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Elections official: ID law streamlines voting

By Caleb Hudgens
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Garza County's chief elections officer said the state's new voter ID law will make the voting process easier — from poll worker to vote — throughout the state.

"I'm confident that the requirement of a photo ID to vote will help in the training of election workers on acceptable IDs and make their job easier at the polling place," Garza County Clerk Jim Plummer said. "This is a law that makes sense. A voter must prove who he/she says claims to be, and the law provides for a free photo ID to those who don't already have one."

The U.S. Supreme Court on June 25

struck down the portion of the Voting Rights Act that holds Texas and some other Southern states to a higher degree of scrutiny because of their history of racial discrimination.

The decision, hailed by state Attorney General Greg Abbott, clears the way for two controversial issues, including the state's voter ID law and the redistricting maps.

As a result, those states no longer are required to obtain federal "preclearance" by the Justice Department when any change is made to local or state voting laws.

"Today's ruling does not abolish the Voting Rights Act," Abbott said. "All states, including Texas, continue to be subject to Section 2 of the Voting

Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution, which prohibit racial discrimination nationwide."

Meanwhile, Texas' chief elections officer, Secretary of State John Steen, said photo identification will now be required when voting in Texas elections.

A voter must show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location before being permitted to cast a vote:

- A Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety
- A Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- A Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- A Texas concealed handgun license

issued by DPS

- A U.S. military identification card containing the person's photograph
- A U.S. citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- Or a U.S. passport.

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented at the polling place.

Hours after the Supreme Court ruling, Texas DPS officials announced plans to offer the election identification card the next day.

For information about obtaining the EIC, visit Plummer at the county voter registrar office or online at txdps.state.tx.us.

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.

Fish fry

Trailblazers will have a fish fry fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. July 12 at the senior activities center at 205 E. 10th St. Cost is \$7 per plate. For information, call the center at 495-2998.

Pet clinic

The annual low-cost pet vaccination clinic and dog dip will be from 9 a.m. to noon July 13 at the Post Volunteer Fire department. Flea and tick dips will be offered for \$5; rabies vaccines for \$12; other vaccinations also will be offered at reduced rates for dogs and cats. The event is sponsored by the Post Rotary Club in cooperation with the Garza County Animal Clinic. For information, call the clinic at 495-3726.

4-H training

A training opportunity for 4-H officers is scheduled for July 16 in Plainview. For information, call the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400.

Sock drive

Word of God Cowboy Church is having a sock drive from 1 to 5 p.m. July 17 at the Post city pool. Admission will be free to every swimmer who brings a new pair of socks. Donations will be given to Solomon's Porch. For information call Tiffany 577-1464.

Ragtown Gospel Theater

Now playing "Saint John & The Televangelist." Runs each Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:00 p.m. from June 14 - September 14. Tickets available and show information online at Ragtown.com or call Ragtown Theater at 877-724-8696.

Rodeo parade

The annual rodeo parade sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce to herald the Post Stampede Rodeo will be at 3 p.m. Aug. 10 in downtown Post. Cash prizes will be awarded. Call the Chamber at 495-3461 to register or for information.

GED prep

The Post Public Library website now offers life-learning resources for GED test preparation, job search and workplace skills. Visit wts.tsl.state.tx.us/plpb to register. For information call, 990-2149.

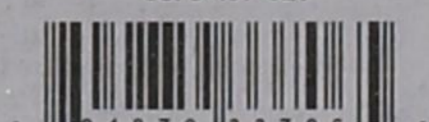
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High Plains cotton acreage down from 2012

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Special to the Dispatch

High Plains producers planted less cotton than they did in 2012, according to the June 28 USDA Planted Acreage Report.

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service reports that 3.7 million acres of High Plains land were planted to cotton this year, about a 12 percent decrease from the 4.17 million acres planted in 2012. This number is right in line with the Plains Cotton Growers projection earlier this spring based on feedback from member gins and growers.

The northern portion of PCG's service area saw more of an acreage shift, from just more than 1 million in 2012 to 860,000 in 2013, a 16 percent decrease. Planted acreage was down 10 percent in the Southern High Plains, from 3.15 million acres in 2012 to 2.84 million in 2013. The drop was expected by many analysts, although these numbers actually are closer to the five-year average for the PCG service area.

"This acreage report is significant, but does not necessarily foretell production," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "Since those surveys, we have lost quite a bit of cotton acreage on the High Plains to severe weather events, and we certainly are still in a drought situation. A few timely rains could make all the difference in the world for the 2013 crop."

Lubbock County Extension Agent Mark Brown reported earlier this week that about 28,000 acres of cotton in southeast Lubbock County were destroyed on June 17 alone. Several other areas in the PCG service region are reporting crop loss, but official numbers still have not been finalized.

Thanks to some much-needed precipitation, overall progress of this year's High Plains cotton crop is closer to what could be called a typical year, but growers still face challenges. Additional rain still is needed across the entire area in order to sustain the crop.

Temperatures have exceeded the 100-degree mark over most of the High Plains in the past week, but forecasts predict cooler temperatures and chances of rain over the next several days.

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Collection



Anna Gibson/Post Dispatch

Recently added to the Garza County Historical Museum are some pieces of C.W. Post's private office collection, including sculptures, prints and 19th-century carved wooden chairs. A private reception was held June 28 before opening to the public June 29.

Museum welcomes rare exhibit

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The C.W. Post Homecoming Exhibit has arrived at the Garza County Historical Museum, courtesy of the Hillwood Museum in Washington, D.C.

Consisting largely of the cereal magnate's office furnishings, other items include artwork such as sculptures and prints.

In addition, 19th-century carved wooden chairs from Post's private art gallery are on display. The pieces were housed at the Post Cereal factory in Battle Creek, Mich., and later moved to Hillwood Museum.

Museum officials invited special guests to a sneak preview of the exhibit last Friday before opening it up to the public Saturday. About 50 people attended the reception.

"The Post community is welcomed to take this extraordinary opportunity to view the life of our beloved founder C.W. Post. Rare items from Mr. Post's private office and personal art collection have come 'home,'" said Linda Puckett, museum curator and executive director of the Garza County Historical Commission.

Anna Gibson

Bob Collier: 1924-2013

Longtime pharmacist established Americana in Post City

Bobby Collier, as he was known to family and friends during his youth, is shown in his Post High School Class of 1941 senior photo. Photo special to the Dispatch



By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

Bob Collier was remembered this week as man whose legacy in Post City is nothing short of iconic.

Spanning the better part of a six-decade career, the longtime businessman and pharmacist, whether by choice or by happenstance, secured Bob Collier Drug as the epicenter of societal culture for generations of baby boomers throughout Garza County.

"Bob Collier Drug was the place to see and be seen in Post City for simply years," said Collier's son Don. "In its heyday of the 1950s and 1960s, it was the hippest hangout for students. Then in later years it became a clearinghouse for many a reunion and homecoming of those same stu-

dents who would return to visit family and friends."

Robert H. "Bob" Collier, 89, died last Friday after a prolonged illness, bringing to close a chapter in the town's post-World War II history success that, for many, will always be known as the "good ol' days."

In addition to crediting his father for the establishment of Americana on Main Street, Don Collier also said his father was responsible for saving the lives of hundreds throughout Garza County and beyond.

"He was a brilliant man who knew his profession inside and out," Don Collier said. "While in the Army, because of his background in pharmaceutical studies, he was able to participate in the military's earliest test experiments of

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Ice Cream Social



The fifth annual Close City Community Ice Cream Social was last Saturday at the Close City School. A good number of area residents, families and friends turned out to enjoy homemade ice cream and other desserts and to hear regional bluegrass and gospel music favorite Hanks & Company of Seymour entertain the crowds. The band also played Sunday at Graham Chapel United Methodist Church.

The 501 That's some fancy pig in a poke

Don't cast your pearls before swine. I wouldn't argue with that bit of advice, no matter who said it. But a jewel in a pig's snout? It's a different matter.

Picture yourself face to face with a pig wearing a nose ornament. What do you see? Not whiskers, dirt and slime, but the jewel. In my mind's eye, the pig trinket is bigger than the dainty little diamonds and rings that adorn the noses of about half my favorite baristas. But even if it's a very small sparkler set in a pig's nose, your eyes invariably gravitate to the unexpected bit of bling as soon as it catches the light. Eyes are like that.

For what it's worth, I think all pig jewelry should be big and splashy. That said, television pig Maxwell probably will wear a modest earring in his next appearance — something to match the refined side of his persona. Oops. Replace "person" with "pig" in that word.

We humans slant our language, don't we? Anthropomorphize a pig, and your poised to blaze new trails though the political correctness maze. Does a pig have a personality or a pigality? Do pigs care? We digress.

What first made me think of jewels in pigs' snouts was an elegant copper sink I spied this week while shopping for plumbing parts. A design in mosaic glittered on the outside of the basin. On the inside, the shiny hammered copper surface gleamed up at me. Let's call it a

steal at \$199.

So far, the renovation of our humble farmhouse half-bath has cost about \$25 for everything — garage sale paint, one piece of cement board for 15 square feet and one pack of cheap stick-on floor tiles.

What's lacking in the renovation is a focal point. The copper sink would do it. At this point, if you think I'm serious, I am. It would be an eye-catcher of the highest order, right up there with jewels in pig snouts. Picture the basin sitting on a glass-topped cleaned-up sizeable vintage board from something like a vintage hog trough. The old bathroom walls are already perfect. Short of adobe plastered in white, nothing sets off pseudo-antique copper objects like whitewashed wood walls built of lumber marked with century-old saw cuts. Yes. It would work.

When I mentioned the sink idea to my husband, who's kept his distance — 150 miles — while I've tackled this half-bath redo, he didn't say no. He's an architect. He understands focal points.

Instead he cautioned the gyp in our well water might react in a bad way with copper.

Phooey. He's right. It would indeed. Oh well.

But I'm not giving up my dream. That's why there's Photoshop. We'll put the old sink back in, but on the wall we'll hang a picture of what the bathroom would have looked like with the fancy copper basin.

In the end we'll be glad we didn't spend the money. Over time, even a jewel in a pig's snout loses its pizzazz.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to Blackburn Media Group newspapers.

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Teachers retire



Post Elementary School teachers Karen Nichols and Nancy Norman were honored with a retirement reception May 30. Nichols taught music for the majority of her 29 years at the school, and Norman taught first grade for 27 years.

LEGISLATION

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Occupations Code regarding regulation of abortion procedures, providers and facilities, prohibiting abortions at or after 20 weeks post-fertilization and adding a violation related to abortions performed after the same time window to the list of prohibited practices by physicians or license applicants.

Included is an exception that allows an abortion in the physician's reasonable medical judgment that so complicates the medical condition of the woman, to avert the woman's death or

substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function, other than a psychological condition.

The legislation also directs the Texas Medical Board to assess penalties on physicians for improperly distributing or prescribing abortion-inducing drugs. And, the legislation would create a new minimum standard for abortion facilities licensed by the Department of State Health Services. Such a facility would be required to meet the new standards by Sept. 1, 2014.

In calling the second special session, Perry ordered lawmakers also to write and pass legislation

to fund transportation infrastructure projects and establish a mandatory sentence of life with parole for a capital felony committed by a 17-year-old offender.

Some lawmakers who challenged bills during the regular and first special sessions said that ultimately the abortion-regulating legislation would not stand up to scrutiny by the courts, nor would bills revising certain redistricting maps and limiting a jury's ability to mitigate parole in capital murder convictions of certain juveniles.

Ed Sterling contributed to this report.

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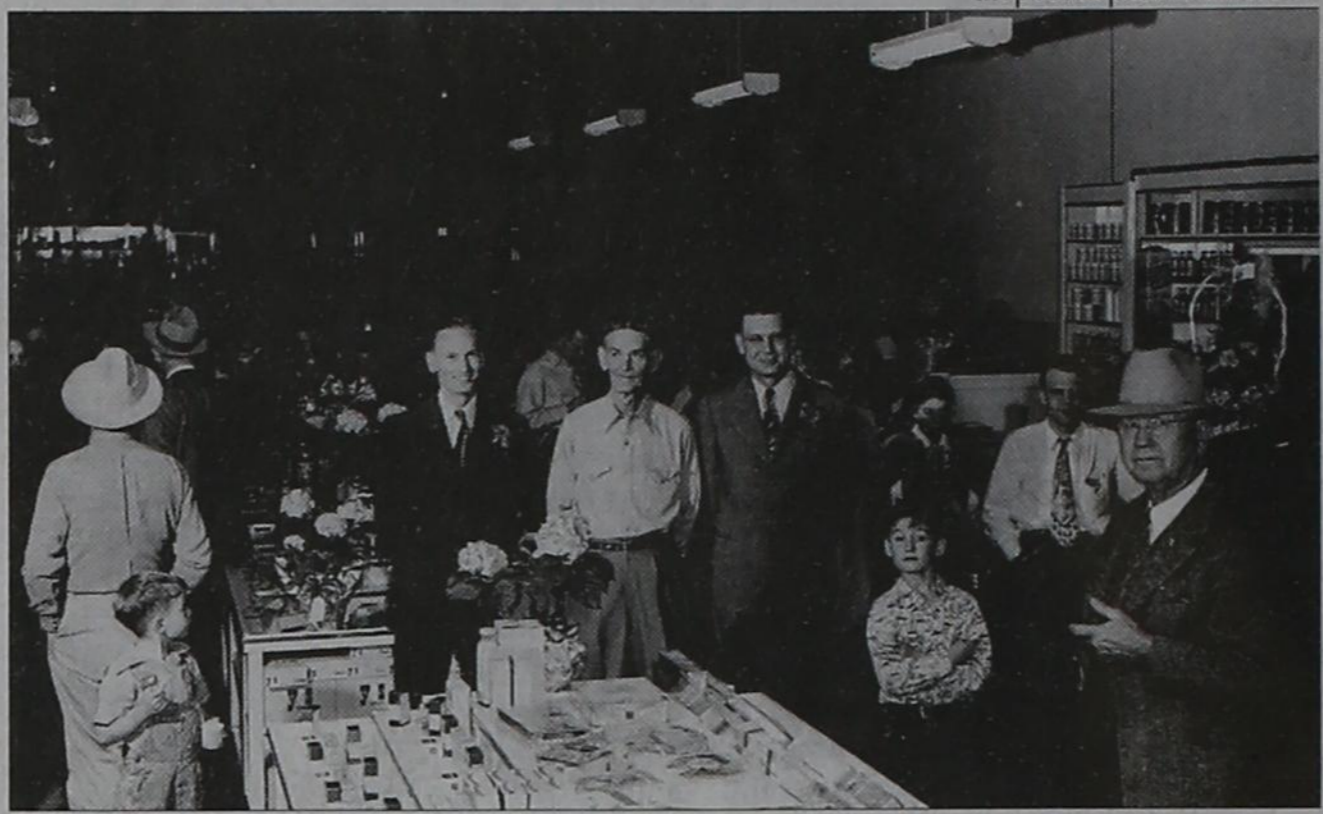
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Statewide, USDA reports that 5.7 million acres of upland cotton were planted, a 13 percent decrease from 2012 when Texas producers planted 6.55 million acres.

Nationwide, planted acreage for upland cotton is estimated at 10 million, down 17 percent from 2012.

The June Acreage Report is based on producer surveys of actual planted acreage information. It is the market's first glimpse of how many acres have actually been planted to various crops during the current growing season and sets the stage for evaluating where the crop stands at this point.

Up until now acreage discussions have been based on survey results designed to get a handle on producer intentions before they had actually put a seed in the ground.



Bob Collier, standing center left, greets a throng of customers to his drug store in downtown Post in this family photo from 1948. The longtime pharmacist and businessman whose career spanned nearly 60 years, died last week at age 89. He had been retired since 2005.

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a new drug called penicillin and its effectiveness in preventing infection."

Less than a decade after playing small role in the success of the wartime wonder drug, Collier would help spare hundreds of Post residents from a widespread epidemic that at its peak in the early 1950s had already killed more than a half-million people worldwide.

"I think he was most proud of the fact that, over the course of three Sundays in a row at the elementary school, he vaccinated the entire town for the polio virus," Don Collier said.

Collier's interest in the pharmaceutical business was established years earlier as the son of Robert H. "Doc" Collier, who established the first drug store in Post City in 1908 under the umbrella of the paternalistic Double U Company.

"At that time, Post was very much a company town and, in a lot of ways, still was when my father opened his store," Don Collier said. "It was one

of the first independent businesses in Post at the time it opened in 1948."

In addition to playing a critical role in the town's post-WWII business community, after returning home to begin his life with childhood sweetheart and by now new bride, Matti Stone, Bob Collier quickly posited himself as a leader within the faith community.

"He loved the Methodist Church," Don Collier said. "From that love of God and church sprang a love of humanity."

That love for humankind was evident in his 57 years of serving as the local representative for the Salvation Army.

"Every time someone needed help, he was there, ready and willing to help," Don Collier said. "There's no telling how many hundreds of nights of hotel rooms he paid for because someone needed a place to stay — oftentimes out of his own pocket."

Collier also was a long-time member of the Masonic Lodge and Rotary Club and served as president of both the regional and state pharmaceutical associations. He also served two terms on the

Post City Council.

In 2005, Collier retired and closed the doors to his drug store. At that time, the Collier name had been in business for 94 years, making it one of the longest-operating, family-owned drug stores in the state of Texas.

In 2007, Collier published a personal memoir, "The Blooming Drug Store," of his life as a pharmacist in Post.

"My dad, to me and to a lot of other people, was just larger than life," Don Collier said. "You know, he and I shared a great love of movies. When I was a young child going to the movies at the Tower Theater, they would show these ads before the movie for Bob Collier Drug. There was my dad up there on that movie screen right alongside the likes of Jimmy Stewart and the Duke, and I thought he was just like them."

Bob Collier was buried Monday in Terrace Cemetery alongside his beloved wife of more than 61 years and his daughter, DiAnna.

Friends remembered Collier this week not in terms of his lasting legacy on Earth but as a shining example of altruism who knew where his eternal glory really lay.

"I admired Bob on many levels," longtime friend Jim Plummer said. "He was a positive example when serving our community as a business leader and through his community involvement. Most importantly he served his Lord Jesus Christ with his concern and love for everyone he met."

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