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New regs for water heaters

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST — If you are in the market to replace your hot water heater, do it now, or suffer a huge price increase after April of the coming year.

According to the US Department of Energy, emission standards as well as size and venting requirements, which could add as much as \$200 to the cost and installation of a new unit.

Standards that were set back in the 1990s have increased over the last few years and will continue to

do so through 2019, according to the DOE.

"The standard will avoid about 316.8 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions, equivalent to the annual greenhouse gas emissions of about 62.1 million automobiles," the DOE website says for units sold in 2004.

Gas, oil and electric heaters have had just one size limitation (20 gallons to 100 gallons) up until now.

Going forward, gas and electric heaters will have two size limitations, 20 to 55 gallons and 55 to 100 gallons.

The energy factor of 0.67 for gas and 0.97 for electric have changed to 0.675 for the smaller gas and 0.8012 for the larger gas heaters.

On the electric side, the factor has gone to 0.960 for smaller tanks and 2.057 for the larger tanks.

"Standards mandatory in 2015 will save approximately 3.3 quads of energy and result in approximately \$63 billion in energy bill savings for products shipped from 2015-2044," the report says. "The standard will avoid about 172.5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions, equivalent to the annual greenhouse

gas emissions of about 33.8 million automobiles."

Also changing is the requirement on the larger (55 gallons and higher) for the flue type. Rather than the tradition light metal flue, the new requirements are calling for a PVC pipe instead, which could add several dollars to a couple of hundred dollars to the price of installation depending on the height of the building.

If a hot water heater is older than 10 years, it is probably a good idea to change it out and doing so in the next three months could save you hundreds of dollars.

5 shopping
days left until
Christmas

Post Notes

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Meet Santa

The VFW will be having Santa as a visitor on Dec. 20th from 1-4 p.m. There will be cookies and punch. All children 10 years of age and younger are invited to come see Santa.

Celebrate Christmas

All are welcome for a free community supper. Thursday, December 25th at Trailblazers 205 East 10th St. starting at 6p.m. Contact 806-549-1562 for questions. Delivery in Post will be available for those that can't make it.

Bethlehem

Bethlehem a Christmas Musical will be having four performances. Dec. 12, 13, 19 and 20. Friday Performances start at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday Performances at 3pm. Ragtown Gospel Theater located at 870 Ragtown Road.

Melts in your mouth...



The M&M guys were special guest of the Holiday Lighting parade held earlier this month in town. This particular float was a third place finisher by Cain Abraham called "Sweet Decorations."

Angela Antillon/Post Dispatch

School board moves on building debris

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST — Perplexing issues abound for Post Independent School District board trustees.

And anytime the majority of a meeting is spent talking about money, it is a particularly stressful meeting.

Elementary school issues, scoreboards and a keyless security system for Antelope Arena brought spending questions to the forefront of this month's PISD school board meeting.

Board trustees awarded an abatement and demo contract in an effort to move forward with removing the burned portion of the Post Elementary School facility.

Some 16 classrooms were damaged in an early morning fire just weeks after the school year had begun.

The bid of \$142,618.00 went to CSA Consultant in collaboration with West Texas Abatement and Joe Marts Construction.

"The scope includes the abatement of the entire

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PISD issues State of the District report

By Kent Mahoney
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POST — At just about every level of government there are progress reports.

Washington D.C. has the State of the Union address.

Texas has the State of the State address.

I'm sure Post has a State of the City address or the Garza County Judge has a State of the County address.

The Post Independent School District released a State of the District report at the December monthly meeting last week.

An overview of the report by Kim Mills-Oller was informative and the report is nearly a half-inch thick, numbering over 100 pages.

The average daily attendance (ADA) for the district is 832 on an enrollment of 897, which shakes out to be 92.8% indicating that a large majority of students are in school.

All four of the campuses were down in population this year over last.

The elementary school population is down slightly from last year at 453 as opposed to 480 in 2013-14.

The middle school has 164 students compared to 172, and the high school is at 219 as opposed to 222.

The high school population is what sets the athletic districts and Post is one of the smallest, if not the smallest, school in the Class AAA classification. The cutoff for Class AA last year was 222.

The detention center is at 66 students this year over 78 last years. This campus is the only facility where smaller numbers is better.

The ethnic make up of the school district is tipping to the Hispanics at 58% with Caucasians at nearly 31% and African Americans at nearly 8%.

Budget revenues were up about \$600,000 from \$11,589,576 last year to \$12,119,345 this year.

The largest part of the budget expenditures is instructional at \$5,991,276, or 49.46% of the total. No other single department eclipses 10%, but a couple comes close. Plant Maintenance is at 9.73% and payment to Fiscal Agents is 8.26%.

From the Texas Educa-



Kent Mahoney/Post Dispatch

The Post Antelopes won their tournament last weekend with wins over Petersburg, Sweetwater and Plains. For all the details, please see Sports, page 5.

tion Agency (TEA) side of the report, everyone is meeting standards set by the state.

What used to be acceptable, recognized and superior is now either met standard or did not meet standards on four benchmarks.

The Post ISD met standards on Student Achievement (SA), Student Progress (SP), Closing Performance Gap (CPG) and Post-secondary Readiness (PSR).

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Deaths

Ruth Reno

Ruth Reno, 92, passed away at Golden Plains Nursing Home on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014.

Ruth was born to Allen 'Luke' Lucas and Alma Lucas on Nov. 14, 1922, in Verbenia Texas. Alma Lucas was visiting her mother, Nannie Matsler, at the time and remarked that she didn't feel well but would return home. Nannie Matsler said no you're not leaving, you're about to have a baby! They sent someone for Doctor A.C. Surmun, who was on another house call at the time, but he made it to the house in time for Ruth's delivery.

Ruth's parents were cotton farmers, and had moved to Verbenia from Bend, near San Saba, by covered wagon in 1916. The family was very poor as Ruth grew up. Ruth recalled that her favorite toy when she was a little girl was a doll she named 'cobie' that her mother made for her from a corn cobb. But despite their lack of material wealth, Ruth's parents were generous and were always ready to open their home to relatives who needed help. Ruth said there were always one or two children of her distant relatives living with her and her five brothers and sisters in their small two-bedroom house. Like most rural homes in that day the house lacked modern conveniences, with no bathroom and the only indoor plumbing being a hand pump in the kitchen sink.

Life could be hard as Ruth grew up. She along with her brothers and sisters worked on the farm every day, picking cotton by hand in the fall, which caused Ruth to miss several weeks of school each year. Those cold fall days picking cotton also led to a life long problem with Ruth's hearing, and Ruth eventually lost her hearing the last few years of her life. But despite these hardships Ruth grew up happy. She loved her extended family and friends. She grew up with her cousins and they remained close all her life.

After graduating from Post high school in 1940 and then Drauns Business School in 1941, Ruth and her sister Jo both joined the USO and moved to Clovis New Mexico, where they also worked for Western

Union on an Army base. Shortly afterward her sister met and soon married a soldier, Jack Morrison, after which Jo moved to live with her husband's parents in Illinois. Ruth then moved to Dallas to work in the Western Union Office there. But Ruth didn't like her manager and it wasn't too long before Ruth moved back to live with her parents in Verbenia.

Ruth met Marshall Reeves Reno in 1944 when her brother Bill brought Marshall home with him during a brief furlough from the Army. Marshall had grown up only a few miles away in Grassbur. They were immediately smitten with each other and were married not too long afterward at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where Marshall was stationed. Ruth returned to her parent's home after Marshall was deployed, and she and Marshall moved to Post after the end of World War II.

Ruth and Marshall lived in a small one-room attic apartment for the first 10 years of their marriage. It was there that she lost her first baby a couple of months into her pregnancy. The doctor told her that she would never be able to have a baby after that, but she was determined to prove him wrong and in 1956 she delivered a daughter, Nancy Jo.

About a year after Nancy's birth Ruth went to work as Deputy Tax Assessor for Garza County, later becoming Tax Assessor 1978. Ruth's mother and father had by that time moved into town, and they kept Nancy at their home during the day while Ruth worked. Ruth really enjoyed working at the Courthouse, especially working with Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Tipton, Joy Dickson, Laura Hattaway, Jeanette Hodges and the rest of her co-workers. She also thoroughly enjoyed her daily interactions with the public. She was proud of her service to Garza County, and when she retired in 1988 she was happy that one of her deputies was able to take over her position.

Ruth was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Post, and a member of the Fidelity Sun-

day School Class. She served on the communion and hospitality committees and was always ready to help with Church dinners or to provide food for families in need.

Ruth's passions in addition to Church were her extended family and friends. She loved to can jelly and vegetables for her family and friends. She and Marshall were also regular domino players, and every Saturday night you could find them playing 42 with Rex and Mable Welch and Ralph and Helen Welch.

Ruth was also a huge NBA fan, and never missed an NBA game involving her beloved San Antonio Spurs. During the NBA playoffs she would only eat her dinner in front of the television so as to not miss a single minute of the games.

Ruth was the family historian, keeping track of all births, weddings, death and other important family events. She was an avid letter writer and always tried to send a birthday card to each of her relatives and friends. Ruth especially loved her cousins. She is one of the last of her generation of Matslers. Only Louella Bilberry, Kay Shank and Carolyn Caudle remain of that generation to carry on the Matsler legacy.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Marshall on Dec. 15, 2002, by her parents Alma Lucas and Allen Lucas, by her brothers Harold Lucas, Wilbern Lucas and James Lucas, and by her sisters Marguerite Claborn and Willie Jo Morrison.

Ruth is survived by her only daughter, Nancy Jo Wyatt and her husband Chris Wyatt of Anchorage, Alaska, grandson Jason Wyatt of Austin, Texas, grandson Scott Wyatt and wife Ally Wyatt of Pittsburgh Pa, grandson Paden Wyatt and wife Monica Wyatt of Austin, granddaughter Hillary Wyatt of Austin, Texas, grandson Bitt Wyatt of Austin, Texas, and great-grandson Lucas Alan Wyatt of Austin.

Services were held Monday, Dec. 15, 2014 First United Methodist with John Bill Hedrick officiating. Burial was at Terrace Cemetery.

Donna Workman-Lemons

Donna Workman-Lemons 64, of Lubbock, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014 at her nieces' home in Lubbock. She was born to Norris Sherman and Syble Fern (Hightower) Workman at Blooming Grove, Texas. She attended school at Frost and in 1960 the family moved to Post. She attended school in Tahoka and later obtained her GED from Post schools. Donna worked at the Postex Cotton Mill, The Ranch Burger in Lubbock, Auto Zone and later for the Security Bank in Ralls. She lived at Fluvanna for many years. Her love was her family, friends and her collection of bears. Donna is preceded in death by her parents, a brother: Randy Workman and sister: Christie Ann Martin. She was a member of the Northside Baptist Church of Abernathy.

Survivors include, her spouse, Hurston 'Buck' Lemons of Fluvanna; one brother, Gary Workman of Post; three sisters, Sherry and Billy Meurer, Ila Workman and Tena Hughes, all of Lubbock. Donna is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great nephews. Lifetime survives Donna.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2014 at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Post, with the Rev. Joel Perez, Pastor of the Northside Baptist Church of Abernathy officiating. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Roger Daugherty, Caleb Needham, Rusty Workman, Boady Hand, Chad Williams, and Shorty Martin. Honorary Pallbearers were: Ronnie Bridges, Cody Ferguson, Brandon English, Travis Martin and Lonnie Gene Peel.

The family met friends at the funeral home Monday, Dec. 15, 2014, from 6-7 p.m.



DONNA LEMONS



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Retirement Celebration

Please join us in celebrating the retirement of Ruth Ann Young. Garza County Courthouse-2nd floor at 3 p.m., on Tuesday Dec. 30, 2014.

Visiting Choir

The African Children's Choir will be performing at The First Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015. The performance will start at 10:45 a.m.. For more information please call 806-495-3554. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Mobile Mammography

Covenant Health and Susan G. Komen organization will be having a Mobile Mammography January 29th 2015 at the United Supermarket. For appointments please call 806-725-6579 or 1-877-494-4797.

Pray For Post

The "Pray for Post" bracelets are still available and would be great stocking stuffers. All proceeds are going to help replenish the School Library. The bracelets are available at the Garza County Judges office and at the local banks and at City Hall.

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.

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.

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.

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SILENT NIGHT

Holy Night

Special Christmas Eve Service / FBC Post / 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Come and join us for a special time of worship and communion

The Paperboy

Terrorists were tortured? Good!

I don't care that we "tortured" known terrorists. If I had my way, they would not have lasted long enough to be tortured.

Look - these crazy idiots place zero value on life. They are brainwashed and they live to kill Jews, Americans and many others at any cost.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

They use women and children to kill and as shields.

It disturbs me that we broadcast our sins to those who want to kill us. And since these techniques were approved, I fail to see the issue, especially since we've changed our policy.

Political correctness is bad enough, but when you place it in the hands of those without common sense, it makes for a lethal cocktail.

It's time for Americans with common sense to stand up and start getting the collective back of those fighting for us. The mainstream media has done a terrible injustice to our fighting forces for more than a decade and it needs to stop.

Now we endanger our fighting forces around the globe by regurgitating reports on how we interrogated known terrorists years ago. Tell me, how is this supposed to help?

How about the price of gas? As oil prices have dropped around the globe, Americans are catching a break at the pump. I don't know about you, but cheaper fuel as

me singing!

For those of you traveling this holiday season, enjoy the cheap gas. As unstable as the world is, it's just a question of time before it climbs back up.

Speaking of oil, the U.S. is now the world's largest producer.

Now all we have to do is figure out a way to use our production to squeeze the Middle East.

For decades, we have allowed Middle Eastern oil producers to grow their fortunes while the rest of us foot the bill. It's high time the United States dictate the price of oil and begin to use it for our benefit.

So President Obama is headed to Hawaii for vacation. He'll be there for over two weeks - 17 days to be exact.

While there, Obama will play golf. That's no shocker, Obama has played over 210 rounds of golf since winning the White House.

If you're scoring at home, Obama has spent around 150 days on vacation. That does not count his non-stop campaigning around the country where he hangs out with the super rich and celebrities.

I wonder if he'll be playing golf with his buddy Jonathan Gruber?

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Out and About in Close City

BY Nancy Morris

Christmas Eve was looked forward to more than any day of the year. People were up early that morning getting ready to go to town. This was the day all families went to Post to buy toys, fruit, nuts, candy, and other treats for Christmas Day festivities. It was a busy crowd. Neighbors and friends from all over the county greeted each other and lingered to visit. Often the greeting was "Christmas Gift," and this meant whoever you said it to first, or before it would be a joke gift, but it was a custom some folk seemed to have a lot of fun with. They would laugh and point a finger at someone and say, "Ha, I got you first!" The children were busy laughing and

talking to each other.

Fireworks were a part of the Christmas celebration. Kids did not linger on Christmas Eve. They were rushed off to bed, so Santa Claus could come. Some families did not have fireplaces, so stockings were hung on the back of a chair or bed post. On Christmas Day, kids were up early to see what Santa had brought them. Long about noon, families would start to arrive. All at once, houses were full of people and kids telling what Santa had brought. The girls brought their new dolls of tea sets. The boys showed off their new balls, knives, and toy guns. At the end of the day, families started making their way back home. Christmas had come to an end for another year.

Menus

Menus for December 15-19

Trailblazers

Monday: Baked Ziti, Italian Veggies, Brownie, Garlic Bread
Tuesday: Chicken Fried Chicken, Creamy Potatoes, Broccoli/Cauliflower, Cobbler, Roll
Wednesday: Pork Chops, Black-eyed Peas, Mixed Veggies, Cake, Roll
Thursday: Beef Stew, Strawberry Cake, Cornbread
Friday: Turkey and Dressing, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Gingerbread, Roll

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Breakfast
Monday: Apple or Cherry Frudel, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Tuesday: Oatmeal Cookie, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Wednesday: Pancake Wrap, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Thursday: Biscuits and Eggs, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Friday: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch
Monday: Pizza, Garden Salad, Veggie Cup w/ Ranch, Fresh Fruit, Milk
Tuesday: Chicken Patty Sandwich, Baked Chips, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday: Ultimate Taco Salad, Corn, Salsa,

Chips, Pudding, Fruit, Milk
Thursday: Sack Lunch for Early Release
Friday: Sack Lunch for Early Release

PISD

Breakfast
Monday: Chicken-n-waffles, Fruit Juice or Fruit, Milk
Tuesday: Breakfast Club, Fruit Juice or Fruit, Milk
Wednesday: Texas Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Juice or fruit, Milk
Thursday: Muffin, Yogurt, Fruit Juice or Fruit, Milk
Friday: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice or Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Monday: Spaghetti With Meatballs, Garden Salad, Carrot Coins, Sliced Peaches, Bread Stick, Chocolate or Vanilla Pudding, Milk
Tuesday: Two Crispy Tacos, Spanish Rice, Garden Salad, Charro Beans, Salsa, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk
Wednesday: Salisbury Steak, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry and Bananas, Roll, Milk
Thursday: Beef and Cheese Burrito, Salsa, Broccoli Bites, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles, Milk
Friday: Hot Dog, Sweet Potato Fries, Cucumber Dippers, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Milk

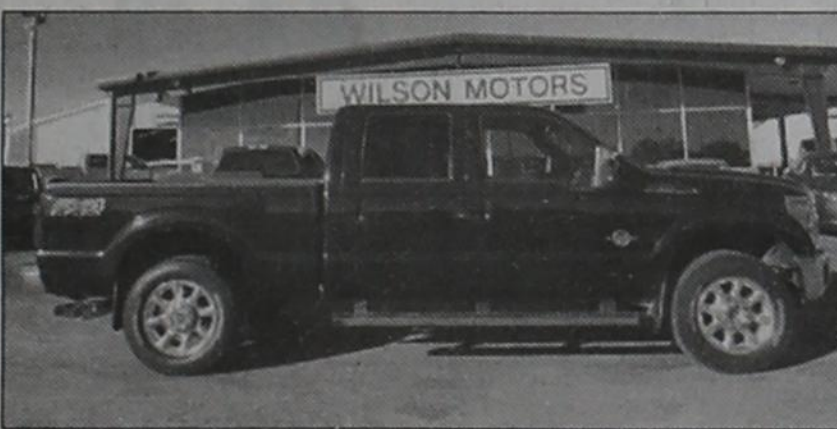
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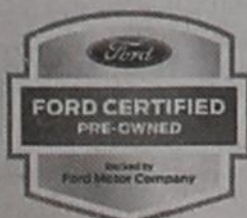


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Type of Waste	Type of Vehicle	Charge per Load
Any wastes to be deposited in the type I pit including: Municipal solid waste (MSW)	Trailers pulled by pickup equal to or less than 16' in length	\$22.00
	Trailers longer than 16' in length	\$30.00
	Dump trucks; 8 cubic yards or less	\$40.00
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	Trailers longer than 16' in length	\$20.00
	Dump trucks; 8 cubic yards or less	\$35.00
	Dump trucks; larger than 8 cubic yards	\$50.00
Brush and yard waste deposited in the type IV pit	Trailers pulled by pickup equal to or less than 16' in length	\$10.00
	Trailers longer than 16' in length	\$20.00
	Dump trucks; 8 cubic yards or less	\$30.00
	Dump trucks; larger than 8 cubic yards	\$40.00
Materials not deposited in a pit including: Metal and other recyclables	Trailers pulled by pickup equal to or less than 16' in length	\$10.00
	Trailers longer than 16' in length	\$20.00
	Dump trucks; 8 cubic yards or less	\$30.00
	Dump trucks; larger than 8 cubic yards	\$40.00

The 501

A bicycle pulling a canoe. If I'd blinked I might not have seen it. On a foggy morning, apparitions come and go when you're zipping down the highway as fast as you dare. That's exactly how fast I was going just to keep up with the foolhardy driver in front of me. That's when I saw the cyclist with the nice green canoe in tow, pedaling along on the shoulder, also going my way.



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Briefly, a vision of a famous foggy painting of a couple of guys and a statuesque cat floating down the Mississippi River came to my mind. The cat is sitting on the prow of the shallow vessel.

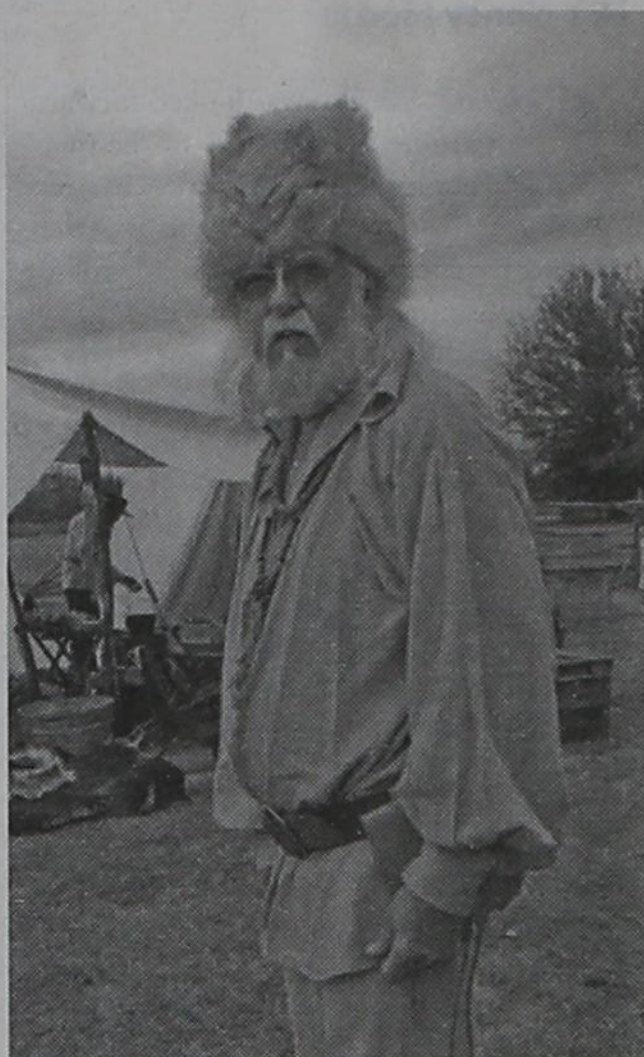
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The painting, "Fur Traders on the Mississippi" – I'd forgotten the name – belongs to the

Metropolitan Museum of Art. Here's the surprise: The cat on the prow is generally agreed to be a bear cub instead of a cat. It still looks like a cat to me – a very big cat. If you don't know the work of art, look it up. Even if you do know it, look it up anyway and tell me that's not a cat.

The artist, George Caleb Bingham, painted the scene in 1845. He himself titled his work "French Trader, Half-Breed Son," meaning the young man in the center of the boat is half Indian. The American Art-Union bought the painting from Bingham the same year and changed the name. Why? A goal of the AA-U was to help Americans understand and appreciate American art. Perhaps they wanted somehow to genericize the scene to make it more palatable to the masses. Why acknowledge that the trader is French if America is supposed to be the subject? Or complicate things with a boy of two lineages? Or maybe political correctness was already afoot in 1845 and the term "half-breed" simply wasn't said in the polite circles in places like New York by those refined enough to recognize and collect great art.

Whatever the case, it hardly matters. I'm just glad that canoe in the fog reminded me of Bingham's memorable menagerie on the Mississippi, even if the



Howard Dearman of Quitman, fur trader enactor, is the spittin' image of a French fur trader in an 1845 painting by George Caleb Bingham. (Google "Fur Traders on the Mississippi.") Dearman participated in a rendezvous of historical enactors at Fort Parker near Groesbeck, Texas last week. On her way to the event, columnist Hanaba Munn Welch saw a strange scene that reminded her of the painting.

PHOTO BY HANABA MUNN WELCH

canoe I saw was on wheels and towed by a bicycle. If only a cat or a bear cub had been perched fore or aft, but you can't have everything.

BICYCLE-CANOE RESEARCH PAUSE.

Bicycle-canoe towing systems apparently are in vogue. You pedal uphill, put your bike in the canoe and float back to your starting point. Beats floating downstream and having to walk back to where you parked your car.

I can't help myself. Here's a version for rednecks:

Tie an inner tube and a cooler onto a mechanic's creeper. Attach the creeper to a sturdy bicycle with a tow strap. Make a place beside the cooler for your favorite pit bull to ride. Or other favorite breed. Better yet, make it a half-breed. Take to the highway. Someone will come along and put you on YouTube. That's like being in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



The Pride of Post Marching Band heads down Main Street during the holiday parade held at the first of the month. Band students have been working on individual solos for all-region and all-state band competition.

Nancy's Notions

Raw milk-related outbreaks on the rise

I receive several emails each week from Texas A&M Food Science and Nutrition Specialists. As an Animal Science major, this one caught my attention with the trend of eating more raw and natural foods on the rise in our area of the state. The Centers for Disease control and Prevention conducted the study. Drop me an email if you want to complete article.

During the three years from 2007 to 2009, 30 foodborne illness outbreaks in the U.S. were connected to raw milk consumption. Yet, in the next three years, from 2010 to 2012, that number rose to 51, according to a new study published in the January 2015 issue of Emerging Infectious Diseases, a peer-reviewed monthly

journal published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In that time, 81 percent of raw milk-related outbreaks occurred in states that allow for the legal sale of raw milk. Retail sale of raw milk is legal in 10 states, on-farm sales are legal in another 16, and seven states have legalized herd-share programs, in which a number of people "buy in" to owning dairy cows from which they receive raw milk.

The leading cause of these illnesses was Campylobacter, which accounted for 62 of the 81 outbreaks. Campylobacter, an infectious bacteria found in some animal feces, causes bouts of diarrhea, vomiting and cramping in most people, but can cause long-lasting arthritis and rare nerve disorders in a small number of those it infects.

Other leading pathogens included E. coli, with 13 outbreaks, and Salmonella, with two.

The increase in raw milk-related outbreaks could be partially explained by the rising popularity of drinking raw milk, which is milk that has not been pasteurized to eliminate potentially harmful pathogens.

The study counted 979 confirmed illnesses and 73 hospitalizations linked to raw milk over the six-year period. It may be important to note that, with most pathogens, experts estimate there are a few dozen uncounted illnesses for every one illness confirmed by a health laboratory.

Sales of raw milk are legal at either the retail or farm level in each of those states. A likely contributor to the rising number of raw milk-related outbreaks is that more states are loosening restrictions on the sale of raw milk. In 2004, raw milk sales were illegal in 28 states. By 2010, that number had dropped to 20. Also during that time, the number of states allowing herd-share programs increased from 5 to 10.

The study did not include outbreaks attributed to raw-milk products, such as cheese, for which numerous illness outbreaks were also reported during the study's time period.

Fifty-nine percent of outbreaks included a patient younger than 5. Twenty-eight percent of the E. coli illnesses from raw milk affected patients between the ages of 1 and 4.

Although Texas was not mentioned in the article, the states with the greatest number of raw milk outbreaks during this time are as follows: Pennsylvania, New York, Minnesota, South Carolina, Washington and Utah.



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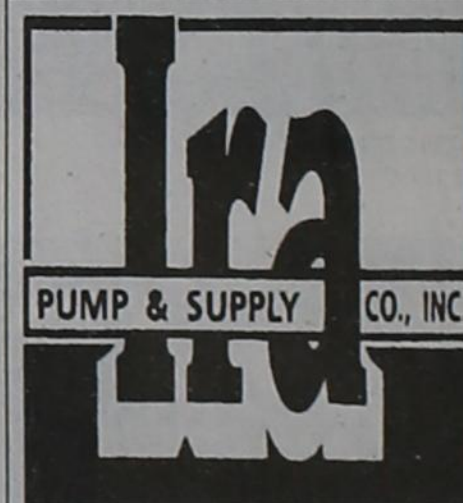
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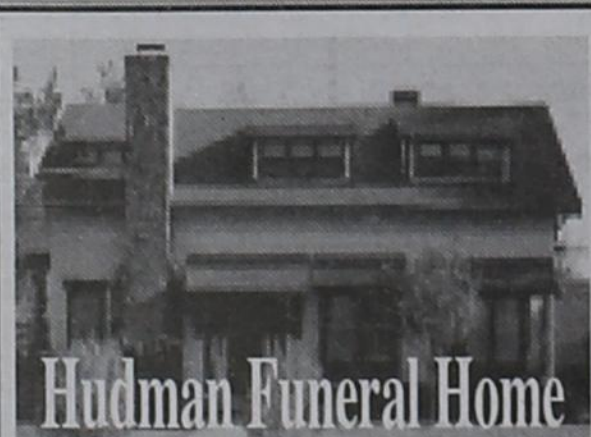
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SCORES

Post Tournament

Junior Varsity

Girls Results
Snyder 11 18 15 10 - 56
Post 2 15 7 10 - 46
Scoring - Gill 17, L. Lunch 11, Soto 3, M. Luncy 2, Alaniz 1.

Ira 5 9 8 2 - 24
Post 3 6 4 6 - 19
Scoring - L. Lunch 10, Alaniz 4, Gill 3.

Boys Results
Post 25
Forsan 22
Scoring - Pherguson 11, Reed 4, Kelso 4, Morris 4, Phelps 2.

Colorado 33
Post 31
Scoring - Pherguson 16, Reed 8, Kelso 5, Phelps 2.

Plains 37
Post 29
Scoring - Reed 12, Pherguson 6, Kelso 5, Phelps 4, Britton 2.

Post Junior High
Boys Results
Dec. 15
7th Grade
Lubbock 37
Post 2

8th Grade
Post 40
Lubbock 21
Scoring - Jeremiah Martin, Damontrea Curtis, and Landon Greer

Dec. 8
7th Grade
Denver City 27
Post 4
Scoring - Omar Lazcano and Dillion McKee.

8th grade
Denver City 27
Post 19
Scoring - Jeremiah Martin, Jadin Reece, Aaron Gomez, Mack Pherguson, and Landon Greer.

Antelopes sweep BC Coyotes

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

GALE — The Post Antelopes swept a pair of games from the Borden County Coyotes Tuesday night in the final set of games before the holiday break.

The Lady Lopes won their second game in a row with a 38-29 victory. Brooklyn Courtney led the Lady Lopes with 17 points hitting eight of her 15 shots on the night. She also had eight rebounds and blocked five shots. Lauren Record had seven rebounds.

Post came out strong in the first period taking a 12-4 advantage and led 18-12 at the half. Post scored 10 points in each of the third and fourth quarters, while holding BC at bay. Tatum Richey and Sydnee Jordan each had eight points for BC.

The Lady Lopes will travel to the Littlefield Tournament the three days prior to New Years. The Lopes had similar positive results against the Coyotes with a 43-33 victory.

It was a tenuous first quarter with Post taking a slim 9-8 lead, but exploded in the second quarter with 17 points to take a 26-15 lead into the locker room. The two battled through the second half, pretty much matching shot for shot with Post scoring 17 points and BC scoring 18. Shandon Wiley and Jaybren Rodriguez led the team in scoring with 10 points each, followed by Austin Garza with nine points, Cambry Gilbert with six points. Aric Garza and Chance Courtney with four points each. Aric Garza led the team in rebounds with 10, followed by Gilbert with eight and Courtney and Rodriguez each with seven.

Lopes dominate own tournament

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST — The Post Antelopes put three more notches on their fence post as they won their Post Classic Basketball tourney last weekend in decisive fashion.

The likes of Petersburg, Sweetwater and Plains held little competitive value for the Lopes. It was much like a hot knife going through butter.

In the final game of the triad, Post blasted through Plains in the most lopsided victory of the triad, 52-13.

Fans just knew it was going to be one of those games when Post opened an 11-0 lead in the first quarter and Plains had only managed to take three shots in a dozen possessions. Most of the quarter was filled with Plains turnovers. Try as they did, Plains was being outplayed in every aspect of the game.

Post opened a 32-7 halftime lead, although the game was pretty much decided much earlier.

Aric Garza and Chance

Courtney led the Lopes with eight points each, followed by Austin Garza with seven points.

Courtney led the Lopes with seven rebounds and three steals.

Despite the lopsided nature of the contest, Post had 20 turnovers for the contest, most of which did not translate into points for Plains.

On Friday, Post had a decisive victory over a slightly larger school in Sweetwater, winning 52-32.

The Lopes took a 14-10 advantage in the first quarter and the defense only allowed 10 collective points by Sweetwater in the second and third quarters.

Austin Garza had 20 points on the night followed by Courtney with 10 points.

The balance of the scoring was from Aric Garza, nine points; Jaybren Rodriguez, five points; Shandon Wiley, three points; Cambry Gilbert, three points and Jared Curtis, two points.

Post opened the classic



Post's Aric Garza (12) looks for some help offensively as he gets pinned on the sideline during while Post was on offense. Shandon Wiley (foreground) used Jaybren Rodriguez's pick to get open, while Austin Garza (22) tries to find a backdoor to the defense.

styled tourney against Petersburg with a 30-point victory 56-26.

The Lopes scored when they wanted and how they wanted, whether that be the inside game with Rodriguez or Courtney, or from the

outside with Gilbert, Wiley and the Garza brothers.

A 31-10 halftime score pretty much told the story for Post.

Austin Garza led with 15 points, followed by Courtney with 10; Wiley had nine

points, followed by Rodriguez and Gilbert each with seven and Aric Garza with four points.

Post moved to 7-1 on the season after hosting their tourney.

Lady Lopes pick off Andrews

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST — The Lady Lopes picked up another win at their own tournament defeating the Andrews junior varsity 56-18.

In high school competition any stat made in double figures is a good thing. If you can make a triple-double, you've really accomplished something.

Post Center Brooklyn Courtney led the team with nine points, eight rebounds and eight blocked shots, barely missing the trifecta accomplishment.

Callie Odom had 13 points and two steals, with Kelbie Oden with 10 points and five rebounds. Lauren Record also had double figures in scoring with 10 points and seven rebounds. Shailey Miller had three points; Bailey Pittman hit two treys on the night for six points and Kelby Tidwell had two points.

Post jumped out early to an 18-1 first quarter lead and led at the end of the quarter 20-8. From there, they never looked back.

The Lady Lopes went 8-for-23 from the field in the first period, but were converting turnovers in the process.

Post played "pick pocket" for most of the night, taking 12 steals on the night, but they were spread around seven players.

Post scored 42 of their 56 points in the first half hitting on 16 field goals and hitting 7-of-15 from the charity stripe.

With the commanding lead, finishing the game was not going to be an issue.

Post opened the tourney with a 31-26 loss to Petersburg. It was a battle in the low-scoring contest, but Post seem to run out of gas in the second half.

Courtney had 13 points in the contest, followed by Record with six, Odom with four, Comeaux with two and Miller with one point.

Friday's game against Lamesa was described as one for the ages.

The Lady Lopes lost another close one, but at no fault of their own.

Trailing 21-14 at the half, Post was mounting a comeback effort, only to be thwarted by Lamesa, who was taking more shots from the charity stripe than from the field.

Lamesa went to the foul line 21 times in the second half alone, hitting 14 of them. They only hit three field goals the entire time.

Coach Shelli Crow took the high road by not commenting on the officiating, or the amount of free throws her opponents took.

Post outscored Lamesa in the final frame 12-7, but could not overtake them.

Courtney was uncharacteristically shut out the first half and did not make a bucket until the third quarter. She was saddled with three fouls in the first half.

Odom led the team with 12 points, including two treys in the fourth quarter, followed by Oden with seven points, Courtney and Kelsey Griffin, each with six points. Miller scored a bucket and Tidwell a free throw.

Post played Borden County Tuesday night before taking the holiday break.



Callie Oden (20) plays point guard while setting up the offense for the Lady Lopes, who have won their last two contests with defeats of Andrews JV in last weekend's tournament and Borden County Tuesday night.

Lady Eagles tripped at Klondike

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

SOUTHLAND — Sports scheduling dictates the opponents become more difficult as the season progresses.

The Lady Eagles have had a relatively easy road, dropping only a couple of games in the first three weeks of the season.

The tougher schedule kicked in last weekend at Klondike as the Lady Eagles ran into some tougher teams.

They opened the tourney with district opponent Wellman-Union, who they

dispatched 38-29. Southland took a 14-10 lead at the quarter, but neither team would score more than 10 points in any quarter for the rest of the game.

Southland took a 23-18 lead at the half and held Wellman to just 10 points for the remainder of the contest.

Mallory Arguello tossed in 21 points on the night, followed by Daniela Galindo with six points, Jamesha Rose with five points, Jessica Payton with four points and Ashlee Graves with two points.

Heading into the semi finals on Saturday, Southland lost to host team

Klondike 49-25. Arguello led the team with 15 points, followed by Graves with six and Alex Garza and Payton, each with two points.

Thinking that maybe the best of the competition was behind them, Southland headed into the third place game hoping to snatch some hardware before the end of the weekend.

However, Sterling City had designs of their own for a trophy, and that would come at the expense of the Lady Eagles.

SC took out whatever frustrations they had in playing for third place on

Southland with a 25-point second quarter, all the while shutting out the Lady Eagles en route to a 59-21 thumping.

Trailing 38-6 at the half caught everyone by surprise, except Sterling City.

Arguello had 11 points, followed by Rose and Payton each with four points and Graves with two points.

Southland is still a very respectable 12-4 as they traveled to Motley County Tuesday night for a final game before the holiday break.

Panhandle fishing report

Alan Henry

Water stained; 48-55 degrees; 9.79' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and flutter spoons. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Arrowhead
Water off color; 45-52 degrees; 19.29' low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.

Brownwood
Water clear; 60-64 degrees; 12.33' low. Black bass are good on Bass Hogg spinnerbaits, craw colored jigs, and craw colored crankbaits. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are good on Li'l Fishies, minnows, and shad colored crankbaits off lighted docks at night. Crappie are good on Li'l Fishies and red tube jigs under lights at night. Channel catfish are good on live

bait over baited holes. Yellow catfish are slow.

Coleman

Water clear; 64-68 degrees; 18.98' low. Black bass are good on watermelon spinnerbaits and soft plastics. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are good on live minnows. Channel catfish are fair on stinkbait and liver. Yellow catfish are slow.

Colorado city
22.8' low. No report available.

Ft. Phantom Hill

Water clear; 47-55 degrees; 17.35' low. Black bass are fair on jigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on cut bait.

Greenbelt

44.98' low. No report available.

Eagles finish busy schedule

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

SOUTHLAND — The Southland Eagles have had a busy time of the season playing four games in a weekend tourney and coming back Tuesday night for a fifth game before heading into the holiday break.

Motley Co. 70
Southland 42

A 27-point scoring burst by MC pretty much sealed the Eagle's fate Tuesday night in a road contest.

Down only 18-11 after the first quarter, Motley County went on a tear, besting the Eagles 27-11 in the second quarter.

It seemed that turnovers by the Eagles also played in the decision.

Kevin Dorman had 20 points on a 8-for-22 field goal effort. Zaron Garza had 12 points, going 4-for-3 at the

FISHING

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Hubbard creek

Water off color; 48-53 degrees; 29.35' low. Black bass are fair on jigs, Texas rigs and shakyheads. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

Mackenzie

90.23' low. No report available.

Meredith

78.98' low. No report available.

Nasworthy

No report available.

O.H. Ivie

Water stained; 46-51

degrees; 42.32' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and shakyheads. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs shallow.

Oak creek

Water stained; 47-53 degrees; 25.29' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and live minnows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Palo Duro

57.35' low. No report available.

Possum Kingdom

Water fairly clear; 48-55 degrees; 14.81' low. Black bass are fair on drop shot rigs, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White

bass are fair to good on slab. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

Spence

72.52' low. No report available.

Stamford

16.99' low. No report available.

Sweetwater

Water murky; 43-52 degrees; 28.17' low. Black bass are fair on flutter spoons, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.

White River

Water stained; 44-51 degrees; 28.99' low. No report available.

EAGLES

From Page 1

charity stripe.

The Eagles will take the entire holiday break off with no games scheduled. They will return to action on Jan. 6 against Dawson at home before getting another crack at Motley County on Jan. 9, also a home game.

Klondike Tournament
Klondike 45
Southland 41

The Eagles were surging in the fourth quarter of a very close contest, but fell short in the end to the host team Klondike, 45-41.

The Eagles had a ball game on their hands at the half leading 23-22, but a 17-9 from Klondike set up the race to the end of the game.

Dorman led the Eagles with 19 points, followed

by Demaria Fisher with 8 points.

Southland 44
Pecos JV 36

The Eagles got into the winning fashion with an eight-point victory over Pecos JV.

Southland jumped out to a 23-14 half-time lead and increased that lead to 36-21 before Pecos put together a 15-point fourth quarter, but the comeback effort fell short in the end.

Tucker Lee led the Eagles with 16 points and six rebounds, followed by Dorman with 15 points.

Wellman-Union 40
Southland 26

In what may be a peak into the district schedule, the Eagles drop this non-district contest at the Klondike tourney.

Wellman was on top early 13-4 after the first quarter, but the Eagles seem to hold their own

matching WU's output in the second quarter with 10 points each.

But the contest stayed in favor of Wellman for the balance of the second half.

Dorman led the Eagles with 12 points.

Water Valley 73
Southland 34

The Eagles ran into a buzz saw named Water Valley as the Wildcats put up 46 points in the first half alone.

Again, turnovers proved to be Southland's undoing and apparently the Wildcats made the best of each and every one of them.

Southland did manage to score in double figures in the second and third quarters, but the Wildcats had already set the bar for the game.

Dorman and Fisher led the Eagles with 14 and 10 points, respectively.



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Hint: Quote by Lucille Ball

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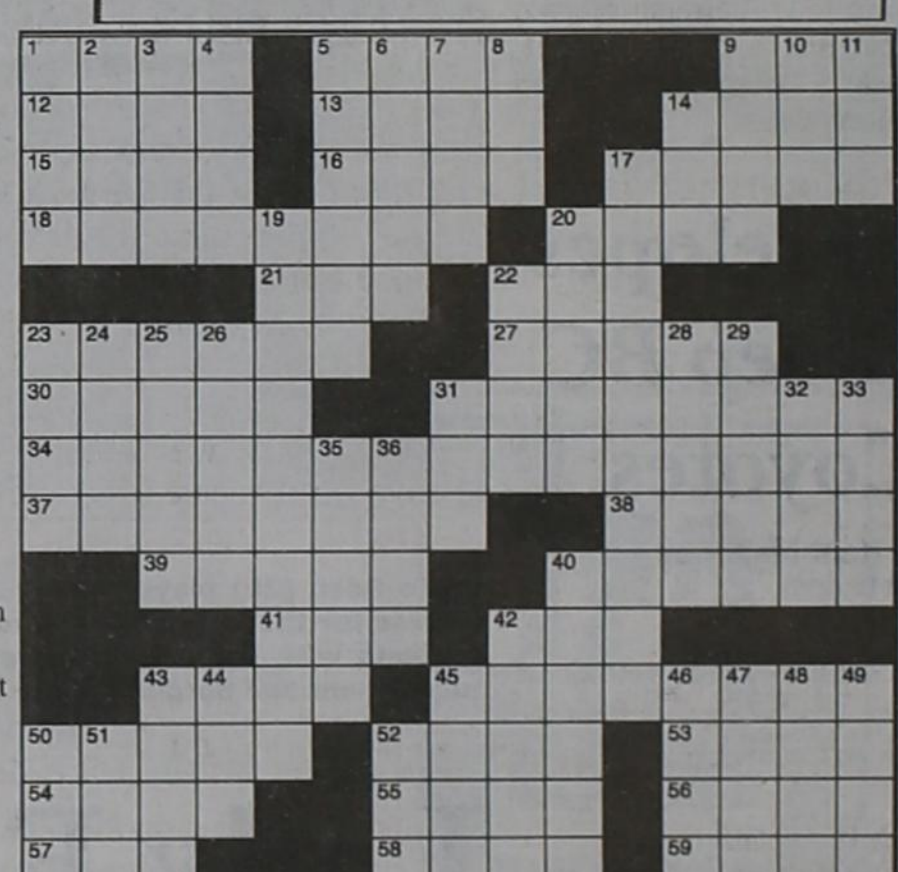
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- Small amount
- Gelling agent in foods
- Away from wind
- Japanese socks
- Maidenhair or staghorn
- Miniature racing vehicle
- The absence of war
- Doggedness
- Semitic fertility god
- A single unit
- Auditory organ
- Engaging in war
- "16 Candles" actress Curtis
- Haywire
- Relating to endocrine secretions
- Lake Champlain Fort
- Spiced hot milk with rum
- Small children
- Sound practical judgment
- Next to
- CNN's founder Turner
- Pitch
- Cologne
- Short sections of music
- Full of conversation
- Blats
- Scarlett's home
- La ____ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- Stare at
- Not closed
- Had a meal
- Crime fighter Eliot
- Blend gradually

CLUES DOWN

- 27th U.S. President
- "A Death in the Family" author
- Farm building
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Picking or fetching
- Traditional roofing material
- Lofty nest of a bird of prey
- Soak flax
- Lake in the Philippines
- Basic
- Gambling cube
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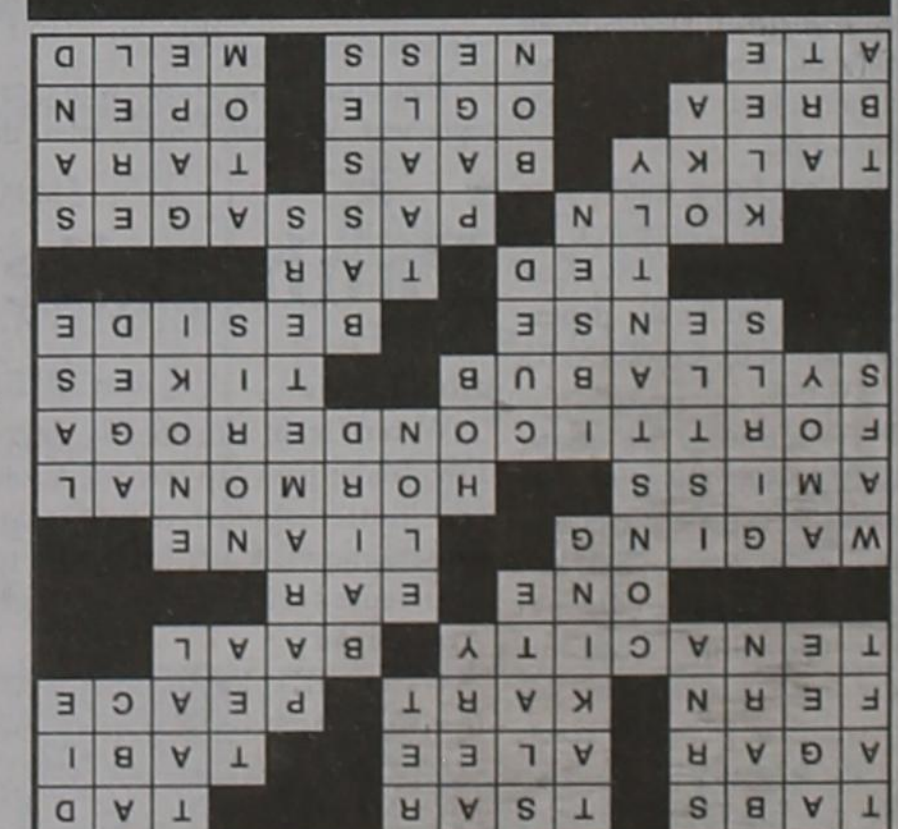
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- Female children
- Th ____: Scotch emblem
- Edible red algae
- Japanese mushroom
- ____goblin: Mischievous elf
- Made older
- Emit coherent radiation
- Norwegian playwright
- Prompted
- Lowest singers
- Afrikaans
- One of the Blue Four artists
- Oxalis tuberosa
- One leaf of a book
- Unit of matter
- Stare in wonder
- ____ong: anon
- Beach particle
- Don't know when yet
- The products of human creativity
- Good (Gaelic)

PUZZLE SOLUTION





Kent Mahoney/Post Dispatch
KSSL personalities Kathy Whittin and Stephani Michelle entertain at the Rotary Club Christmas party held recently at the Trailblazers.



Kent Mahoney/Post Dispatch
The First United Methodist Church Bell Choir performed at the Downtown Lighting Ceremony last Friday at the Garza County Courthouse. Members are (front row from the left) Marcie Oden, Dana Babb and Tommye Autery (back row from the left) Alexa Collier, Dianne Windham, Lisa Kirkpatrick and Zoe Kirkpatrick.

The Idle American Turkeys in the news...

Turkeys, I suppose, are unaware that their "jobs" in life are to gobble down granular foodstuff in a timely manner that will render them prime menu targets for us to gobble down—particularly at Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. They do so with little fanfare—save the one that is "spared" by presidential decree.

Chicken—the meat Chick-fil-A's advertising cows urge us to eat more of—make far more "news" if only in ads throughout the year—but turkeys? Not so much. Mostly, we use their name in derisive manners. When we label others as "turkeys," they may consider themselves put down.

The "we-give-it-all" birds are at the center of platters, artistically depicted on school bulletin boards, included in plays and central to conversations during these festive days....

My Uncle Mort, 102, admits that he "made a plumb fool of himself" at the Thanksgiving table. "I ate three servings of turkey, two of everything else and four slices of assorted pies," he groaned.

I can imagine a rotund Sumo wrestler putting away this much food, but Uncle Mort? His soaking-wet weight is usually around 145 pounds.

"I stared at the last four bites of mincemeat pie, afraid I was already 100% full," he explained. "But, I wasn't about to let it go to waste. Luckily, by flossing my teeth between each bite, I licked the saucer clean," he bragged....

Sometimes, unexpected memories are made by children well-drilled in school trappings associated with the holidays. Kyra, six-year-old granddaughter of Dr. Harry and Marsha Krenke, remembered last year's kindergarten class had a "Thanksgiving Feast." They dressed as Pilgrims and Indians, dining on traditional holiday fare—the kind purportedly served at the very first observance.

This summer, as the Krenkes drove up the mountain to Mesa Verde, CO, it

was mentioned to Kyra and her nine-year-old brother Colin that they might get to see some "real Indians" there.

Kyra's response was quick and emphatic; she didn't care to see any Indians. "They might want to have a feast with me," she explained. (Turns out, the Indians were busy selling fry bread and jewelry, so Kyra's fear didn't materialize.)...

Christmas came early for the Ohio State University football team when it was chosen over Texas Christian University and Baylor University for the coveted fourth slot for the play-offs leading to a national championship.

A few million Texans are as upset as the parents of daughters who finish runner-up in pageants, festivals and assorted other competitions.

Biases erupt from fans who feel their respective "school colors" are brightest of all.

Uncle Mort has his own ideas about the selection. "I'm not sure there's two cents worth of difference in the top six teams," he claimed. "Maybe the lucky four schools were named so there'd be a wide representation of nicknames—Crimson Tide, Seminoles, Ducks and Buckeyes. And perhaps BU and TCU were left out to avoid religious wars."

Undoubtedly, Google will get a good work-out. Outside of Ohio, not too many folks know what a Buckeye is. And, the name "Seminoles"—long associated with Florida State—will remind smaller institutions whose mascots formerly were Indians that the NCAA is consistent mostly in its inconsistencies. And the organization chooses its battles carefully....

My criticism of the NCAA is longstanding. Mentioning it again is likely both tiring and pointless.

Mostly, it is a lapdog for TV; the mega-millions generated by Division I football dictate far too much.

Sportsmanship is "out the window" as teams roll up "style points." And too many coaches' salaries are beyond ridiculous.

OK, I'll make my exit here, already having made a turkey of myself....

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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

Last month at its regular meeting, Garza County Hospital District Board of Directors agreed (without a vote) to spend tax funds to support an intern anticipation of the young doctor accepting a contract to work and live in Post. In addition, board members present at the meeting voiced their strong approval of a proposal by Physicians Network Services executive Paul Acreman for building a new clinic here. That is an important ingredient necessary for retaining a new doctor, according to Acreman. We wonder if they have forgotten the overwhelming vote of no-confidence that was not too long ago when a similar proposal was put on a ballot. Voters here slammed the door to building a new hospital, although it was touted by board members and community leaders? that everyone in this community? wanted it.

20 Years Ago

Tobacco users may have to change their habits at school activities if a recommended policy change is implemented by the Post Independent School District board of trustees. The item was discussed briefly

at the regular meeting Monday night, as trustees requested the issue be debated by all three school campus site based decision making committees. Citing the controversy of the issue, trustees are seeking more input before making a decision.

30 Years Ago

Jan Herring Crawford, native of the Post, and her husband, Phil, have opened two shops in old historic Sevierville, Tennessee. They are located in the newly built Crawford's Notch shopping area that may well be the cornerstone of redevelopment for downtown Sevierville. The architect designed the building to complement the architecture of the nearby early day courthouse with its curving windows and gingerbread effect. Wrought iron has provided the finishing touches on this festive retail center that is dedicated to selling only quality products.

40 Years Ago

Garza County is going to have a commemorative coin (medallion) series with the annual issues starting in 1975, the Post Chamber of Commerce board of directors were told last Thursday at their De-

cember meeting by Ronald Thuett, chairman of the commemorative coin committee. Contract for the series already has been signed by the committee and Mrs. Marie Neff, local artists, is working on design selections for the coins to be submitted to the committee, Thuett said. The medallions are to be a limited number of 24k gold plated .999 fine silver, serial numbered, .999 pure fine silver with mirror finish, antiqued silver, serial numbered, and antiqued bronze, also serial numbered.

50 Years Ago

An expensive microscope was stolen Sunday afternoon from the laboratory of the Garza Memorial Hospital while nurses were busy with a variety of emergency cases. Hospital Administrator J.R. Rickels told The Dispatch the instrument was purchased three years ago for \$800 and probably would cost about \$1,000 now to replace. The loss was not covered by insurance, Rickels said. He said that Miss Judy Bramlet, hospital technician, had completed some work in the laboratory about 4 p.m. and returned at 8 p.m. to do some other work.

BOARD

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building and demolition and removal of the burned wing," said PISD Superintendent Mike Comeaux. "We are currently scheduling the work to be done shortly after the first of the year."

As far as deciding what can be done with the entire elementary facility, continued talks with Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) has inched forward slightly, but final numbers are still a ways off.

"We are currently working with our architects, contractors and TASB insurance to establish a meeting to resolve the claim," Comeaux said. "We anticipate having a claim settlement available for our board to move forward with elementary construction plans at our January 15th meeting."

"We are currently considering a potential bond election in May," he said.

While all of the issues have merit, at least one

board trustee questioned spending the money at a couple points during the evening.

The keyless security system would be in line with the same system used at the new Post High School and would allow only certain people to access the arena at certain times of the day, such as sports practice or after-school events.

The \$26,800 expenditure met with some resistance in light of other spending priorities related the elementary school situation.

The board passed the measure with a 4-1 vote with Nancy McDonald voting nay on the proposal.

The keyless-style entry at the high school can be set up to only allow certain people to access certain doors or any door at certain times of the day.

An example being, if the basketball coach wants athletes in the building no earlier than 4:45 for a 5 p.m. practice, then the computer can be set up so that only those players and coaches are allowed access to the building and at any particular door.

ticular door.

The system is designed to record who accessed a door and at one time of the day.

And if a card is lost, it can be removed from the system and it is of no use to anyone.

In the issue of the track scoreboard, which was truly old business, as trustees were set to have one in place last season.

An ordering problem caused the board to drop one vendor and look elsewhere.

They have settled on Daktronics for 6-foot by 11-foot scoreboard with track results and playback video of the finish line.

The cost is roughly \$23,000 for the board and nearly \$15,000 for the installation, for a rough total of \$40,000.

Traditionally, sports

scoreboards are generally sponsored to help offset the cost. Track being a lesser-used venue, it is understandable that local and area businesses are not beating a path to sponsor this project.

Post has sponsors for the football, basketball and even the message board in front of the transportation facility.

The crux of the issue seemed to be that with spending issues still taking the forefront, was it necessary to purchase the scoreboard outright instead of waiting for donors/sponsors to step forward?

The answer to that question is: track season is three months away and the ordering process seems to take a majority of that timeframe

or pass on another season.

Post hosted a number of events last season and will again this season. The only change is that the area meet will be held elsewhere this year for travel considerations from the other schools involved.

The next Post ISD board meeting will be Jan. 15 at the district offices.

DISTRICT

From Page 1

As a school district, Post scored a 69 on SA with a benchmark of 55; they scored 31 on SP on a mark of 16; scored a 34 on CPG on a score of 28 and scored a 67 on PSR on a target of 57. There were no deficiencies in the district as a whole.

The STARR score for the district was 5.6 with a graduation rate score of 24.7. That is a score benchmark, not the actual graduation rate.

At the elementary campus, the SA score was 68 on a target of 55; the SP was 37 on a target of 33; the CPG was 32 on a target of

28 and the PSR was 19 on a target of 12. The STARR score for the campus was 18.7.

Post Middle School met all four of their criteria with scores of 75 in SA on a target of 55; a score of 34 on a target of 38 in SP; the CPG was 37 on a target of 27 and the PSR was 30 on a target of 13. They earned a distinction in Social Studies.

The high school has targets in three areas - achievement, gaps and readiness. They scored a 70 on a 55 target, 35 on a 31 target and 72 on a 57 target, respectively. They also earned a distinction in Reading/ELA.

The juvenile center does not have a performance rating.

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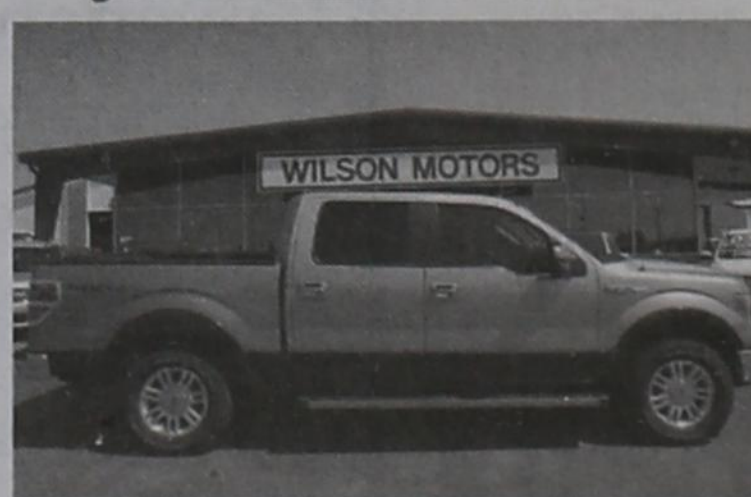
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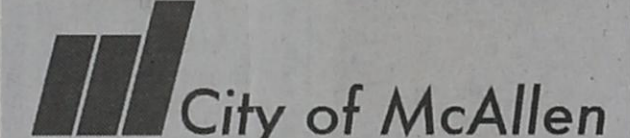
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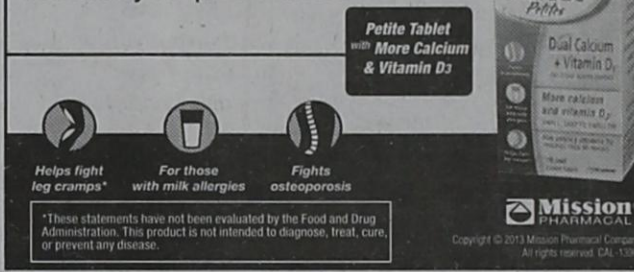
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Dec. 20, 1836 - A famous cold wave occurred in central Illinois. A cold front with 70 mph winds swept through at noon, dropping the temperature from 40 degrees to near zero in a matter of minutes. Many settlers froze to death. Folklore told of chickens frozen in their tracks.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 50°, humidity of 53%. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 82° set in 1980. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 32°. East southeast wind 5 mph. The record low for tonight is 9° set in 1975. Saturday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 55°, humidity of 44%. South southeast wind 5 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 37°. South wind 5 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week



Peak Times			Peak Times		
Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Fri	9:29-11:29	9:59-11:59	Tue	1:49-3:49	1:19-3:19
Sat	10:24-12:24	10:54-12:54	Wed	2:47-4:47	2:17-4:17
Sun	11:21-1:21	11:51-1:51	Thu	3:42-5:42	3:12-5:12
Mon	12:50-2:50	12:20-2:20			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 12/21	Fri 7:44 a.m.	5:41 p.m.	5:06 a.m.	4:01 p.m.	Full 1/4
	Sat 7:44 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	6:06 a.m.	4:51 p.m.	
	Sun 7:45 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	7:06 a.m.	5:48 p.m.	
	Mon 7:45 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	8:04 a.m.	6:50 p.m.	
First 12/28	Tue 7:46 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	8:57 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	Last 1/13
	Wed 7:46 a.m.	5:44 p.m.	9:47 a.m.	9:02 p.m.	
	Thu 7:47 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	10:32 a.m.	10:09 p.m.	

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
12/9	65	35	54/27	0.00"	Date	Degree Days
12/10	59	45	54/27	0.00"	12/9	0
12/11	60	43	54/27	0.00"	12/10	2
12/12	63	45	54/27	0.00"	12/11	2
12/13	66	48	53/26	0.00"	12/12	4
12/14	62	45	53/26	0.01"	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.	
12/15	56	32	53/26	0.00"	12/13	7
					12/14	4
					12/15	0

Kent's Korner

Potpourri

The one thing I enjoy about basketball games is the crowd.

I usually sit somewhere near the scorer's table so I can keep up with the fouls and such.

It also puts me in close proximity to the bench and coaches. Parents are behind me and I hear them as well.

Supportive cheers and encouragement is the general fair. But occasionally, I pick up more than I bargain for.

The Post Varsity/Junior Varsity tournament was no exception. Not to mention a few gems I pick up here and there.

So I offer for your entertainment, and totally anonymously, "Things I've heard at basketball games."

The Post-Tahoka game was an especially vocal crowd.

"Get off my court," one participant kept voicing at the officials, who tend to take a verbal beating every time they make a call.

Also heard at Tahoka was, "You must be happy this isn't your day job," which I found particularly disturbing. I presume most of the officials come from the Greater Lubbock area. I think they probably have pretty good day jobs.

The best ones so far this year, were uttered at the Post tourney last weekend.

#3 - "I guess we don't want to score. We just want to turn the ball over."

That was sound advice, but the coach had a hard time selling it to his team.

#2 - I didn't put you out there to be an ornament."

How festive for a December ball game. I wonder what this coach says a little closer to Christmas.

And the #1 thing heard at the Post Tourney was, "I need a Prozac."

Parent, bless their hearts, get so tied up in knots it's actually painful. I feel for them, however, I've seen plenty of games in this business, and I had a daughter who played hoops in junior high and soccer in high school.

These are the times that try a parent's soul. (Sorry, I'm a petty thief, sometimes.)

Anonymity promotes honesty, at least in most cases. I will make a promise that if I hear a "crowd gem" I will not share the author. Besides, a good journalist never reveals his sources.

Early deadline

With the holidays fast approaching, I want to remind everyone that the next two issues will have early deadlines.

If you want to place a classified in the Christmas issue or the New Year's issue, you will need to have that to our offices no later than 2 p.m. Friday. If you have a display ad need, that would need to be to me no later than noon Friday.

I will be writing all weekend. If you have post notes, pictures, other news items, please get them to me by noon Saturday.

The offices will be closed Christmas and New Years.

Hopefully, I will be watching Missouri beat the tar out of Minnesota on New Year's Day in the Citrus Bowl. Go Tigers!

And before anyone gets out of town for the holidays, I want to wish each and everyone of our readers a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

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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 mat-

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