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Student arrested in gun incident

By Wayne Hodgkin
The Post Dispatch

One student was taken into custody Monday afternoon at Post High School after he was found to be in possession of a firearm on campus.

The boy's name was not being released because he is underage. The juvenile was being held Tuesday at the Garza County Youth Detention Center.

Post ISD Superintendent Mike Comeaux said school officials were alerted a student was possibly in possession of a firearm about 11:30 a.m. Monday and took appropriate measures.

"We learned a young student may have had a firearm on campus right before the students broke for lunch," Comeaux said. "When classes re-

sumed, we were waiting on the student, and he was detained in the principal's office and found to have a handgun on his person."

Comeaux said the student — a freshman — was placed in the custody of the Garza County juvenile law enforcement officials.

"The whole ordeal took less than a minute and a half, and the threat was immediately removed," Comeaux said. "I don't believe any student or employee of the school system was in any real danger."

Comeaux would not comment on whether the student had any prior disciplinary issues, citing educational privacy laws.

Parents and others in the community, however, have taken to Facebook to air their complaints not only about the issue itself but also

about the school system as a whole.

Comeaux said he thought the issue was being somewhat distorted in the community.

"The threat was immediately brought to our attention, and we dealt with it appropriately," he said. "There was no need to lock down the school, as some have suggested, because the threat was immediately identified, and we didn't think the issue was urgent enough to alert the entire community."

Members of the school board as late as their April meeting discussed implementing a gun-carry policy for the district in light of the tragedy in March at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

The board tabled the issue then, but Comeaux said it was likely to be brought back up at the next board

meeting.

"I suspect we'll have a few board members who will want to re-address this issue," he said.

As for the student in custody for this week's incident, Comeaux said once the case has been adjudicated through the juvenile court system, school district officials have strict guidelines they must follow, according to state education code that outlines student disciplinary procedures.

"We'll address those concerns only after the case has been adjudicated through the court system," Comeaux said. "Our No. 1 concern is the safety of our students, our teachers and our staff. We have a zero-tolerance for these types of issues, so it's not something we take lightly at all."

Post Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

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.

Church of God

Church of God of Prophecy is serving gorditas plates from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. For information, call the church at 495-3644 or 632-1915.

Youth rally

A citywide youth rally will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Tower Theatre. For information, contact Kaitlyn True at 806-518-0334.

Volunteers needed

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797 will be placing American flags at each Veteran's grave at the Terrace cemetery beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday. More than 350 need to be placed. For information, contact J.W. Jolly or Chuck Rattliff at 990-3128 or 495-2026.

Memorial service

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6796 will honor all local veterans and their families with a Memorial Day breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. Monday at the post, 1006 E. Main St. A ceremony will follow at 10 a.m. at the Courthouse. Local residents are asked to fly flags at half-staff until noon.

4-H Play Days

The Garza County 4-H will have its annual Play Days on Saturday, also on June 1 and 15 at the Lonesome Pine Equestrian Center. For information, contact the Extension Office at 495-4400 or Danya Peterson at 520-405-0221.

Summer Recreation Program

Registration for Summer Rec Program begins June 3 and continues through June 28. Participants must be registered prior to joining in the activities. Sign ups will be held at the middle school gym. Program runs from 8 a.m. to noon, and breakfast and lunch will be served. Parents are asked to pick up their children between 12:30 and 12:45 p.m. For information, contact Lorie Rivera at 495-3253 or 441-8465.

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Special to the Dispatch
Members of the Giles W. Dalby family gathered recently in the Texas House as the longtime county judge was honored with a joint resolution authored by Rep. Drew Springer, R-Muenster. County Judge Lee Norman, left, also attended the event.

Dalby honored with joint House-Senate resolution

By Wayne Hodgkin
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The venerable Judge Giles W. Dalby was recently honored with a joint resolution on both floors of the Texas House and Senate, memorializing the longtime county figurehead in the annals of Texas history.

Dalby, widely recognized as the longest-tenured constitutional county judge in the state's history, died April 12 at his home at his beloved Cross H Ranch outside Post. He was 80 years old.

The resolution was sponsored in the House by Rep. Drew Springer, R-Muenster, and in the Senate by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, and outlines a condensed version of Dalby's lasting legacy throughout Garza County and the state of Texas.

Springer said Dalby's presence would be missed in West Texas.

"Judge Giles Dalby was a prime example of what a good public servant should be," Springer said. "Not only was he the longest-serving county judge in Texas history, but he also was a tremendous family man and successful businessman."

Garza County Judge Lee Norman, who succeeded Dalby at the helm of the Board of County Commissioners, said the joint resolution was a great honor for his mentor, the county and the

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Remembering...



Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch
VFW Post 6797 member J.W. Jolly drills a hole for a U.S. veteran grave marker at Terrace Cemetery in Post. The markers were installed last weekend as a way to mark the graves of local veterans.

VFW post to honor all local veterans

By Anna Grisham
The Post Dispatch

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A ceremony will follow at 10 a.m. at the Garza County Courthouse.

Dr. Bernhard T. Mittemeyer, professor of urological surgery in the Department of Urology of the School of Medicine at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, will be the guest

speaker. He has also been appointed by the president of the Health Sciences Center as special assistant for veterans affairs.

As surgeon general of the Army from 1981 to 1985, he was chief executive officer of the Army Medical Department and senior medical staff adviser to the chief of staff of the Army and the secretary of the Army.

Prior to his assignment as the Army surgeon general, Mittemeyer served as commander and CEO of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the military's largest tertiary care, research and teaching hospital.

Comanche Symposium draws crowd in the Hill Country

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Post Dispatch

MASON — The recorded steady sound of Comanche drums and historic photographs on the screen at the Odeon Theater set the tone Sunday afternoon for an overflow audience to squeeze into the old theater to fill every seat and to stand in the balcony for a Comanche Symposium featuring

four distinguished speakers.

The agenda started with Esther Lehmann, an 89-year-old whose father was captured by Apaches and whose uncle, also a captive, ended up living with Comanches. Final speaker was Glenn Frankel, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist whose latest book, released in February, combines the drawing power of John Wayne and Cynthia Ann Parker.

Frankel's book is "The Searchers: The Making of an American Legend." Published by Bloomsbury USA and released in February, it's a smoothly written 421-page volume that's drawing five-star reviews for the author's well-researched version of the saga of Cynthia Ann Parker, a white child captured in 1836 by Comanches and captured again



Hanaba Munn Welch/The Post Dispatch
Modesto Schonchin plays an electronic game Sunday after a Comanche Symposium at the historic Odeon Theater in Mason. By his side is his sister, Arlene Schonchin.

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Clovis woman takes top Art Guild show honors

The 52nd Post Art Guild Spring Art Show was held at the Post Community Center last week. The event was sponsored in part by the Maxine Durrett Earl Foundation, E.A. Franklin Trust, Earl Chapman, Centennial Bank and Mary Awtry.

Ginnie Seifert of Clovis, N.M. was the big winner receiving the juror's choice rosette for "Cotton Wood Trees at Tres Ritos" and the Best of Show "Max" Award in memory of Maxine Durrett Earl.

Money awards were given for first, second and third places in 10 categories. First and second in youth and honorable mentions in all categories were applicable.

Awards
Sculpture: First and second to Buster Jones
Jewelry: First Kathryn Flanagan, second and third to Vicki Diggs
Still-life was such a large category that they gave two winners to each placement: In first places were Natalie Kelley and Ginnie Seifert; second place Natatie Kelly and Vicki Diggs; third place Marie Neff and Susan Elmore; Honorable Mentions Ginnie Seifert, Vicki Diggs and Nancy Brigg
Landscape was the same as

the still-life category: First places Lisa Bartley and Ginnie Seifert; second places Rachel Martin and Ann Bratcher; third places Susan Myers and Susan Elmore

Honorable Mentions Scott Rombokas, Ginnie Seifert, Lisa Bartley, Marie Neff, Sheri Overstreet, and Gloria Lee

Quilts: First place Naomi Matsler; second JoAnn Easley; third Pat Cruse; Honorable Mention Pat Cruse

Other Media: First place Stacy Alexander; second Chuck Gibson; third Pauline Mills; Honorable Mention Pauline Mills

Miniature: First place David Leake; second and third Rachel Martin; Honorable Mention Rachel Martin

Photography: First place Fran Bohannon; second April Pilley; third Jeff Driver; Honorable Mention Angelic Eller, April Pilley, Dale Paul

Portraits: First and second Angeline Collier; third Buster Jones; Honorable Mention Michele Gibson, Mary Ann Stelzer, Carolyn Walker, Ginnie Seifert, Scott Rombokas

Animal/Fowl: First Vicki Driggs; Second Mary Ann Stelzer; Third Peggy Payne; Honorable Mention: Vicki Driggs, Mary Ann Stelzer and Mary Ezell

Youth: First Audree Williams, Second Joshua Gibson



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Ribbon-cutting Chamber welcomes new business Caprock Bail Bonds



The Post Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on May 16 to welcome new business and Chamber Gold Member Caprock Bail Bonds. Caprock Bail Bonds is a local bail bond agency, at 101 E. Fourth St. Owner Justin Williams invites the community to come by and see the new office. Agents Greg and Sherry Williams offer 24-hour service in bail bonds, notary service and private investigation. The Williamses are members of the Professional Bondsmen of Texas and Professional Bondsmen of the United States and have more than 20 years of experience in the bail bond industry. The new office has been dedicated to the late Kenneth Williams who was a big part of the founding of the company. Caprock Bail Bonds serves the West Texas area with offices in Post, Brownfield and Crosbyton. The Williams family is a part of the community and supports local charities and organizations. Please call anytime at 806-495-2663.

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Menus: Week of May 27-May 31

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Tuesday: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday: Breakfast bars, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk
Thursday: Muffins, yogurt, fruit juice, milk

Lunch
Monday: Holiday
Tuesday: Sack lunches
Wednesday: Sack lunches
Thursday: Sack lunches

Post ISD
Breakfast
Monday: Holiday
Tuesday: Pop-Tarts, sausage link, fruit, milk
Wednesday: Cream of wheat, sausage, toast, fruit, milk

Thursday: Ham, egg and cheese biscuits, fruit, milk

Lunch
Monday: Holiday
Tuesday: Hot dog, potato rounds, fresh veggie cup, seasonal fruit, milk variety
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, baby carrots, fruit cup, milk variety
Thursday: Chicken Nuggets, mac and cheese, garden salad, green beans, apple slices, crispy treat, milk variety

Trailblazers
Lunch
Monday: Closed for Memorial Day
Tuesday: Polish sausage, English peas, potatoes, roll, fruit, milk
Wednesday: Smothered steak, scalloped potatoes, squash, roll, cobbler, milk
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Shallowest minds are quickest to tackle deepest subjects, including one comment heard numerous times in many communities: "What this town needs is a few good funerals."

A stronger cry should be for more "good births" of folks disposed to spend their lives serving others.



DON NEWBURY

Classic examples are the late Emmett Whitehead and his widow, Marie. They purchased the Cherokeean (now Cherokeean Herald) in 1950 — and Texans — particularly those in Rusk and Cherokee County — marvel at their record of community service.

He died in 2002 at age 77. Marie, now publisher, is in her 63rd year at the paper with no "quit" in sight. Their daughter, Terrie, is editor, alongside her husband, Robert Gonzalez, who also manages the radio station. The AM and FM stations, operating 24/7, are in the same building.

They also offer an Internet edition and have a channel on the local TV cable.

A state historical marker outside Whitehead Enterprises Inc., identifies the Cherokeean Herald as Texas' oldest weekly newspaper in continuous publication, founded in 1850.

Terrie and Robert met while students at the University of Texas in a most unlikely manner. One day, as she was unlocking the door to her wing at Jester Hall, Robert and a buddy were handing out popcorn by the handfuls from a garbage-size bag.

At a party a couple of years later, they met again, her remembering his handing out popcorn and his recalling which floor. Learning she was one of the few students with her own typewriter, he asked her to type a paper due the next day.

Soon, they were a pair — both were full-time students; both had part-time jobs at the state Capitol. They didn't fret around-the-clock parking woes at UT, since Robert owned a "bicycle built for one." Her on the seat and him standing to pedal, they rode everywhere. A wedding proposal soon came; it, too, was unconventional. She proposed to him.

On the radio side, Robert hosts a call-in show each morning. "Stuff" is bought and sold, and he's always ready for unlikely topics.

He kept one suicidal caller on the line until help arrived, playing commercials non-stop for an extended period. One caller wanted to know how to "break into" prison. A couple of wardens heard the plea, followed up and found out the inquirer was a pre-qualifier.

A lady wanted to buy a "doggie dooley." Later, a listener called in with one for sale. (Check Google if you wonder what this item is, or take a wild guess.)

Whitehead's old office remains unchanged. There are his rolltop desk, big chair and citations for service filling every wall.

It calls for reverence, even silence, to consider the memory of a man whose service included mayor, county judge and state legislator — a man who chose Rusk as a wonderful place for him and his wife to rear their two daughters. (Wendee is an Austin chiropractor.)

His last "rabbit from the hat" resulted in a new health care facility in Rusk — East Texas Medical Center.

Success in newspapering, like much else, requires energy, vision, boldness and faith.

The family has it. One example: Marie, with two degrees from Stephen F. Austin, wrote a 300-page master's thesis on the history of Cherokee County newspapers.

She put to rest other publishers' claims to have the state's oldest weeklies with documentation later noted by the Texas Historical Commission.

Sam Houston, father of Texas and the Republic's first president, lived for several years with the Cherokees and took an Indian bride. He'd be proud of a county proudly bearing the name of a tribe chased out only a dozen years before the newspaper's origin.

He would marvel at the progressive community spirit fostered by a small band of folks at Whitehead Enterprises.

Check out any of these claims. A good start would be to contact Gloria Jennings. She's not "blood kin" to the Whiteheads, but joins them in being proud of the community. She's been a Cherokee County reporter for 52 years, and preaches Sundays at Oakland United Methodist Church. She joins Mrs. Whitehead in being "steam-engine strong," like the Texas State Railroad that connects Rusk and Palestine. The Whiteheads led in its restoration several years ago, but that's another story.

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, is a humorist and motivational speaker.

The 501 Less is sometimes more

So much talk about talking points. Why has it taken an event like Benghazi to bring talking points to my attention? What are they? Where have they been all my life? Seriously. Wikipedia to the rescue.

"A talking point in debate or discourse is a succinct statement designed to support persuasively one side taken on an issue."

OK. I get it. It's what you say to your parents if you want a horse for Christmas.

I shared that thought with my husband, whereupon he reminded me that Ralphie in the movie "The Christmas Story" used talking points to convince his parents to give him a BB gun for Christmas.

I don't remember Ralphie's points. I remember his parents': "You'll shoot your eye out."

Santa Claus backed them up. Seems like he said, "You'll shoot your eye out, kid."

Come to think of it, I think other people in the movie said the same thing, one after another. You began to anticipate the phrase "You'll shoot your eye out."

Nothing has a way with words like repetition.

When I was in high school, I was a debater. It wasn't my idea. The English teacher thought I'd be good at it. I wasn't. I hated it.

My partner, Butch, was good. He seemed to enjoy it.

"Resolved: There should be an international agency for the control of nuclear

weapons." That was our topic.

For lack of competition from other small schools, we went straight to the regional meet with no experience. We won, thanks mainly to Butch. My only shining moment happened when I ripped apart an eloquent argument made by one of our opponents. She addressed the topic by reciting the poem about the guy who came to a chasm and built a bridge so others could cross. She was an attractive sensitive girl from an orphanage, who also competed in interpretive reading. She probably still remembers how I destroyed that bridge concept. Sorry.

On to state, where we lost on a split decision. End of debating career.

But I do remember that trip to Austin. Butch and I sat in the backseat; seems like our superintendent was driving. Butch had his notes and thoughts all organized. He was ready for anything. I wasn't.

In my lap was a portable 1940s Underwood typewriter. The whole long way I typed more and more notes on index cards. When we had a flat, I sat on the guardrail and kept typing. I stacked up a plethora of talking points. I remember none of them.

In our final debate, we faced two boys. One kicked things off with a description of the horrors of a nuclear attack. No argument there. I should have stood up, thanked him for wasting our opening session and turned the podium back to his partner so the real debate could begin. What a bold stroke that would have been!

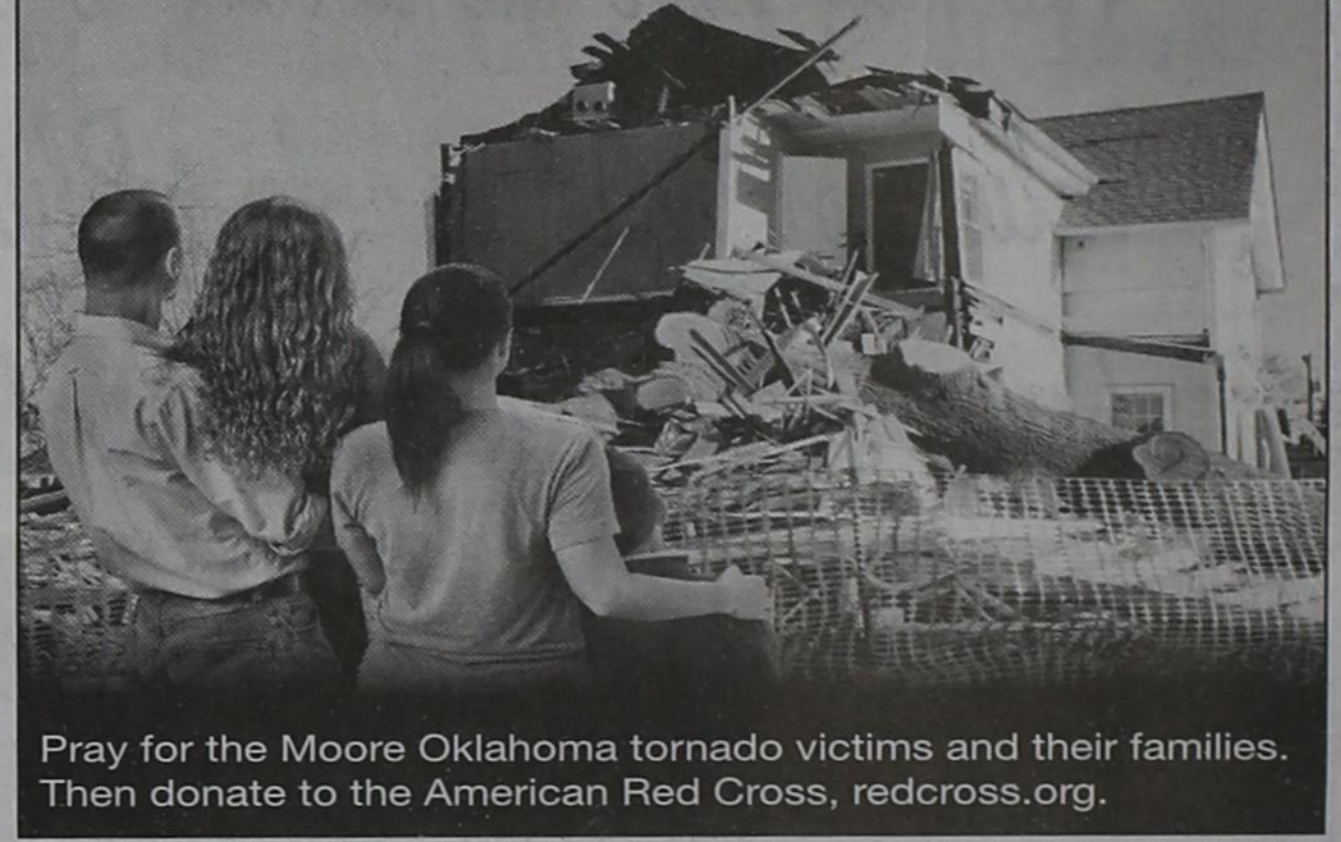
Instead I spouted some of my talking points. When all was said and done, we lost.

Silence might have won.

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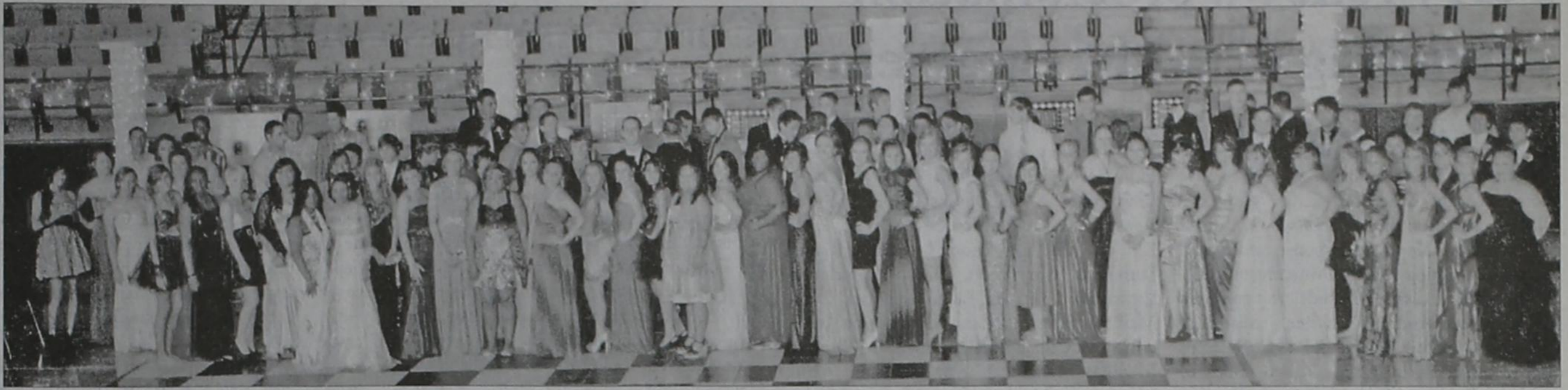
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Prom 2013



Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch

Post High School students celebrated a Las Vegas-themed prom last weekend at Antelope Arena. More than 60 students attended the annual event.

Yesteryears

10 years ago May 22, 2003

Local high school and middle school student will see expanded educational opportunities thanks to action taken by Post Independent School District trustees last week. The school board approved the addition of several high school level courses at the middle school and a pair of vocational programs at Post High School.

Local STARS (Students, Teachers, Adults Reaching Solutions) representatives will attend a summer leadership camp thanks to the support of several Post-area businesses, organizations and individuals.

Scholarships have been provided to make it possible for 60 students and adults to attend the 2003 MADD Leadership Power Camp to be held at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, July 23-26. The event is sponsored by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and the TABC (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.)

20 years ago May 26, 1993

College bound students at Post High School will have access to the latest information on pro-

spective colleges thanks to a gift from Giles McCrary. McCrary presented the high school with a computer program that lists colleges, majors and host of other information the prospective college student might need in choosing a school to attend.

Jack Alexander was honored with the Paul Harris award at last Tuesday's, May 19 Rotary lunch in Post. Alexander was given the award for his years of service to the Post Rotary Club. It is named after the founder of the Rotary Club.

Curbs in the 200 block of East Main in Post received facelift recently as damaged concrete was removed and new cement poured. The work is being done by crews working for Bo Jackson. The work included cutting back the high curb to eliminate the problem caused by car bumpers hitting the curb. The city is having the work done a block at a time in the business district of Post. The city council is also urging businesses downtown to make repairs to the remaining sidewalk where it is needed while the curb work is underway.

30 years ago May 25, 1983

Sixty-eight Post High School

Seniors and five adults will receive their diplomas in graduation exercises Thursday night, May 26 in Antelope Stadium at 8 p.m.

Outstanding Post Middle School band and choir members were recognized during Monday evening's combined banquet at the community center. Nancy Wilson was named Outstanding Middle School band student. Christy Pearson was chosen as Outstanding Female Vocalist and Eric Reese received the Outstanding Male Vocalist award.

Members of the Needlecraft Club celebrated the organization's 75th anniversary last week. Members at the event were Mrs. Eula Evans, Terri Kirk, Patsie Sanderson, Mary Hinson, Gwen Boren, Katherine Cathcart, Vicki Howel, Katherine Rankin, Helen Richards, Marcy Deming, Alma Hutto, Selma Kennedy, Katherine Johnson, Luise Dietrich, Linda Malouf, Bessy Bowen, and Lucy Callis.

United Memorial Day sales:
Hamburger or Coney buns, 8 ct. pkg. 3 for \$1
Wilson Meat Franks 12 oz. pkg. 68¢
Van Camp Pork and Beans 16 oz. 28¢
7-Farms Crinkle Cut Potatoes 2 lb. bag 38¢

40 years ago May 24, 1973

Lewis C. Herron, a vice president and agricultural advisor at the First National Bank, presents the bank's \$150 scholarship to Tol Thomas for his outstanding record in vocational agriculture and as a member of the FFA chapter. Tol is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Thomas.

Harold Lucas of Harold Lucas Motors is presented his Future Farmers of America honorary membership plaque at last Friday night's annual FFA ice cream supper. Making the presentation is John Johnson, an area nominee for a state FFA office.

Sixty-one Post High School seniors are candidates for graduation at commencement exercises to be held at 8 p.m. Monday, May 28, at Antelope Stadium.

Rusty Conner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Syd Conner, and Bill Hudman, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Hudman, are valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of this year's Post High School graduating class, whose members will be presented diplomas at commencement exercises Monday evening May 28, at Antelope Stadium.

50 years ago May 23, 1963

Fifty-two members of the Post High School senior class will graduate Friday night in exercises at Antelope Stadium - weather permitting.

The weather is considered a big factor in both place and time for the graduation program, since rain moved the baccalaureate services inside Sunday night to the primary school auditorium with an 8:30 start - 30 minutes later than the scheduled starting time.

It was the first time in the four years that high school graduation exercises have been held at the football stadium that the weather has forced a change in plans.

The annual District 7 convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies' Auxiliary was held in Post Saturday and Sunday with the convention's peak attendance of 140 registered at a luncheon held at noon Sunday in the City Hall auditorium.

The First Presbyterian Church has extended a call to the Rev. Edgar Graham Jr., of Fort Worth to become its new pastor.

The call was voted by the congregation Sunday following a worship service conducted by the Rev. Graham.

Compiled by Anna Gibson

Final hurdles on budget stand before lawmakers

AUSTIN — With 10 days to go until the end of the 140-day 83rd regular session of the Texas Legislature, a committee of House and Senate negotiators on May 17 agreed on a proposed state budget for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

Next step is for the 150-member House and the 31-member Senate to accept or reject the work of the negotiators in votes expected to take place May 20 or 21. Pressure is on to get the budget bill to Gov. Rick Perry as soon as possible, while lawmakers carrying hundreds of other bills hope to squeeze as many as possible through the process in the last few days of the session.

Members of both parties in both houses worked furiously to replace as much as possible of the \$5.4 billion cut from public education in the 2011 legislative session as part of an across-the-board budget-reducing plan.

The comprise before the Legislature now would increase education funding by about \$4 billion

and take \$2 billion out of the state's Rainy Day Fund for water infrastructure improvements. Another \$400 million from the Rainy Day Fund would be added to transportation funding already in the base budget bill.

Complicating the picture is the fact that a two-thirds majority vote in both chambers is required to spend Rainy Day Funds.

Disclosure bill is passed

On votes of 23-6 in the Senate and 95-52 in the House, the Legislature passed SB 346, legislation that would require politically active non-profit organizations to disclose their donors to the public.

Under-the bill authored by Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and sponsored in the House by Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, groups that spend more than \$25,000 a year on political activities would have to report contributions of more than \$1,000.

In passing the bill, Geren said

donors have every right to give to political groups, but they should be willing to do so in the light of day, just like those who give directly to candidates.

HB 346 was forwarded to Gov. Perry's desk on May 14.

Texas files suit over spill

Attorney General Greg Abbott, acting on behalf of the State of Texas and several state agencies, on May 17 filed a lawsuit against BP America and a list of other defendants for their roles in the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon offshore oil spill.

Filed in the Beaumont-based U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Texas, the lawsuit seeks natural resource damages, economic damages and civil penalties caused by the five-million-barrel spill.

According to the Office of the Texas Attorney General, Texas is seeking civil penalties for every day of oil discharge and for every barrel of oil that was discharged;

lost sales tax, state hotel occupancy tax and mixed beverage tax revenue; revenue lost from state park entrance, facility, activity and concession fees; and damages to natural resources, including wildlife and coastal ecosystems and habitats caused by the released oil and chemical dispersants.

The State also seeks attorneys' fees, court costs and investigative costs.

Tornadoes hit North Texas

Six people have been confirmed dead as a result of an EF4-rated tornado that hit the city of Granbury on May 15. More than 100 homes were damaged.

Gov. Perry visited the city on May 17 to express concern and condolences, and in his remarks, said, "As a state, Texas sent personnel to assist with search and rescue operations and we stand ready to provide any other assistance Granbury and the surrounding areas may need."

Employment rate improves

Texas Workforce Commission on May 17 reported the Lone Star State's seasonally adjusted non-farm employment expanded by 33,100 jobs in April and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.4 percent for the month.

TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar said all major industries in the state added jobs over the last 12 months and the civilian labor force is at an all-time high with more than 12.7 million workers.

Senator reaches milestone
Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, on May 17 celebrated her 50,000th consecutive vote since the 1987 session of the Texas Legislature, when she was first elected to the Senate. She has never missed a vote.

Senate President Pro Tempore Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, said lawmakers' voting records were checked nationally and, "We found that this record is unique and unmatched."



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Perry renews proclamation extending drought emergency

Gov. Rick Perry has again renewed a proclamation extending drought emergency for specified counties due to the ongoing exceptional drought conditions across the state. The proclamation directs necessary resources be made available to aid response efforts and notes the ongoing strain on water resources.

The state of disaster includes the counties of Anderson, Andrews, Archer, Armstrong, Atascosa, Austin, Bailey, Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Borden, Bosque, Brazoria, Brazos, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Carson, Castro, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Denton, DeWitt, Dickens, Dimmit, Donley, Duval, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, El Paso, Erath, Falls, Fayette, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Freestone, Frio, Gaines, Garza, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Gray, Grayson, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hale, Hall, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Hardin, Harris,

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TDA Market Recap

Cotton markets continue to drop

Special to the Courier

For the week ending May 18, 2013, feeder cattle prices reported by Texas auctions ranged from \$6 lower to \$5 higher per hundredweight (cwt) compared to the previous week. Texas direct feeder cattle sales were steady to \$3 lower. The Oklahoma City National Stockyards were mostly steady to \$2 higher, except steers less than 800 pounds were steady to \$2 lower. Negative cattle feeding margins and lower feeder cattle futures continued to pressure the market. However, tight supplies and improved pasture conditions in some areas were also supportive.

Fed cattle cash prices were \$1 lower. Choice wholesale beef prices hit a new record-high of \$209.51 per cwt on Friday. Beef exports for the year are nearly 12 percent behind last year's pace.

Cotton prices were lower due to burdensome world supplies and in spite of ongoing concerns about planting delays and very dry conditions in major Texas growing areas.

Weekly cotton export sales were down from the previous week, but cumulative sales for the year reached 99 percent of the projected marketing year total. Wheat prices declined on reports of beneficial rains in overseas growing areas and weak exports that were well below the average level needed to meet the projected total for the marketing year, which ends in two weeks. Corn prices were unchanged as markets remain concerned about slow planting progress across the Midwest.

As for futures markets, fed cattle, feeder cattle, cotton, wheat, corn and lumber were lower.

Most of the state received rainfall during the week, but totals of one-half inch or more were limited to Central and Northeast Texas, a few locations in the Edwards Plateau region and some parts of South Texas. Information on agricultural weather and crop conditions is available in the weekly USDA-NASS "Texas Crop Progress and Condition" report: www.nass.usda.gov

Texas Cash Markets:		Week Ending May 18, 2013	Previous Week	Previous Year
Feeder Steers	(\$/cwt)	152.22	153.12	177.29
Fed Cattle	(\$/cwt)	124.99	125.95	122.89
Slaughter Lambs	(\$/cwt)	102.50	110.00	143.50
Slaughter Goats	(\$/cwt)	185.00	190.00	210.00
Cotton	(¢/lb.)	81.00	81.50	73.25
Grain Sorghum	(\$/cwt)	11.74	11.70	11.37
Wheat	(\$/bu.)	7.15	7.43	6.70
Corn	(\$/bu.)	7.17	7.17	6.92
Onions	(\$/50 lbs.)	13.00	13.00	10.00
Watermelons	(\$/lb.)	0.25	0.25	0.18

Futures Markets:		Week Ending May 18, 2013	Previous Week	Previous Year
Feeder Cattle	(\$/cwt)	133.90	135.37	151.30
Fed Cattle	(\$/cwt)	119.40	120.45	119.52
Cotton	(¢/lb.)	86.41	86.48	77.99
Wheat	(\$/bu.)	7.37	7.72	7.05
Corn	(\$/bu.)	6.53	6.88	6.36
Lumber	(\$/MBF)	315.80	335.00	388.50

MBF = thousand board feet

All cash prices above are market averages for locations covered by the USDA Market News program and do not reflect any particular sale at any specific location. Feeder cattle prices are for 500-600 pound medium and large No.1 steers at the Oklahoma City National Stockyards. Futures prices are quoted for the nearest month contract on the last trading day of the week. Timber prices are from the Texas A&M Forest Service, bimonthly "Texas Timber Price Trends."

For additional information, contact TDA at 800-835-5832 or visit www.TexasAgriculture.gov.

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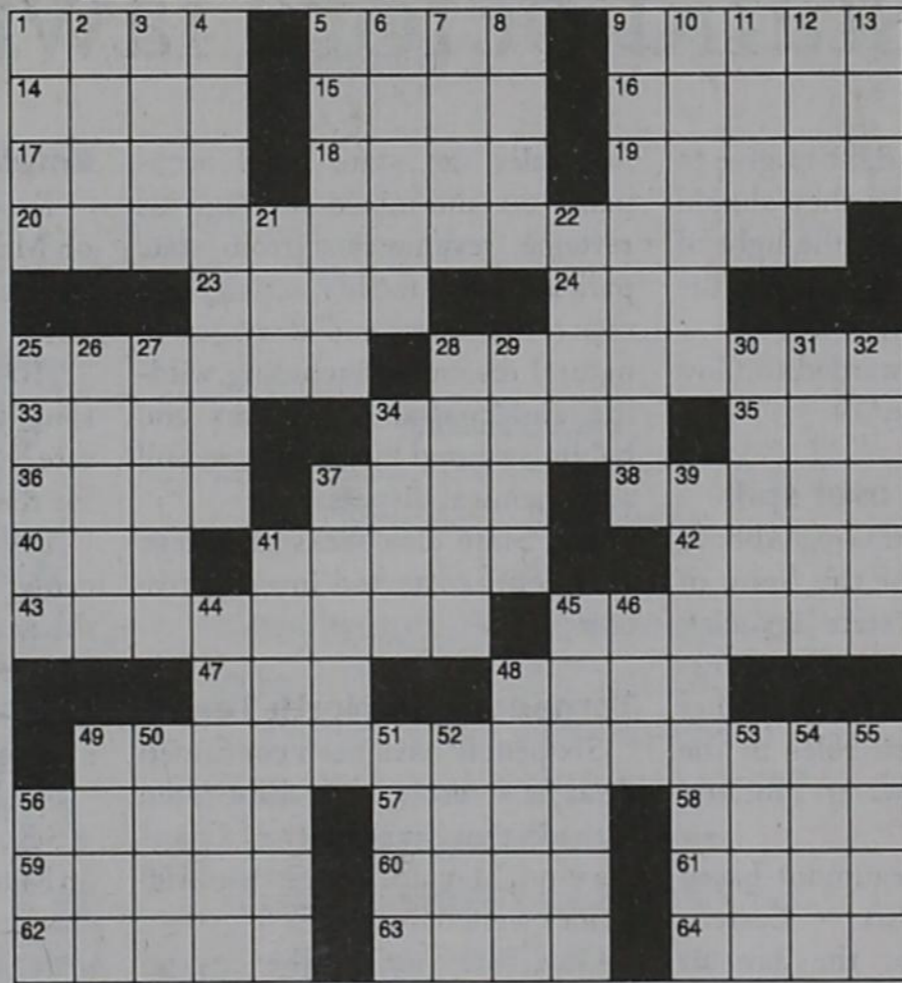
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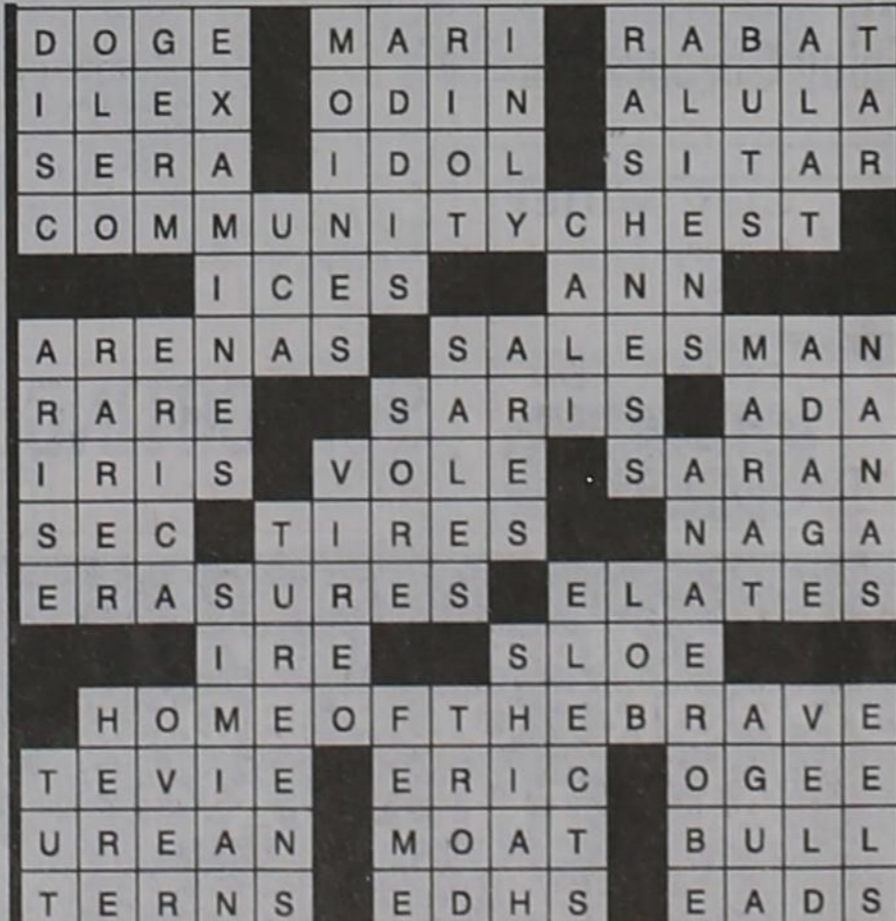
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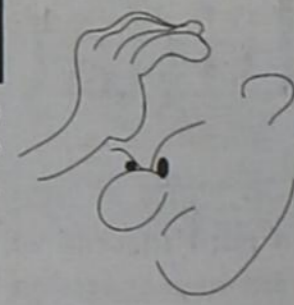


Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Ringo Starr

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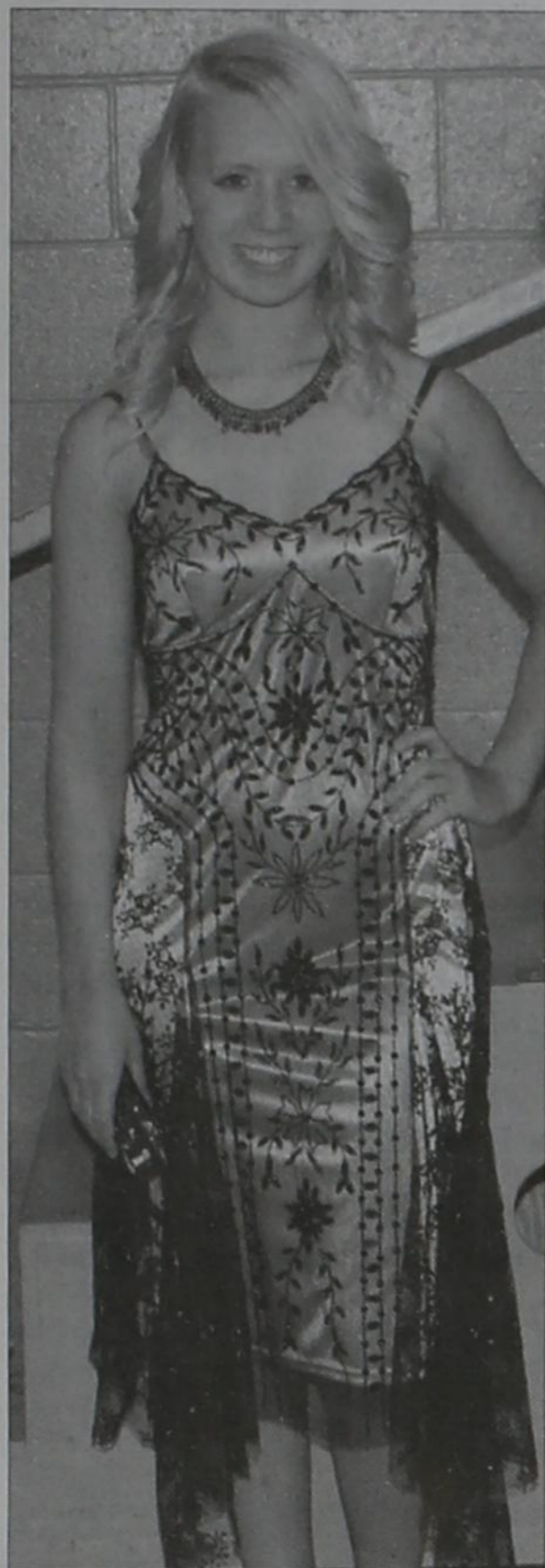
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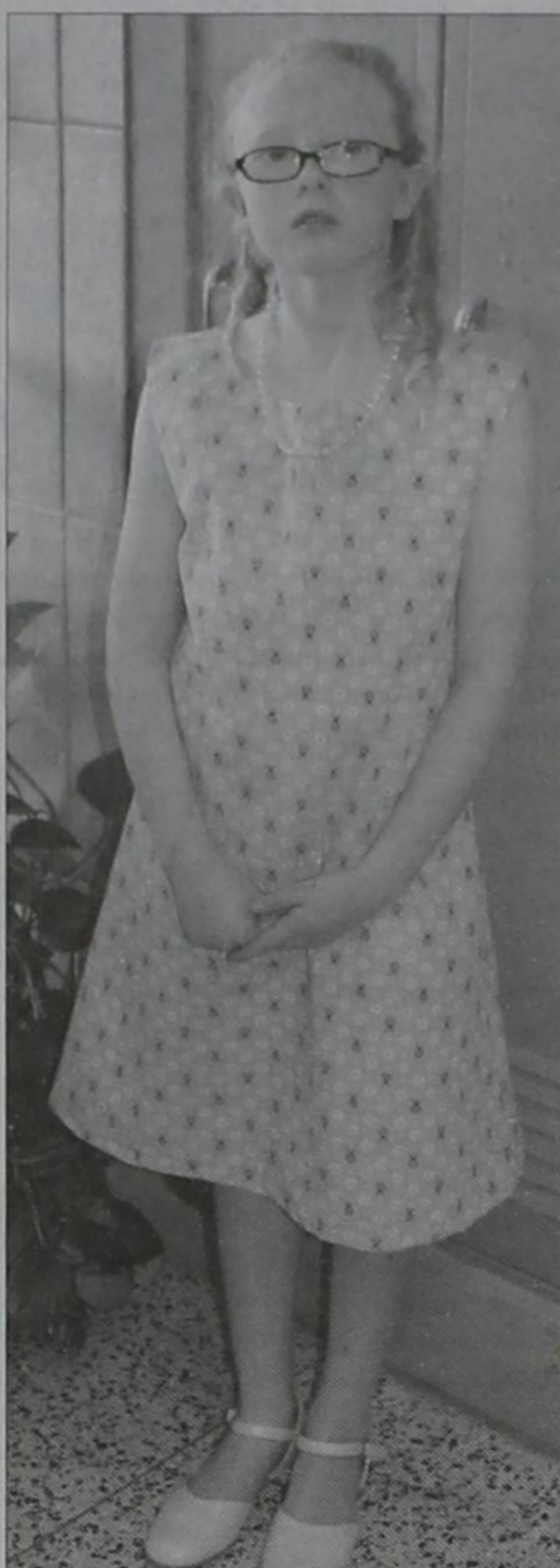
4-H news



JULIE BOREN



AUDREE WILLIAMS



ADDEE WILLIAMS

4-H Members Participate in Fashion Show

Special to the Dispatch

Garza County 4-H members Addee Williams, Julie Boren and Audree Williams made a successful showing at the 2013 District Fashion Show with two second

places and one third place. Addee Williams placed second in the Junior Construction Dressy Category. Julie Boren placed third in the Senior Buying Formal Category, and Audree Williams.

Legends

James Elbert Bracken, part 2

Part two of the James Elbert Bracken story continues as we try to make sense of what led up to the death of this man in custody, in a jail cell at the Garza County Courthouse on Oct. 18, 1928.

There are several accountings as to how Bracken came to be arrested and placed in the jail. It had been said through the family, that authorities may have thought Bracken was boot-legging and someone from the sheriff's office had gone to the Bracken home to investigate.

Apparently, as the story goes, Bracken wasn't at home at the time so his wife, Florence, was interrogated by whomever, and as a result she was somewhat beat up. When Bracken returned home and found Florence ruffed up, he went into town to find the perpetrator.

The details are unclear as to why he singled out Horace (Dick) Redding, a local barber and rancher, but apparently he and Redding got in a gun fight on a street down town Post.

According to an article in the Avalanche-Journal dated Oct. 18, 1928, Redding had testified against Bracken, which led to him being convicted on violation

of prohibition laws. Redding was shot by Bracken and suffered serious wounds. Bracken was charged and convicted on assault with intent to kill charges. This incident occurred in 1927, the year before Bracken's death. Details of that trial were being investigated by trusted sources.

At the time of James Bracken's shooting death, there's no mention of the sentence he was facing, but was awaiting transfer from the Garza County Jail to the state penitentiary at Huntsville to begin serving his sentence.

On Tuesday of that week, two prisoners (not Bracken) attempted a jail break. One prisoner, a Negro, was said to have attacked the jailer, J.H. Ramsey, with an iron bar. Ramsey was stuck to the floor but was able to stop the escape. One could only wonder what in the heck was an iron bar doing in the jail cell, or maybe it was taken away from the jailer.

This incident must have caused Ramsey to be a little spooked and may have caused him to overreact when he shot James Bracken to death. This whole episode happened in the presence of his family members.

There is much more to this story as we continue with part three next week. See you then.

Linda Puckett is director of the Garza County Museum and Historical Commission.



LINDA PUCKETT

Pet of the Week



Janice Plummer/For the Dispatch
Edward is a Schnauzer mix currently at the shelter. He is a very friendly guy and would make a great pet. Contact Post Animal Refuge Center at postarc@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Post Arc if you are interested in adopting Edward or any of the other great dogs at the shelter. PARC is operated by local volunteers and help is always needed. All donations are tax deductible.

Pride of Post band to compete at state contest

By Anna Gibson
The Post Dispatch

Pride of Post High School Band will advance to the UIL State Solo and ensemble Competition in Austin on Saturday with "Military Symphony," by Haydn.

Band members are Kaitlyn Walden, Katie Colvin, Sierra Isbell, Ericka Solis, Torie Whiesenant, Kelly Vallalon, Alexis Ramirez, Audree Williams, Jacie Kimmons, Taylor Fannon, Jamie Marquez, Jordan Barboza, Stephen Rodriguez, Jessi Isbell, and Isaac Stern.

Pianist Levi Stinson will compete the same day on a solo by Debussy titled, "Children's Corner."

"We are extremely proud of these kids," Director Aaron Rathbun said. "Mr. Tackitt (assistant director) and I do everything we can to help them be successful. All they have to do is add some effort."

"We would like to thank everyone that took the time to show support and comfort to our family during our time of grief. A special thank you to everyone who brought food to our home, donated money for expenses and offered kind words and prayers. Words can't express our gratitude to each and every one of you. May God bless you all!
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FROM MY FRIENDS
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DALBY
From Page 1

Dalby family.

"This was a man who for more than 30 years put God, family and Garza County above the interests of his own," Norman said. "By doing so, his shadow stretched across the entire state of Texas and will for a long time."

Dalby was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades throughout his life. He was awarded the first Giles W. Dalby Award for Judicial Leadership in 2006 by the Texas Association of Counties and the Texas Judicial Association in 2004 he was awarded the organization's Trailblazer Award.

One of his most recent accolades, Dalby was honored with the Ranching Award at the National Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock last September in what was one of his last public appearances.

During his years in office, Judge Dalby maintained a focus on economic development. He

was instrumental in the building of Lake Alan Henry; establishing the correctional and juvenile facilities, which were named after him; and played an integral role in developing the Postex Cotton Mill after its closing in 1983.

He served on a number of professional organizations, including president of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas, the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association and the Texas Association of Counties.

Dalby was the son of shipping and transportation magnate Arno Dalby and his wife, Blanche Connell, whose family was instrumental in the founding of not only Garza County but also Post City and of the O.S. Ranch.

He is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Nell Floyd; and four children, Elizabeth Elliot of San Angelo, Rebecca Dalby of Houston, Charlie Mosser of Lubbock and Giles W. Dalby Jr. of Post; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Nancy's Notions

Water conservation should start in the home

Water conservation begins at home, and we must all do our part. We need to develop an attitude of conserving water so we will be conscious of using less water in all aspects of our lives.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension water specialists have two easy suggestions: stop leaks and change behaviors.



NANCY MCDONALD

The first step is to make sure your home is leak-free. Check indoor water-using appliances and devices for leaks. Many silent leaks allow water and your money to go down the drain.

Dripping faucets that are leaking at a rate of one drop a second can waste 2,700 gallons of water per year. Not only is this a waste of water, it adds to the size of your water and sewer bill, or it puts a strain on your septic system.

Toilet tank leaks account for much of the water wasted in homes. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons per day. Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the bowl

within 30 minutes. Most replacement parts are inexpensive, readily available and easily installed.

Another large water waster can be irrigation system leaks; fix these leaks quickly.

Examples of possible behavioral changes that could save water in the bathroom include: taking four-minute showers; turning the water off while shampooing your hair in the shower; turning water off while shaving or brushing teeth; and never using the toilet as a waste basket.

Other simple behavior changes can save a lot of water in the kitchen and laundry area.

Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool; thaw food in the refrigerator overnight rather than running hot water over it; scrape rather than rinse dishes when loading the dishwasher; and add food waste to a compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal.

In the laundry area, wash only full loads of laundry, or use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.

Homes with high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances save about 30 percent of indoor water use and yield substantial savings on water, sewer and energy bills. Below are

some examples of changes that can be made.

The toilet is the largest water-user in your home. Most toilets installed before 1992 do not have the water-saving 1.6 gallon per flush. For those toilets that do make the flush efficient, hold the lever down to complete the flush cycle, which alleviates the need for a second flush.

Make sure each showerhead releases 2.5 gallons per minute or less. Today, all showerheads sold are regulated to meet the 2.5 gallons per minute maximum requirement. To make the flow feel like more water is coming out, turn the head dial to reduce the number of sprays or inner spray settings.

If possible, replace your clothes washer — it is the second largest in-home water user. Energy Star-rated washers, which also have a water factor at or lower than 9.5, use 35 to 50 percent less water and 50 percent less energy per load, saving you money on both water and energy bills.

Four-minute showers? How many of you will be timing yourself tonight to see how long your showers last? Better yet, set a timer for four minutes and get out when it goes off!

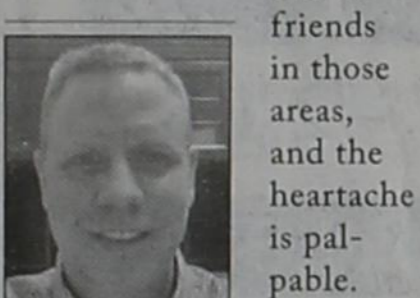
Let it rain, let it rain, let it rain!

Nancy McDonald is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County.

The Paperboy
Enduring the fury

I'm nearly speechless about the tornadoes and storms in Moore, Okla., Shawnee, Okla., Granbury, Texas, Cleburne, Texas, Bowie, Texas, etc.

Many of us have family



CHRIS BLACKBURN

and/or friends in those areas, and the heartache is palpable.

I want those affected to know we grieve for your loss and hope the Lord comforts you with beautiful memories and a quick return to some kind of normalcy.

When we see these storms, which we can watch live on television, those of us on the outside feel sick. We feel helpless. When you're in the storm, and many of us have been in them, you know how surreal it is. You know in your soul you are truly helpless against the incredible might this planet can concoct. And, my oh my, that has to be one of the most humbling experiences a man can have.

I've been asked why I would live in Tornado Alley. What do you say?

Seems to me regardless of where you live you are in harms way from some occurrence. Tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, droughts, earthquakes, tsunamis, blizzards, volcanoes. It's a rough planet.

But we stay. We rebuild. We learn. We adapt.

In the coming weeks and months as we see these towns begin to rebuild, we will see the resiliency of those affected. That resiliency, like the storms that hit, is also a powerful force. Your faith is a powerful force. These forces are what enables us to rebuild our lives. They enable us to stay sane and slowly absorb the grief into memory.

I encourage you to hug your kids and grandkids right now. Just put the paper down for a minute and give them a hug and a kiss and tell them you love them. Tell them how much they mean to you and tell them how thankful you are to have them in your life.

We are constantly reminded how precious life is and how quickly it can change. Don't waste the opportunities to enjoy it with those close to you.

Christopher Blackburn is publisher of The Post Dispatch and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.

FSA urges producers to enroll in DCP/ACRE

Special to the Courier

USDA Farm Service Agency Administrator Juan Garcia encourages farmers and ranchers to enroll for the 2013 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program or the Average Crop Revenue Election Program before the deadline.

Producers who wait until the last minute to sign up could face increased waiting time in FSA county offices.

"We understand that producers have gotten busy, but they can't forget to visit

their county office and sign up for DCP or ACRE," Garcia said. "Just as farmers and ranchers plan their spring plantings, producers should plan to schedule an appointment to visit their USDA Service Center at the earliest possible time. It's best to complete the paperwork now rather than to stand in line the day before the deadline."

The deadline to sign up for ACRE is June 3. The DCP sign up period ends Aug. 2.

The 2013 DCP and ACRE program

provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that all eligible participants in 2013 may choose to enroll in either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 crop year. This means that eligible producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013 or may re-enroll in ACRE in 2013 (and vice versa).

For more information about the programs and loans administered by FSA, visit any FSA county office or fsa.usda.gov.

Notice of Public Hearing on
Garza Central Appraisal District Budget

The _____ Garza Central Appraisal District _____ will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the _____ 2014 _____ fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on _____ Tuesday, June 11, 2013 _____ at _____ 8:45 A.M. _____, located at _____ 124 East Main Post, Texas 79356 _____. A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ _____ 372,254.85 _____
The total amount of decrease over the current year's budget.	\$ _____ < 1,232.44 > _____
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	_____ 3 _____
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	_____ 3 _____

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at _____ 124 East Main Post, Texas 79356 _____.

The phone number of the _____ Garza Central Appraisal District _____ is: (806) 495-3518

The address is: _____ 124 East Main Post, Texas 79356 _____

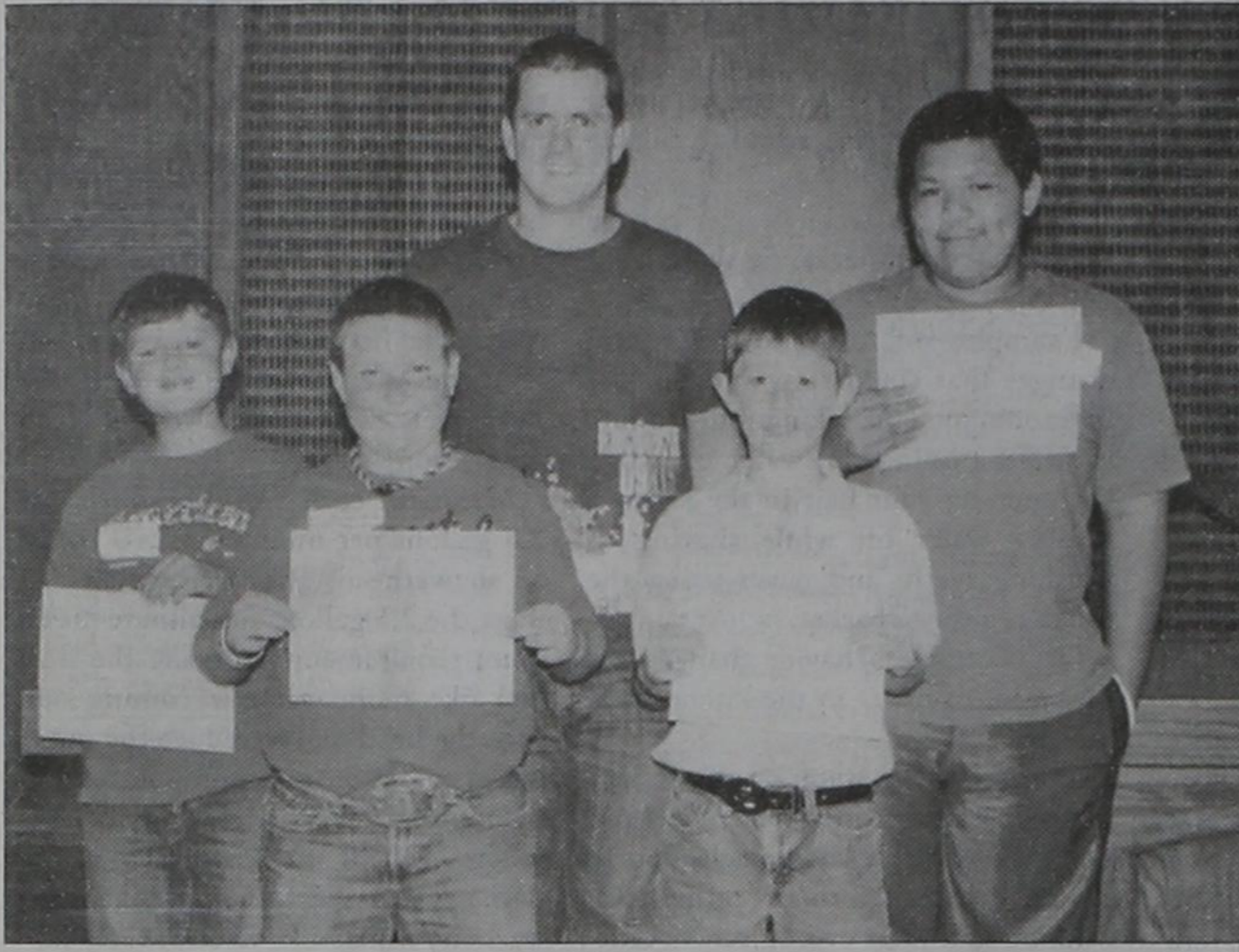
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Bible Bowl



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 CorDale Benham, Joby Ferguson, (coach) Garrett Behrends, Sterlin Self and Kevin Cruse of the Post Church of Christ recently participated in the Bible Bowl at Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock.

ERCOT expects tight summer conditions

Special to the Dispatch

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, grid operator for most of the state, is preparing for a hot summer as it continues to evaluate future resource adequacy.

ERCOT recently released its final Summer Seasonal Assessment of Resource Adequacy, which anticipates tight conditions this summer, along with the semiannual update to its long-term Capacity, Demand and Reserves report, which shows some improvement since the previous report was issued in December.

With tight operating reserves expected this summer, especially during the late afternoon hours on the hottest days, it is likely that ERCOT will initiate conservation alerts or power watches on some days. These alerts ask the public to reduce electric use to help ERCOT maintain reliability of the grid.

"We are expecting above-normal temperatures throughout summer in most areas of the ERCOT

region," said Kent Saathoff, an ERCOT executive adviser who has overseen various aspects of grid operations and system planning for several decades. "To help ensure there is enough generation to serve consumer needs, we likely will ask people to conserve power during the hottest hours of the hottest days."

High temperatures typically drive electric demand in the ERCOT region, especially among residential consumers, who use more than half the electricity being consumed during the peak hours of the hottest days when air conditioner use is at its maximum.

ERCOT expects power demands this summer to peak at 68,383 megawatts, slightly above the 68,305 MW all-time record set Aug. 3, 2011. One MW is enough electricity to power about 200 homes in the ERCOT region when electric use is highest, typically between 3 and 7 p.m. during the hottest days of the year.

The amount of generation available to serve peak

electric needs is forecast at 74,438 MW, including 925 MW of new coal-fired generation from the Sandy Creek Energy Station in McLennan County and about 700 MW of new wind power resources.

More extreme scenarios could result in more generation outages than the forecast includes or an increase in demand of as much as 2,529 MW, if weather patterns similar to summer 2011 return.

"If generation outages exceed expected conditions during peak demand periods, or if we see a return of record-breaking conditions like those in 2011, ERCOT also may need to implement Energy Emergency Alert actions, with the possibility of rotating outages if needed to protect the grid," Saathoff added.

Drought conditions are not expected to create problems for power plant operations over the summer months. However, if dry conditions persist, some plants may experience operational challenges later in the year.

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Dixie Divas Being Danny McGuire

Little Danny McGuire was the scrawniest kid in class. He was so frail, so downright skinny that his dungarees clung to his bony hips only thanks to a well worn brown belt that was pulled tight to the last notch, causing the fabric to gather in folds. What a sight he made with blue jeans cinched to the waist and little of legs hidden somewhere in the yards of material.



RONDA RICH

Whenever we chose teams for Red Rover, he was always, without fail, the last one chosen. He took it good-naturedly, shaking that shock of hay-like blonde hair and displaying his buck teeth in a wide grin as he shuffled over to the unfortunate team that was stuck with his services. The team captain would appoint Danny to stand at the end of the line, figuring his weak-wristed grasp could only be broken from one side instead of two. Then, too, without fail, the first one from the opposing team would head straight to Danny's microscopically small hands

and break through without trouble. More often than not, Danny would fall to the ground, holding his wrist as through it was broken and writhe in agony for a few moments. Athletic prowess was not his strong suit. But still he laughed. He always laughed. I admired him so much, enamored by someone who could take a licking and keep on laughing.

Danny, though, had his mighty attributes. The good Lord always sees the score is evened somehow. Some are pretty, some are smart, some are witty, some are talented, some can throw a football.

Danny could wrestle a math problem and pin it in a second with both hands tied behind him and his eyes shut tight. He never lost a spelling bee that I know of. He was always the last kid standing. And in victory, just like Red Rover defeat, he was good-natured, shrugging his shoulders as though his brilliance was just a fluke.

Me? I was always in the middle of the pack. Never picked first for Red Rover but somewhere halfway down the line in selection. I guess the best I ever did in the spelling bees was maybe fifth and that only happened one time.

I was champion reader, though. One year — it was the fourth grade — I read more books than the entire class combined. Like I said: The

good Lord makes us all good at something. When graduation from high school and college came, I was somewhere in the middle. Again. I never thought of being the best at anything, just doing decent at everything I tried. In that, I mostly succeeded.

Lately, I've been thinking that there's too much pressure on kids to be the best at everything. The parents of my generation in my little country school didn't push us to over excel. They preached values, discipline, kindness and courtesy. They encouraged us to play and enjoy childhood. My parents cared only that my homework was done and they never became overwrought if I didn't make a perfect score. I rarely did.

Whenever I brought home a C in math, Mama would sigh as she signed my report card or test paper and say, "You're just like me. I was never any good in math." She knew economics, though. She knew how to make a dollar and she knew how to save one.

I've been thinking about kids in the middle like me. They usually do pretty well in life. For the most part, if you consider it, the middle-of-the-roaders have pretty good existences. No one expects too much from us, so there's not a lot of pressure. Then, if we happen to do well at something, people are pleasantly surprised and slap us on the shoulders, praising an unexpected accomplishment. Middle-of-the-road people like me live longer, I believe.

Danny McGuire? He died years ago. Too much stress and not enough Red Rover.

Ronda Rich is a Southern humorist, storyteller and best-selling author. Her latest book, "There's A Better Day A-Comin'," is available at rondarich.com.

Business spotlight



Sassy Sunflower owner: Floral design a God-given talent

By Anna Gibson
The Post Dispatch

Shawnette Hinkle has the owner of Sassy Sunflower since December 2010 at 202 E. Main St.

Hinkle says, "I've been doing flowers for three years, and I can say it's a God-given talent because it just comes out. I've had no training. I've always had a love for flowers and design, so why not open a shop?"

Hinkle started a week before prom putting together the 50-plus orders she received for custom and designer corsages and boutonnières.

"Thanks to a fellow merchant, Jackie Cruse for helping me get through the busy seasons," Hinkle said.

Hinkle puts together both fresh and silk floral arrangements for weddings, funerals, special events, holidays, table centerpieces, custom mums, gift baskets and much more.

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Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Partly Cloudy 91 / 66	Saturday Mostly Sunny 90 / 65	Sunday Mostly Sunny 93 / 67	Monday Mostly Sunny 92 / 62	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 91 / 62	Wednesday Sunny 93 / 61	Thursday Sunny 92 / 61

Local UV Index

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

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

Weather Trivia

What is the coldest recorded temperature a U.S. city has reached?

Answer: -75 degrees. McGrath, Alaska once hit

Weather History

May 24, 1894 - Six inches of snow blanketed Kentucky. Just four days earlier as much as 10 inches of snow had fallen across Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. Six days earlier, a violent storm wrecked nine ships on Lake Michigan.

May 25, 1955 - Two tornadoes struck the town of Blackwell, Okla. within a few minutes time during the late evening. The tornadoes killed 18 people and injured more than 500 others. Early the next morning, a tornado virtually obliterated the small community of Udall, Kan.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 91°, humidity of 37%. South southeast wind 15 to 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 107° set in 1989. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 66°. South southeast wind 15 to 20 mph. The record low for tonight is 49° set in 1963. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 90°, humidity of 40%.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	11:22-1:22	10:52-12:52	Tue	1:59-3:59	2:29-4:29
Sat	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00	Wed	2:56-4:56	3:26-5:26
Sun	---	11:55-1:55	Thu	3:49-5:49	4:19-6:19
Mon	12:58-2:58	1:28-3:28			

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	6:39 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	6:12 a.m.
Sat	6:39 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	9:36 p.m.	7:08 a.m.
Sun	6:38 a.m.	8:46 p.m.	10:37 p.m.	8:10 a.m.
Mon	6:38 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	11:31 p.m.	9:17 a.m.
Tue	6:38 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	No Rise	10:25 a.m.
Wed	6:37 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	12:19 a.m.	11:32 a.m.
Thu	6:37 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	1:01 a.m.	12:37 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
5/14	89	60	82/55	0.00"	Date	Degree	Date	Degree
5/15	92	60	83/55	0.00"	5/14	24	5/18	36
5/16	97	56	83/56	0.00"	5/15	26	5/19	28
5/17	100	55	83/56	0.00"	5/16	26	5/20	22
5/18	100	73	83/56	0.00"	5/17	28		
5/19	92	63	84/57	0.00"				
5/20	92	53	84/57	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.

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