft areas, the vehicle identification number (VIN) should be etched on windows, doors, fenders and trunk lid. This makes it difficult for a thief to market your stolen car parts.

If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police immediately. DPS also encourages individuals to

keep a copy of their license plate and vehicle identification number on hand in case of theft, since police will need this information to take a report.

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 Post Lions Club member and United Supermarket Assistant Manager Jose Marquez holds the red bucket in preparation of annual bell ringing activity in front of the store Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Kent Mahoney/Post Dispatch
 The Post Rotary Club hosts Post High Schools students for a month at a time to have lunch and explore the Rotary experience. November's students were (from the left) Kelsey Griffin, Callie Oden, Alejo Rodriguez and Carson Kirkpatrick. They are pictured with Rotary president Elliott Main.

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Police cracking down on drunk driving

The holiday season is right around the corner. As Americans prepare for festivities with family and friends, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Watch UR BAC program wants to remind all drivers that it's dangerous to drive after drinking. You have to choose your role before drinking begins: will you drink or will you drive? Remember, even if you only have a little bit to drink and think you're "okay to drive," you could still be over the legal limit.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent Greg Jones reminds drivers that the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign runs from now until Jan. 1, 2015.

Due to the increase in drunk-driving related fatalities around the holidays each year, law enforcement agencies will be out in force. According to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Texas DWI fatalities during the holiday season Dec. 1-31, 2013, resulted in 86 fatalities. But not everyone dies in a crash. Many live with lifelong, debilitating injuries as a result of their own drunk driving or that of a complete stranger.

The consequences and costs are significant if you are caught driving while intoxicated, costing you \$17,000 or more, the loss of your driver license, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses.

Even a little holiday cheer can impair a person's driving. Plan ahead if you are going to drink alcohol. The message is out there, but it only works if you join our efforts this holiday season by pledging to give or be the gift of a sober driver. Find out how to pledge at soberrides.org. Other tips include:

- Designate a non-drinking driver before festivities begin.
- Even one drink can impair your judgment.
- If you have been drinking, do not drive. Phone a sober friend or family member, call a cab, or spend the night where you are.
- Step up and step in – don't let friends drive if they've been drinking. Give someone a gift by being their sober, designated driver.

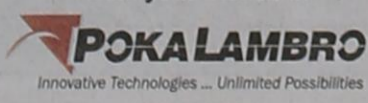
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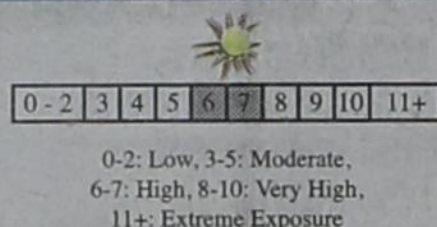
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Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Sunny 65 / 37	Saturday Sunny 68 / 37	Sunday Sunny 62 / 34	Monday Sunny 63 / 31	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 58 / 32	Wednesday Mostly Sunny 61 / 29	Thursday Partly Cloudy 56 / 28

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

What is the path of destruction caused by a hailstorm called?
Answer: A hail streak.

Weather History

Nov. 28, 1989 - Strong Santa Ana winds prevailed across Southern California. Winds gusted to 70 mph at the Rialto Airport and several tractor-trailer trucks were overturned east of Los Angeles.

Nov. 29, 1969 - Dense fog along the Jersey Turnpike resulted in a chain reaction of vehicle collisions during the morning rush hour. A propane truck jackknifed and was struck by a trailer truck. Other vehicles continued to pile into the fiery mass.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 65°, humidity of 25%. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 79° set in 1998. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 37°. The record low for tonight is 13° set in 1976. Saturday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 68°, humidity of 19%. West wind 5 to 7 mph. Skies will be mostly clear Saturday night with an overnight low of 37°. Expect sunny skies Sunday with a high temperature of 62°.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	5:47-7:47	5:17-7:17	Tue	9:04-11:04	9:29-11:29
Sat	6:39-8:39	6:09-8:09	Wed	9:59-11:59	10:23-12:23
Sun	7:30-9:30	7:00-9:00	Thu	10:53-12:53	11:00-1:00
Mon	8:09-10:09	8:34-10:34			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 11/29	Fri 7:29 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	12:33 p.m.	Next Day
Sat	7:29 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	1:13 p.m.	12:18 a.m.
Sun	7:30 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	1:52 p.m.	1:22 a.m.
Mon	7:31 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	2:25 a.m.
Full 12/6	Tue 7:32 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	3:29 a.m.
Wed	7:33 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	3:51 p.m.	4:31 a.m.
Thu	7:34 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	4:36 p.m.	5:33 a.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
11/17	42	12	61/34	0.00"	Date	Degree Days
11/18	53	21	60/33	0.00"	11/17	0
11/19	62	26	60/33	0.00"	11/18	0
11/20	71	31	60/33	0.00"	11/19	0
11/21	66	28	59/32	0.00"	11/20	1
11/22	67	43	59/32	0.00"		
11/23	67	35	59/32	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.

Kent's Korner

What are YOU thankful for?

Those of you who are plugged into the Internet, more specifically Facebook, know the last month your friends have been posting what they are thankful for.

A lot of the posts in the first week pretty much sound a like-family, spouses, jobs, personal freedoms and such.

And I can see why most people don't do this all year long because they might eventually run out of things to be thankful.

But I would challenge you, my dear readers, to be thankful each and every day for something or someone in your life.

You don't need Facebook or a similar tool to make this possible. Just say it out loud. Or even better, if it is a person, tell them. You would be surprised how easily you can make someone's day by just simply telling them out much you appreciate them.

And on a personal note, if I tell you how much I appreciate you, I am being sincere about it. I know some people just kind of toss that "I appreciate you" phrase around.

I truly appreciate and am truly thankful each and every person I interact with on a regular basis. (You folks know who you are.)

Past the normal thankful for God, family and country, here are some people and instances I am truly thankful.

Pardon me while I channel David Letterman for a moment.

Number 10: I am thankful for my Ga-Ga (grandmother) for teaching me how to make a holiday dinner with all the trimmings. I developed an appreciation for cooking through her.

Number 9: I am thankful for my grandfather Bill for taking me under his wing after my father died. He taught me all sorts of things like fishing, carpentry and how to replace an entire toilet in one afternoon. (It's the simple things, folks)

Number 8: I am thankful my mom did not teach me how to drive. As many of you know, my mother passed this last fall. She was a Nervous Nelly when it came to driving. She would stomp her left foot on the floorboard when I was driving. Those of you with children know what I'm talking about. Those of you with young children are going to find out at some point in the future.

Number 7: I am thankful to a playground bully by the name of Zach. It took me until I was 35 to figure this one out. I don't have to put up with people's drama or dislikes of me or what I do.

Number 6: I am thankful for a person by the name of Mr. Johnston. He was my trombone teacher in school and was also my junior and adult church choir director. He taught me a lot of simple things about music that I practice to this very day.

Number 5: I am thankful I have an angel sitting on my shoulder, who I believe is my father. While it has always been a sad thing to grow up without a father, I believe he has been there regardless.

Number 4: I am thankful to be alive, because about a month ago, I could have bought the farm quite easily. I am reminded that God has a plan for me, and I really don't need to know what it is, but he's saving me for something.

Number 3: I am thankful for a government and a system that allows me the ability to speak my mind without fear of retribution. I wrote my senior paper in communication on Thomas Jefferson, without whose help, we might not have the Bill of Rights that gives us the freedoms we so dearly enjoy.

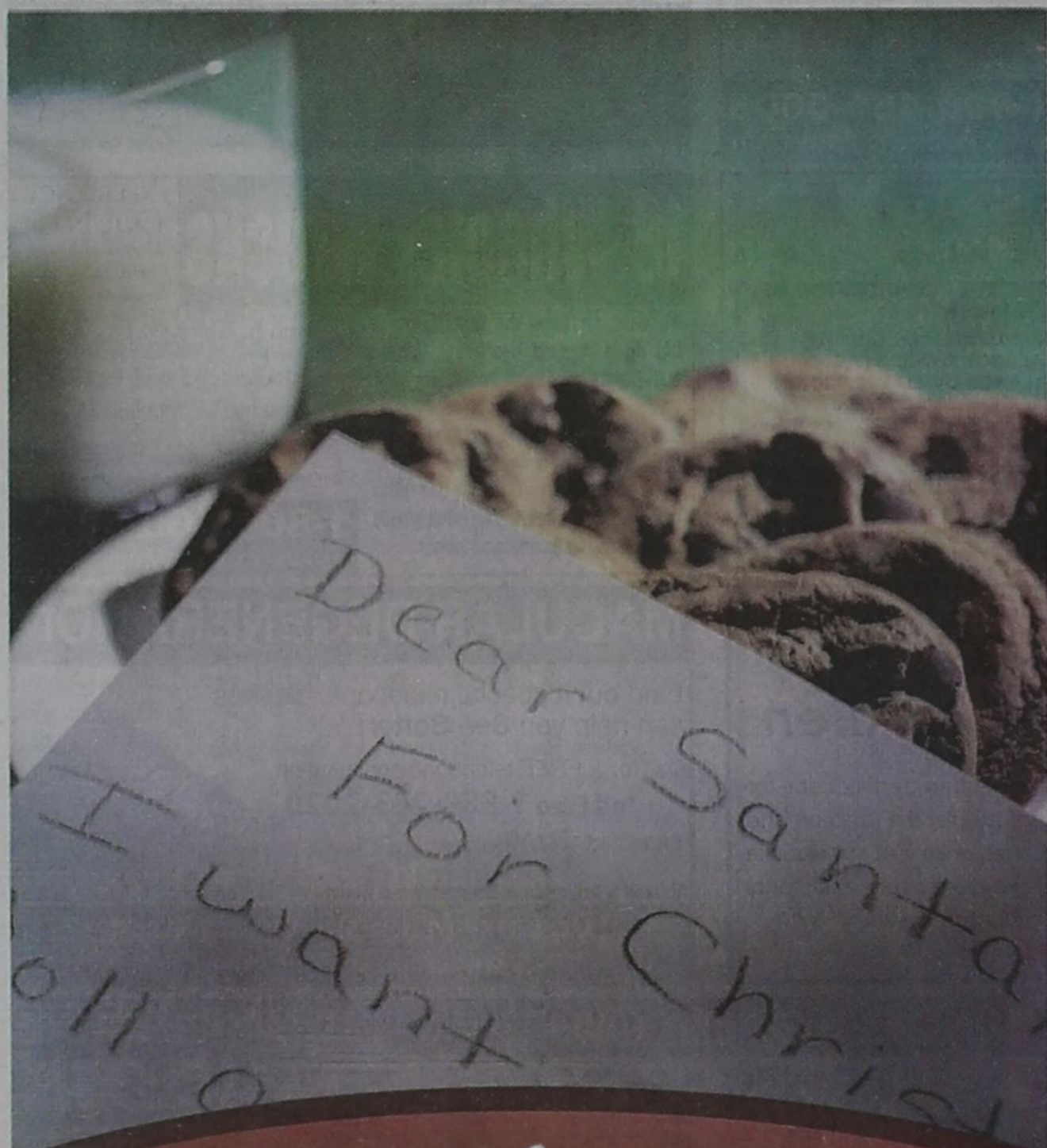
Number 2: I am thankful for my family. I have a beautiful wife who I have such a deep love and affection for. I have a beautiful daughter who is getting married next fall. I'm especially thankful she waiting until her mid-twenties to take this leap. I also have two brothers. We don't always see eye-to-eye on things, but what brothers always do. We're still family.

Number 1: I am truly thankful that I have a God to worship in a manner that is pleasing to Him. And what I think is really awesome about that is I don't have to be a scholar or a theologian. I can just be me. I can be that geeky, playground kid that He saved from going down a very wrong road because of Zach. I wish each and everyone of my readers a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.



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