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Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch  
Post Area Chamber of Commerce officials help welcome Peoples Bank to Post during a groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday morning at the site of what will be the facility's brick and mortar building on Broadway.

## Dirt turned at site of new Peoples Bank

By Wayne Hodgins  
The Post Dispatch

The Post City welcome wagon rolled out the red carpet last Friday as the town's newest bank broke ground on a facility on North Broadway.

Peoples Bank, with branches also Lorenzo, Nazareth, Shallowater and Slaton with two locations in Lubbock, has been operating out of a temporary building on the construction site of where its building will be located. The Post banking facility is the seventh for Lubbock-based business.

The bank opened its doors to the public Sept. 24. Keith Williams, former senior vice president and branch manager for Centennial (formerly Citizens) Bank, is serving in a similar role with Peoples. In addition, Charles Harden, formerly of Wells Fargo Bank in Post also is serving as a senior vice president for Peoples Bank, with his office to be located inside the local branch.

After the groundbreaking, lunch was served to the number of guests in attendance. The 2,500-square-foot building will be constructed by Mike Becknal and closely resemble its sister location in Slaton.

Peoples Bank began in 1999 and has current assets of more than \$330 million.

## Free concert to honor founder's birthday

The Post Dispatch

The community of Post is celebrating the birthday of its founder, cereal magnate C. W. Post, with a free concert at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage House, 109 N. Ave. N. The concert is being planned to coincide with the Post Area Chamber of Commerce is also sponsoring a "Cereal Cook-off."

Singer/songwriter Sydney Wright, formerly of Snyder and the granddaughter of Glen and Mary Margaret Norman of Post will be the evening's entertainment.

The C.W. Post Birthday Celebration is made possible by the generous support of Xcel Energy. It is sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association and the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. For information, call the Heritage House, 806-495-4148 or the Chamber office, 806-495-3461.



Wright

## Centennial milestone



Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch  
Velma Long Brown's immediate family, including children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Back row left to right is Wayne Long (grandson), Marcille Long (daughter-in-law), Emma Barnhart (great-granddaughter), Jayson Barnhart (grandson-in-law), Jay Young (grandson), Ken Young (grandson), J.D. Young (great-grandson); middle row Carson Long (great-grandson), Jack Barnhart (great-grandson), Drew Barnhart (great-grandson), D'Lynne Barnhart (granddaughter); front row Kristi Long (granddaughter-in-law), Don Long (son), Velma Long Brown, Ruth Ann Young (daughter) and Tommy Young (son-in-law).

# 100 years is a long time

By Anna Gibson  
The Post Dispatch

Velma Long Brown was born to George and Lizzie Johnson on Oct. 25, 1913, in Strong, Ark. She was the oldest of seven children. Her two youngest siblings, who are still alive, are Betty Turner, 86, and George Johnson Jr., 84.

Brown celebrated her 100th birthday Saturday with a reception in Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church of Post, given by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren. Friends and family came from far and near.

Brown's parents moved to Post when she was a child. She met Bill Long in Foard County and married in 1937.

They gave birth to two children, Ruth Ann Long (Young) and Don Long. They moved to Post in 1943 to a ranch just north of Post on Countyad 207. Bill died in 1962.

More than a decade later, Brown married Charlie Brown. They were married for 13 years until his death.

For a short time, Brown worked at Post schools a reading aid. Her hobbies are sewing, reading and being a homemaker.

Brown now lives at the Golden Plains Care Center in Post and is seen by her children every day.

While America looks back on history, Brown looks forward to the many more years ahead.

"Honestly, I don't remember a whole lot of the past, I am just thankful God has brought me through these many years of challenges, and I know he will continue to do so," Brown said.

In 1913 when she was born, America was fascinated with the newest technology. Henry Ford had just put into use the first moving assembly line at his plant in suburban Detroit, sparking a mass production revolution; Camel cigarettes were first introduced by R.J. Reynolds; the all-purpose zipper was patented; and the first published crossword puzzle appeared in a Sunday newspaper, the New York World. And today we are introduced to touchscreen tablets and smartphones and gadgets with the ability to bring information right to your fingertips.

While Brown may be living in the New Age, she still keeps a simple life. "I am just thankful I am still here, and I will continue to enjoy it," Brown said.

Brown's daughter Ruth Ann Young of Post said her mother has seen a great deal in her lifetime — more than most people.

"Mom is tough. She had pneumonia last year at this time, and we weren't sure how she would come out of the needed surgery," Young said.

"But here she is, healthy as ever, and I couldn't be happier."

Granddaughter-in-law Kristi Long commented on Brown's youthful appearance and ease of getting around.

"Velma is so beautiful. She looks absolutely great and to live 100 years is incredible," Long said.

Brown enjoyed the many hugs, kisses, stories, laughter, cake and time with the more than 100 loved ones and well-wishers who attended her milestone birthday now that she's a centenarian.

"Thanks to everyone for coming! I am so blessed," she said.

## 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.

### Rain harvesting

Garza County Extension officials will host a rain-harvesting workshop at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Post Community Center, 113 W. Main St., Post. The program will teach how to capture water to reuse on small gardens and in home plants. Cost per participant is \$25, which includes the water barrel, refreshments and materials. RSVP by calling the Garza Extension office 495-4400.

### Trick or Treat

The Main Street Division of the Post Chamber of Commerce invites children for Trick or Treat on Main Street from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday in downtown Post. Participating merchants will be handing out candy at their front doors. For information, call Janice Plummer at 495-3461.

### Toys for Tots

The Post Lions Club is seeking monetary donations or new unwrapped toys for the 2013 Post Lions Club Toys for Tots Program. Applications for the Toys For Tots can be picked up at the Post Elementary School office or any Post Lions Club member. Toy Barrels will again be placed at local businesses to receive any new toys. Contact Post Lion President, Jason Porter or any Post Lion to help.

### Homecoming fundy

The Pride of Post Marching Band Boosters will have a brisket-sandwich fundraiser from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Nov. 1. Plates also include sides and drink — dine-in or carry-out — for \$7. Tickets may be purchased from any band member or at the door. For information email Marcie Oden at cellaandrod@aol.com.

## Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Wayne Hodgins at 806-495-2816 or thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

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## Deaths

### Billy Roy McBride

Billy Roy McBride of Post (83 years old) was born 9-26-30 near Littlefield, Texas and died 10-12-13 at UMC in Lubbock. Memorial services will be on Saturday, November 2nd at 3pm at the Post church of Christ. His desire was to donate his body to Texas Tech University School of Medicine so interment of the ashes will be at a future date in the Dickens Cemetery. He was preceded in death by his parents Roy Spencer McBride and Justine Simpson McBride, his sister Marjorie Ann McBride Shirley as well as his first wife, Myrtle Alma Brown McBride and second wife, Willie Kennedy Cross McBride.

He is survived by daughter Donna Kay McBride Harden (Doug) of Austin, Tx; son Danny Wayne McBride of Austin, Tx; and step-son Butch Cross (Pam) of Bluff Dale, Tx. He is



**BILLY MCBRIDE**  
also survived by grandchildren Brandon Jay Lott (Alana) of Los Angeles Ca; Amy Cross Lanciano of Cleburne, Tx; Carey Cross Benton (Ryan) of Cleburne, Tx; and Myriann Cristine Allma Harden of Austin, Tx. He has four great-grandchildren - Raegan Lanciano, Kaysen Lanciano, Declan Lott and Everly Lott. Bill has two surviving siblings - Linda McBride Sedgwick (Dale) of Ralls, Tx and Robert McBride of Lubbock. He was

a Korean War Veteran who served in Company C of the 66th Medium Tank Battalion of the U.S. Army. Aside from being a barber for many years and a U.S. postal carrier until retirement, Bill was a preacher for the Dickens church of Christ. He was a proud resident of Post for over 50 years and a staunch Post Antelope supporter. He cherished his more than 20 years as serving as the "Voice of the Antelopes" for KPOS. Bill expressed his gratitude to his family, friends, neighbors, and church family for all the help and consideration over the past few years.

In lieu of flowers, denotations may be made in Bill's name to:

Garza County Trailblazers 205 E. 10th, Post, Texas 79356 Or The Children's Home of Lubbock PO Box 2824, Lubbock, Texas 79408 <http://www.childshome.org/>

### Marietta Pruitt

Marietta Pruitt, 91, of Post died Friday, Oct. 18, 2013, in Post. Graveside services for were Tuesday at Terrace Cemetery with Don Riley, Mike Taylor and Chuck Gibson officiating. Interment was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pruitt was born Jan. 16, 1922, in Electra to Ennis and Minnie (Winslett) Whitten. She married Charles Pruitt on April 9, 1945, in Post.



**MARIETTA PRUITT**  
Marietta graduated from Post High School and

worked at Postex Cotton Mill for many years. She was a member of the Nazarene Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband on May 11, 1975; son Ronnie Pruitt in 2013; and great grandchild Ashton in 2010.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law Diana Poe, Karen and Sammy Palmer and Anita and Wesley Morris, all of Post; 18 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

## Menus

### October 28- November 1

#### Southland ISD

##### Breakfast

**Monday:** Pancakes, sausage,  
**Tuesday:** Sausage and egg biscuit,  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast pizza or cereal, yogurt  
**Thursday:** Muffins, yogurt,  
**Friday:** Biscuits, sausage, gravy,  
(Fruit, juice and milk served daily)

##### Lunch

**Monday:** Corn dog, baked chips, baked beans, fruit  
**Tuesday:** Nachos grande, refried beans, garden salad, oranges  
**Wednesday:** Chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin  
**Thursday:** Spaghetti with meatballs, garden salad, carrots with ranch, breadstick, fruit  
**Friday:** Pizza choice, garden salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl  
(Milk served daily)

#### Post ISD

##### Breakfast

**Monday:** Sausage kolache, oven roasted ptatoes  
**Tuesday:** Cheddar omelet wrap,  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast pizza,  
**Thursday:** Waffles with sausage,  
**Friday:** Cereal, texas toast  
(100% fruit juice or fresh fruit and milk served daily)

##### Lunch

**Monday:** Beef and bean burrito, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles,  
**Tuesday:** Two crispy tagos, garden salad, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce,  
**Wednesday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, roll, brownie cookie,  
**Thursday:** Breaded pork chop, garden salad, savory green beans, sliced peaches, two breadsticks  
**Friday:** Hot dog, sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fresh seasonal fruit  
(Milk variety served daily)

#### Trailblazers

##### Lunch

**Monday:** Taco pie, Spanish rice, pinto beans, chocolate pudding, tortilla  
**Tuesday:** Baked ham, dressing, sweet potatoes, pumpkin crunch  
**Wednesday:** Fajitas, rice, bacarroca beans, peach cake, tortilla  
**Thursday:** Chopped BBQ sandwich, potato salad, orange jello  
**Friday:** Unavailable

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## Amity Study Club Quilter Easley presents to study club members

Members of the Amity Study Club met at the Post City County Library on Oct. 8 for their regular monthly meeting.

Guest speaker was local artist and quilter Joann Easley, who spoke about the interesting history of quilts and how quilt-making became an art form. Study club members enjoyed seeing Joann's beautiful handiwork she brought to the meeting.

Members then walked down to Ruby Lane Books to view more of Joann's handwork. Storeowner Rosa Latimer regularly exhibits local artists and artwork in her bookstore.

Study club members also were able to enjoy the lovely "Sit A Spell in Post" outdoor art exhibit. The unique exhibit features the handiwork of 15 area artists commissioned to create works of art on wooden chairs using the medium of their choice.

The beautifully artwork has been on display in the downtown corridor since August and will conclude at the end of the month.

Hostesses Edna Owen and LuAnn Terry served a delicious and fun "sack snack."

Librarian Peggy Ashley was also a gracious hostess and made us feel welcome and comfortable in the library.

Amity Study Club members answering roll call by showing or telling about family heirloom handwork were: Patsy Bilbo, Beth Cook, Jane Davis, Joy Dickson, Jane George, Suzanne Hudman, Nancy Kemp, Jane Mason, Marilyn Mason, Naomi Matsler, Peggy Smith, Ruth Ann Young and the hostess.

Beth Cook

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## Post Foundation



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A few representatives of the board of directors handed out 8 grants from the Post-Garza County Endowment fund, Friday night at the football game to local nonprofit organizations totaling the amount of \$10,750.00. In this photo are representatives of each nonprofit organization, which were, Post Cares, Post Animal Refuge, Community Recovery, Girl Scouts, My Special Place, Salvation Army, Caprock Cultural Association, and Trailblazers/Meals on Wheels. (left to right) Post Animal Rescue Center – Janice Plummer, Kathy Fluitt and Heather Hill – My Special Place, Harry Record – Endowment Board, Pixie Grisham – Post Cares, Curtis Hudman – Endowment Board, Chris Atkinson – Community Recovery Center, Jennifer Fumagalli – Salvation Army, Sheryl Cates – Lubbock Area Foundation, Minnie Sentell – Caprock Cultural Association, Doyleene Willborn and Patsy Bilbo – Trailblazers and Meals on Wheels, Marcy Perez – Girl Scouts, Cindee Reiter – Endowment Board

## Troopers seize 50-plus pounds of marijuana

The Post Dispatch

LUBBOCK — Texas Department of Public Safety troopers seized about \$229,000 worth of marijuana during a traffic stop Friday on Interstate 40.

DPS spokesman Sgt. Bryan Witt, public information officer for Region 5 in Lubbock, said Sr. Trooper Chris Ray stopped a 2013 Ford Fusion about 3 p.m. for a traffic violation outside of Amarillo.

Witt said during the stop Ray searched the vehicle and discovered in its trunk 50

vacuum-sealed packages, each containing about a pound of marijuana.

The driver of the vehicle, Shrish Upreti, 30, of Richland Hills, was placed under arrest for possession of marijuana, a second-degree felony, and booked into the Potter County jail.

Witt said the drugs were allegedly being transported from Fresno, Calif., to Fort Worth.

Wayne Hodgin



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Symposium hosted by Cogdell Memorial Hospital Friday, October 18, 2013, 6-8pm London Bleu 3011 College Ave., Snyder**

Guest speakers will be:

- Dr. Suzelle Moffitt, Family Practitioner - Covenant Medical Group
- Dr. Paul Anderson, Radiation Oncologist - Joe Arrington Cancer Research and Treatment Center
- Dr. Ibrahim Shalaby, Medical Oncologist - Joe Arrington Cancer Research and Treatment Center
- Belinda Alexander, OTR, CLT - Covenant Outpatient Rehab

Tickets are \$15 (meal included). Purchase tickets at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce or reserve by calling Belinda Kerr at 325-574-7182. Seating is limited so please purchase tickets or reserve seats in advance.



## Yesteryears

10 years ago  
October 23, 2003

Post Independent School District trustees continue to sort out their options regarding the disposition of the old Justiceburg school site and approximately 226 acres of property.

Beginning with water bills distributed at the end of the month, Post residents will see an increase in municipal sewer rates. The residential rate will climb to \$4 per month from \$3.50.

Mustangs outscore Lopes 63-45 but look for a win at Idalou. "They could have just given up, but came out in the second half and played hard and gave it their all they had" Stated Post Antelopes coach Tim James.

Clint McDaniel was awarded the Grand Champion Horse Buckle at the 2003 Garza County Jr. Livestock Associations' Horse Show held Sunday at the rodeo arena.

20 Years ago  
October 20, 1993

Deborah Rene Craig graduated from West Texas A&M on May 8 with a 3.33 GPA. She was awarded a Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business.

Jenifer Fumagalli of Post is the lucky winner of a Robert Chennault original oil painting. Mr. Chennault donated the valuable painting to benefit the many projects of the Caprock Cultural Association and Post.

Melissa Williams was named Garza County 4-H Sweetheart at the organizations annual awards banquet.

Main street was hopping last Saturday as tourists, Post and Garza County residents were out in force to enjoy the Festivals of founders Day.

30 Years ago  
October 23, 1983

The opening of a new counseling service in Post will be known as the Listening Center. It will be located in room 201 of the McCrary Building. The primary emphasis of the center, according to Ellis, will be the application of principles for personal growth and

adjustment as developed in Bi-Polar psychology.

A post Civic leader has been named "Friend of Education". The award will be presented to Ruby S. Kirkpatrick of Post during the awards banquet at Texas Tech University.

U.S. Highway 380 west of Post was under water Thursday morning following almost 12 hours of continuous rain.

40 years ago  
October 25, 1973

State Rep. Bill Healy of Paducah congratulates the 1973 Gold star boy and girl, Mark Terry and Nancy Maddox, at the annual Garza County 4-H achievement awards banquet.

Mrs. Beth Walker was selected as "Teacher of the Week". Mrs. Walker has been teaching 15 years, all which as been in the Post school system.

Friday night at the homecoming games the three nominees for Pep Squad beau were as follows: Jay Pollard, Donnell Harper and Ricky Shepherd. Ricky Shepherd was crowned 1973 Pep Squad Beau.

50 years ago  
October 24, 1963

Judy Clary, a graduate of post High School has been elected as a nominee along with four others for homecoming Queen at Cisco Junior College.

The Post Lions Club presented Dan Tucker, a longtime resident of Post, with a new wheelchair.

Diane Masey and Lorena Anderson have been named Septembers high point FHA girls by the homemaking department at Post High School.

Pat Sullivan, Benny Owen, Danny Odom and Butch Cross received the 46-56 Club members voted Monday night as the outstanding Post Antelope Players in Friday night's Slaton Game.

Anna Gibson

## 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 Doris Day

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Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Testamentary upon the estate of GERALD V. NORMAN, deceased, were issued to the undersigned 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in Garza County, are hereby required to present the same at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to my attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356 or myself,

Laveta Norman, Independent Executrix, 227 FM 1313, Post, Texas 79356

Laveta Norman, Independent Executrix

Dated 10-15-13

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# The 501 Bucket list shorter with winning eBay bid

**F**our minutes and 13 seconds to go, and the backpack will be mine! Make that three minutes and 47 seconds!

I'm a novice at eBay auctions, not to mention the use of exclamation points, requisite punctuation for the description of such bidding battles. But by the time old age sets in and confines me to the rest home, I hope to be a seasoned skillful online bidder.

Two minutes and 48 seconds!



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Yep, when I end up stuck somewhere with little chance to venture out to thrift stores (you never see those nursing home excursion vans parked at thrift stores, so I assume such shopping trips are not something you get to do when ambulation is only a memory), eBay will be the next-best thing to a thrift store spree. Right?

CALL FROM HUSBAND.  
"You're about the save \$75!" I told him.

Soon we were down to seconds. I counted so he could share the excitement, even if he didn't know what I was buying or why he was saving money.

If I'd lost the bid for the \$15 (plus \$10 for shipping) laptop backpack, my backup backpack plan was for him to spend \$100 on a certain new one for me for Christmas. All news to him.

Seven, six, five, four, three, two, one! Yes! A new old computer bag for me, almost exactly like the

one I've been carrying for about six years — the same brand and hopefully the correct size.

Here I am feeling sorry for the loser. Who was that mysterious other bidder anyway? That's the trouble with eBay. You don't get to see your competitor raise his or her hand to up your bid. You don't get a sense of the working rhythm of the auctioneer. How soon will he decide to bang the gavel to end the misery? You don't get to watch the spotters. They are like owls. Their necks turn with jerks as they look back and forth with piercing gazes at the last two or three bidders on any object. eBay has no spotters. Oh well.

The heady atmosphere of a real auction is mostly lost when the process gets filtered through the Internet. But, in the end, if you're the high bidder, you still win. You get essentially the same feeling — elation tempered with misgiving. I got it! Did I pay too much? Oh well again.

Ah, pervasive Internet. You transform so many of life's rich experiences into virtual reality. Maybe we should all be glad. The transition from living life at its fullest to dialing things down to whatever we can still manage to do in our final years should be easier if some sort of substitute reality is at our fingertips. Even if arthritis robs us of stellar typing speeds, we should still be able to navigate the world via the Web and even bid on eBay items.

What to do with a disappointing purchase? Make it a nursing home Bingo gift. Try not to win it back.

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

# The Paperboy A friendly holiday boycott

**A**m I the only one that is irritated by stores opening on Thanksgiving Day?

In our quest for the mighty dollar, millions of people around the country are going to have to work on Thanksgiving. I think that's wrong.

In my business, which is deadline-driven, I offer four paid holidays a year: News Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We'll do whatever we can to avoid work on those days.



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I also try to throw a couple of other holidays in as well. We're not the federal or state government, but we try and keep morale high and a well-deserved day off is justified in my opinion.

Thanksgiving Day was once a holiday for nearly everyone. Gradually, Black Friday sales pushed their start times up. Now, with major retailers on board, more and more of them are opening on Thanksgiving.

It's bad enough that people get into fights and act like complete morons at these sales, but to do it on a day that we are supposed to give thanks for our many blessings is ridiculous.

I think it's wrong to ask employees to work on Thanksgiving and the holidays I mentioned above. I just do. I want my employees to spend that time with their families. I want to spend

time with my family on those days.

Here's what I plan on doing as a statement for those having to work on Thanksgiving, I'm going to shop at the stores that will remain closed on Thanksgiving. Hopefully, in our small towns, that will still mean most of the stores will be available to me.

And here's my plan for Thanksgiving:

- Wake up early and get the turkey on.
- Go back to sleep unless a child keeps me awake.
- Wake up and drink some coffee.
- Watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with my children. (Macy's employees probably can't watch the parade as they'll have to work.)
- Start cooking some of our other turkey day staples.
- Watch some football.
- Eat with family and friends while thanking God for the ways he's blessed me.
- Watch some football.
- Eat with family and friends.
- Pass out.

Now that sounds like a holiday. One without shouting and anger. A relaxing day full of love.

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## Guest Column

# Springer details proposition 6 'Water Plan'

By Drew Springer

Texas and its future needs your help. We use it every day to brush our teeth, take a shower and clean the dishes. And most of us probably take it for granted that when we turn on that tap, water will flow. Despite our reliance on these daily tasks, ensuring an adequate supply of water is one of the toughest and most expensive policy challenges facing our growing state.

With more than 1,000 people moving to Texas every day, the total population is expected to almost double by 2060. During the same time, without action, our water supplies are projected to decline. Texas cannot continue to be the economic engine of the United States without addressing its current and future de-

mand for water. We must insure we have the infrastructure to capture and deliver water for all aspects of our life and economy: domestic, agriculture, industry, and oil & gas.

Local and regional officials have worked to identify and prioritize projects to meet this demand, not politicians in Austin.

However: they are expensive, cities don't have piles of money to pay for projects, and rural Texas (as well as most of the State) can't borrow money as cheap as Texas. In response, this year's Texas Legislature authorized the creation of a statewide water fund.

With voter approval of Proposition 6 in the November constitutional amendment election, a one-time only allocation of \$2 billion from the State's Rainy Day fund will create a per-

petual loan fund. It is estimated this will fund up to \$30 billion for critical water projects such as new reservoir construction, augmentation of existing ground/surface waters sources, pipelines and new wells.

This plan WILL NOT raise taxes on individuals or businesses, and 100% of the money would be dedicated to water projects.

With a balance of almost \$7 billion even after the withdrawal, the Rainy Day Fund will continue to be strong and available for other emergency needs. And just announced the estimates for this year's addition to the Rainy Day fund from oil & gas revenue is approximately \$2.5 billion!

Proposition 6 was the result of a bipartisan effort of Texas legislators and more than 160

are working to promote approval of Proposition 6 on the November ballot along with the vast business organizations around the state.

We understand that a lack of water impacts all Texans, and the cost of doing nothing is too great for our citizens, our economy, and our children and grandchildren.

Funding the State Water Plan is critical to continued job and economic growth. A YES vote on Proposition 6 will mean the necessary funding to ensure a long term supply of water for the state for the next 50 years.

Only God will end the drought with his blessing of rain but we must be good stewards and be ready to use those gifts wisely. Please join me in voting YES on November 5th for Prop 6.

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## Post 42, Tulia 14

# Lopes sting Hornets for three-way district tie



Lance Dunn/For the Dispatch  
**Brian Smith leaps over a Tulia defender and heads for the end zone in one of three touchdowns he would score for Post last Friday against visiting Tulia. The Post team notched its second district victory to land them in a three-way tie with Abernathy and Olton heading into this week's game.**

By Jerry Pyles  
 For the Dispatch

The cold front or the Tulia Hornets couldn't stop the Post Antelopes last Friday night at Jimmie Redman Stadium. The Antelopes improved to 6-1 on the season and 2-0 in district play. The Hornets fell to 3-4 and 0-2.

Tulia would receive the opening kickoff and after six plays was forced to punt. The short punt into the strong north wind, would give Post excellent field position. The Bold Gold would need only five plays before they scored their first touchdown of the night.

Bryan Smith would score the first of three touchdowns from 35 yards. Aron Lopez' kick was block and Post lead 6-0 with 5:18 remaining in the first quarter. The Hornets put together a nine-play, 76-yard drive to take the lead at 7-6 with 28 seconds left the first quarter.

On Post's first possession of the second, quarterback Pake Jones would complete a pass to Cambry Gilbert for 10 yards; Smith gained 6. The next play DJ. Brown would race 38 yards to a Post touchdown. Smith would add the 2-point conversion. The Antelopes regained the lead at 14-7.

The Bold Gold defense would stop the Hornets on downs at the Tulia 40 yard line. Gilbert ran for seven on first down; Post picked up 15 yards on a pass interference by the Hornets the pass was intended for Austin Garza. Jones would carry two times down the Tulia 2 yard line. Smith would finish the drive from the 2. Lopez would nail the kick. Post would lead 21-7. The Hornets scored a touchdown with 13 seconds remaining cutting the Post lead to 21-14.

Post received the kickoff the start the third quarter. Despite being forced to punt into the strong wind Post punter Lopez was able to get off a good kick. On first down, Hornet running back Brandon Jackson fumbled, and Gilbert recovered at the Antelope 39. Post was unable to put points on the board after the turnover.

Although neither team would score during the third quarter, the Antelopes would blow the game open during the fourth by scoring 21 unanswered points.

QB Jones would score from the 1 as the quarter began. Lopez added the extra point. Smith would score from the 1 with eight minutes remaining push the lead to 35-14. The defense stayed strong throughout the final quarter, not giving the Hornets any offense.

The final touchdown of the game would be 10-yard run by Marco Erives. Lopez added his fifth kick to put Post up, 42-14.

Brown and Smith each finished with more than 100 yards rushing. Mondo Martinez graded out at 85 percent blocking for the game. Jayson Walden and Sergio Soliz graded 80 percent with three pancakes each. Alejo Rodriguez had 17 tackles, three sacks and two tackles for loss. Paden Babb and T.J. Basquez had nine tackles and five sacks between the two. Dylan Pearson had an interception.

The Post Antelopes, Abernathy Antelopes and Olton Mustangs stand atop district standings at 2-0. Roosevelt Eagles, Tulia Hornets and the Floydada Whirlwinds are 0-2.

Post will travel to Floydada tonight to play the Whirlwinds. Olton will take on Abernathy, and Roosevelt and Tulia will be looking for their first wins.

## Football Roundup

### Thursday night wins clear way for clean sweep of Tulia

The Post JV Antelopes traveled to Tulia on Thursday and came home with a 62-32 victory. The win improves their record to 5-2 on the season and 2-0 in district play.

The Lopes would score two touchdowns in the first quarter. The first Blaine Reece would run 65 yards to the end zone giving Post a 6-0 lead as the PAT failed. The second, A.J. Reed would dive in from two yards out and on the PAT Reed would pass the Reece extending the lead to 14-0.

The Bold Gold would light up the board in the second quarter as they would score four times. Auggie Menchaca would run 87 yards for a touchdown. Reed would add the 2-point attempt. The second Reed would score from 45 yards out. Osmar Portillo would kick the extra point. The third touchdown would be A.J. Ecebedo would cross from 15 yards. The PAT failed. The fourth touchdown would be an 80-yard kickoff return by Reed. The halftime score would be 41-20 in favor of Post.

The Lopes would wait until the fourth quarter to score again. Reed would score two more times giving him five for the game. One was a 60-yard run and the second a 55-yard run. The final touchdown of the game would be a 1-yard run from Sammy Soto.

Key offensive and defensive players: Tristan Fannon, Ben Ayala, Alex Ramirez, Fabian Marquez, Brayden Pyles, Blaze Smith and Colton "Bull" Smith. The defensive line - Smith, Hayden Belongia, Marquez and Fannon.

Jarred Curtis and Wyatt Gray intercepted passes, and Christian Pearson had a 45-yard catch.

The Lopes have three games remaining: last night at Floydada, Oct. 31 at Olton and Nov. 7 at home against Abernathy.

### Seventh-graders edge by Hornet team

The Post seventh-grade team (5-1) improves to 2-0 in district play with a 24-22 win against the Tulia Hornets.

Zach Smith, Damontre Curtis and Bandy Osborn each contributed to help the Lopes put up a win over the Tuila Hornets. The Post defense came up with a stop in the fourth quarter when Tuila was going for a 2-point conversion to tie up the game.

"Our guys did a great job defensively not letting them score and playing hard all four quarters," head coach Joshua Reese said.

The Post seventh-grade team was set to play the Floydada Whirlwinds last night in Floydada.

Staff reports

# Love that Bold Gold football!

## Puzzle of the Week

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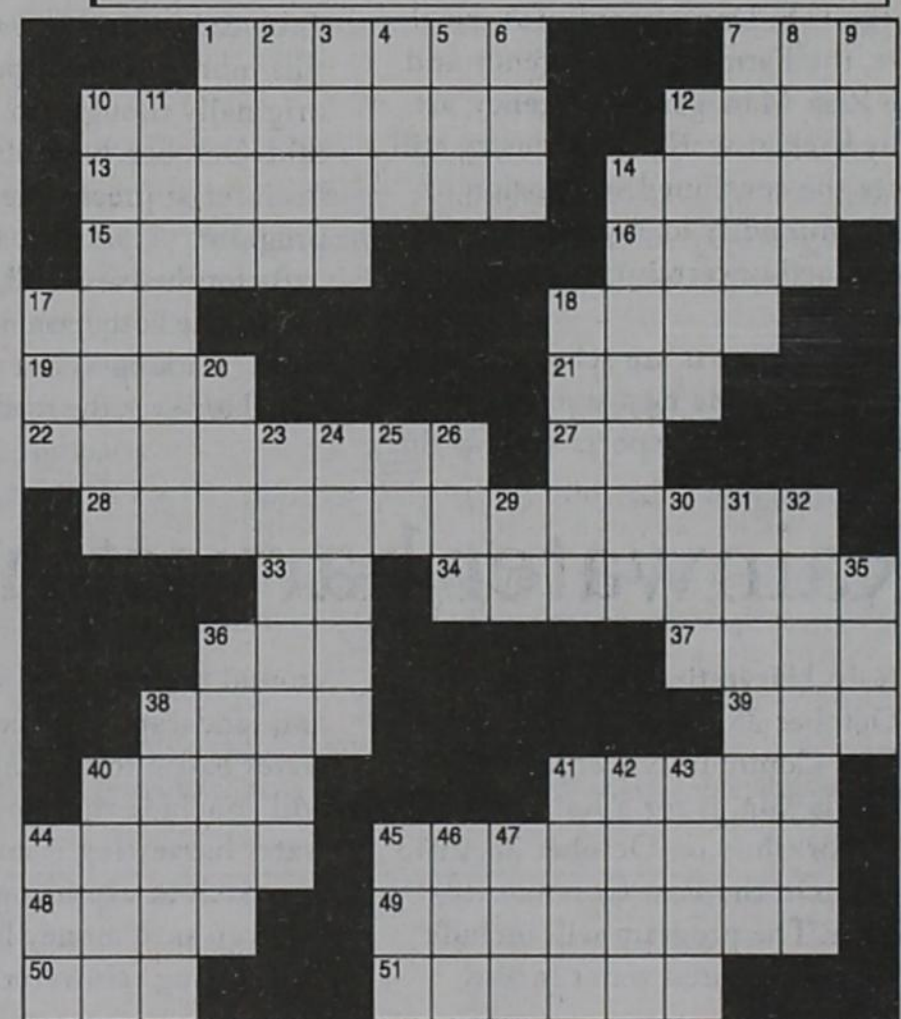
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22. Exchange
27. 39th state
28. Word of many parts
33. Bleak House author's initials
34. Idol worshiper
36. 21st Greek letter
37. Mama's partner
38. Most important
39. Jar cover
40. Comportment
41. Drop behind
44. Russian prison camp
45. Betrothal
48. Actor Ladd
49. Pasta flour
50. Big London clock
51. Fingerless glove

### CLUES DOWN

1. Bunks
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3. Teapot warmer
4. Black tropical Am. cuckoo
5. Memorial architect Maya
6. Microgram
7. More uncommon
8. Hand grenade
9. Blare
10. Non-presidential elections
11. New (French)
12. Dish of raw vegetables
14. A disgraceful event
17. 7th zone W. of Greenwich
18. \_\_\_\_\_ Park: 94025
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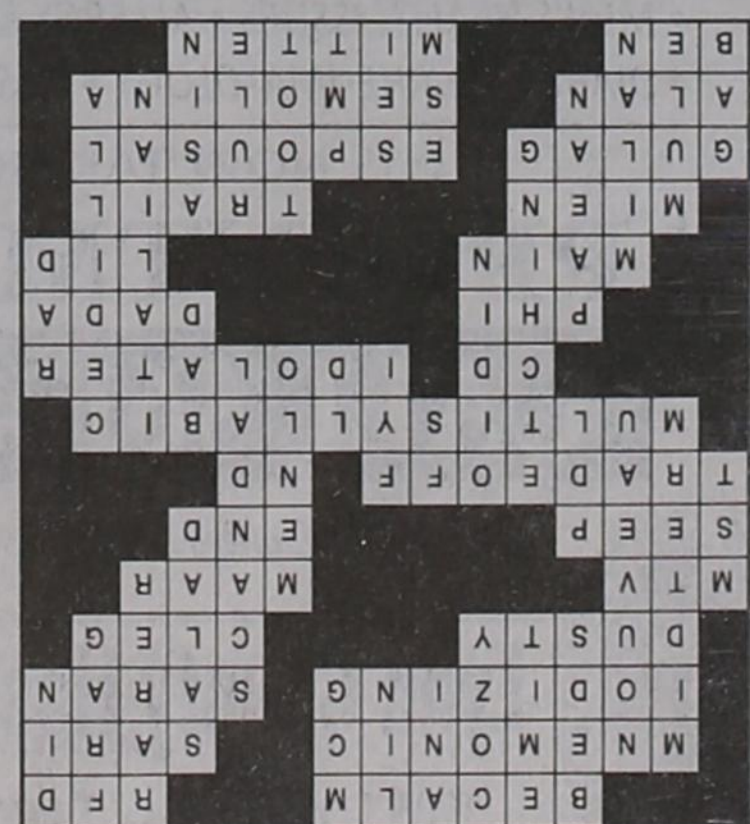
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32. Diacritical mark
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38. Lombardy capital
40. Backless slipper
41. Honk
42. What a monarch does
43. 7th Hindu month
44. Talk
45. Energy Saving Module (abbr.)
46. Type of whale
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### PUZZLE SOLUTION



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# Capital Highlights

## Federal shutdown ends but issues remain

By Ed Sterling  
For the Dispatch

AUSTIN — A federal shutdown arching over Texas and the rest of the nation since Oct. 1 resulted in the temporary closure of many facilities and the furloughing of millions of employees.

On Oct. 16, the shutdown ended when both houses of Congress adopted a continuing appropriations act that does three things: increases the nation's debt limit, allows the treasury to pay bills and returns the federal government to full operations, at least until mid-January.

John Cornyn, Texas' senior senator, and freshman Sen. Ted Cruz, both Republicans, voted against the act. Cruz headed contingencies in both houses to defund the federal health care law ("Obamacare") in exchange for compromises on the federal budget. Those efforts resulted in the shutdown. As for the Lone Star State's 36 U.S. House members, all 12 Democrats voted in favor of the compromise and all 24 Republicans voted against it.

Lawmakers and the executive branch generally have indicated their willingness to work toward timely solutions to the nation's financial issues in over the next three months in order to avoid the next fiscal cliff. Democrats and a contingency of Republicans, while in a compromising mood, continue to wrestle over "Obamacare" and how its cost dynamics affect other areas of the federal budget in the long term.

Perrys take overseas trip  
For economic development purposes, Gov. Rick Perry and First Lady Anita Perry left Texas on Oct. 15 bound for London and Jerusalem. The couple's scheduled return is Oct. 25. No tax dol-

lars would be used for travel and accommodations on the trip, the governor's office said.

Court to hear Texas cases  
The U.S. Supreme Court agreed on Oct. 15 to hear six cases to determine if the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration exceeded its authority to regulate greenhouse gases from stationary sources, the Texas Railroad Commission reported.

Railroad Commission Chairman Barry Smitherman expressed hope that the court would put a damper on EPA rules governing carbon dioxide emissions from power plants, factories and motor vehicles.

Students say no to drugs  
More than 1,000 Texas fifth-grade students donned mustaches and pledged to remain drug free at the 16th annual Red Ribbon Rally Thursday at the State Capitol on Oct. 17.

The children raised this chant to their peers: "I mustache (must ask) you not to do drugs!"

Red Ribbon Week began as a grassroots movement to honor the memory of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a federal Drug Enforcement Administration agent who was kidnapped, tortured, and killed by drug dealers in Mexico in 1985, organizers said.

Bus awareness starts now  
Texas Department of Public Safety is urging drivers to obey state law by not passing any school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal, either flashing red lights or a stop sign.

Highway Patrol troopers are enhancing their efforts to catch those drivers who break the law as part of National School Bus Safety Week, Oct. 21-25, "The moment when students are entering or exiting the bus is one of the

most dangerous times of a student's trip; and drivers who pass a stopped school bus create a potentially deadly situation," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "The safety of Texas children is paramount, and DPS will not tolerate those who break the law and put our children at risk."

Early voting period begins  
Secretary of State John Steen, the state's chief elections officer, announced early voting for the Nov. 5, 2013, Constitutional Amendment election begins Monday, Oct. 21, and runs through Friday, Nov. 1.

Texas voters may vote at any early voting location in the same county as their voter registration.

This will be the first statewide election with photo ID requirement in effect for in-person voting.

"I encourage all Texans to check now to make sure they have the required photo ID if they plan to vote in person," said Steen. To find out where and when to vote, and about photo ID, visit VoteTexas.gov <http://www.votetexas.gov/> .

Money proposed for projects  
An additional \$250 million may be available for Texas highways impacted by energy sector traffic, state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, announced Oct. 15.

The funding would go to 70 maintenance and repair projects statewide, where repairs are necessary because of the high volume of oil and gas industry truck traffic.

Despite the fact that oil and gas development in the Eagle Ford Shale contributed more than \$1.24 billion in state revenue in 2012 alone, TxDOT has proposed converting some paved state highways in the shale region to unpaved roads, Zaffirini said.

## Smith appointed DA for Borden, Scurry counties

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Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Benjamin Smith of Snyder as district attorney of the 132nd Judicial District in Borden and Scurry counties for a term to expire at the next general election.

Smith replaces Dana W. Cooley, who recently stepped down as district attorney to accept a faculty position at Lubbock Christian University.

Smith is the Borden County attorney and an assistant district attorney for the 132nd Judicial District. He is a former partner at Hargrove and Smith Attorneys at Law and former municipal court judge for the city of Snyder.

He also is a member of the State Bar of Texas and Texas District and County Attorneys Association and a past board member of the West Texas Children's Advocacy Center.

He is also a lay leader at First United Methodist Church of Snyder, a member of the Snyder Independent School District Tiger Dads and a past member of the Snyder Lions Club.

Smith received a bachelor's degree and law degree from Texas Tech University.

## Authorities re-issue plea for cattle theft info

FORT WORTH — Authorities with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Comanche County Sheriff's Office are seeking new information leading to the arrest and/or indictment of anyone involved in the possible theft of eight registered, Charolais cows.

The cows were allegedly stolen from Robert Collier, a rancher in Comanche County. TSCRA is offering a reward through its Operation Cow Thief Program.

TSCRA Special Ranger H.D. Brittain said the cattle went missing between Sept. 1, 2012, and May 3, 2013. Brittain said the cattle are branded on the left hip, tattooed, and valued at \$12,000.

Anyone with possible information regarding this theft or another suspected theft, is urged to contact TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at 888-830-2333, Brittain at 325-853-2062 or your local sheriff's office.

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TSCRA has 30 special rangers stationed strategically throughout Texas and Oklahoma who have in-depth knowledge of the cattle industry and are trained in all facets of law enforcement. All are commissioned as Special Rangers by the Texas Department of Public Safety and/or the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

TSCRA is a 136-year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 16,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.

## Cotton News

### Farm Bill still up in the air as feds return to work

By Mary Jane Buerkle  
Special to the Dispatch

A smorgasbord of issues and opportunities has surrounded the cotton industry over the past week, and although the government shutdown may be over and key agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Farm Service Agency and the Risk Management Agency, are fully back at work, the industry still faces the continued suspension of the commodity loan program and continued uncertainty regarding the Farm Bill.

USDA reports are scheduled to resume over the next week, but they will not re-issue reports such as the

World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, which was scheduled for release Oct. 11. The next WASDE report will be posted Nov. 8, along with the Crop Production and Cotton Ginnings reports.

The Farm Service Agency suspended the Commodity Loan program due to sequestration earlier this month. The suspension was originally thought to last only until mid-October, but a date had not yet been set at press time to resume the program.

As for the Farm Bill, the House and the Senate both have named their conferees, marking a clear path for completion. However, the road certainly will

still be rocky as Congressional leaders work toward enacting new farm policy. U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer and U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway both were named to the conference committee.

On the home front, several areas of the South Plains benefited from rainfall over the past week. For the most part, the rain fell softly and slowly, and producers at least were able to avoid storms that could have had a significant impact on the crop, but the cool, damp weather has caused some harvest delays. However, with temperatures forecasted to be in the mid-60s and lower 70s over the next few days, harvest activity is expected to increase significantly.

## Rainwater harvesting workshop slated

Rain Harvesting Workshop  
October 28, 2013 @ 6 pm  
Post Community Center

Come join us for a Rain Harvesting Workshop on October 28, 2013 @ 6 pm in the Post Community Center. The program will include utilizing captured water in and

around the home on small gardens and landscape. The construction of a water barrel to take home and utilize will conclude the program. Rainwater harvesting is an innovative approach to capturing free water. You can save money by collecting and storing rainwater to irrigate

your trees, shrubs, flowerbeds, house plants, containers and gardens.

Cost per participant will be \$25 for the program - that includes your water barrel and refreshments and printed material. Please RSVP by October 23, 2013 at the Extension office-495-4400.

## Free photo ID



Amy Leon from the DPS of Lubbock set up in the Garza County Courthouse for the week to help residents receive a free photo I.D. for the purpose of voting. The federal law put in effect the ordinance that all voters must show a photo I.D. of some kind. Leon says, "It could be anything like a Drivers License, State I.D., or a passport, but anyone not having a photo I.D. that is eligible to vote, needs to get a free photo I.D. This I.D. cannot be used for anything else and is only necessary to get if you don't have any other form of photo I.D."

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### ORDINANCE NO. 7

The Board of Directors of the White River Municipal Water District does hereby adopt the following Ordinance to secure, maintain, and preserve the safety and sanitary conditions of all property owned by the White River Municipal Water District

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the White River Municipal Water District (the District) has determined a need in the best interest of the District to adopt this ordinance regarding glass bottles and the open display of alcoholic beverages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the District that:

Glass bottles or beverage containers are not allowed in recreational areas;

and

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- Visitors, quiet hours are from midnight to 6 a.m. All visitors must be respectful and abide by quiet hours. Loud music, and other loud activity or behavior is prohibited during quiet hours.
- Pack-it-in/pack-it-out. Visitors must carry out all trash and debris they have brought into our recreational areas. Trash that is left on the District property poses a serious threat to our wildlife.
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- Wildlife, plants, terrain and all buildings, signs and tables and other structures are protected; removal or damage of any kind is prohibited. Any visitor or resident who damages any wildlife, plants, terrain, buildings, signs, tables, or structures is responsible for any repair and/or replacement damage.
- Pets are allowed, but must be under physical control at all times on a leash.
- Glass bottles are not allowed in recreational areas on White River Municipal Water District property. Any violations will result in immediate confiscation of the glass by WR staff and subject any violators to a fine.
- No open display of alcoholic beverages is permitted. Any violations will first result in a warning. Repeat violators will be subject to a fine.
- All Texas state laws are in effect and enforceable by White River Municipal Water District Police Officers.
- ATV/UTV use is restricted to leaseholders only. Permits are required for ATV/UTV use. Individuals engaging in ATV/UTV use must abide by these General Rules and any rules for recreational vehicles adopted by White River Municipal Water District.
- Visitors, Boaters and Personal Water Craft users must follow all Texas Parks & Wildlife rules and regulations.
- Boaters, lake levels vary within the lake; observe obstructions and obey marked buoys. All individuals are additionally required to stay away from restricted areas at all times. Some of our dangerous restricted areas are the water treatment plant, lagoons, Dam, and raw water intake. Restricted areas include any marked areas. Additionally, visitors your vehicle can easily get stuck in our lakebed and within 150 feet of our waters edge along our shorelines. For insurance purposes, the District is prohibited from assisting you with removing your vehicle. Wrecker fees in this region are expensive and damage to our shoreline and lakebed cause erosion problems. For this reason you may be ticketed, fined and found responsible for damages to these areas. For these reasons keep your vehicle off of our lakebed and 150 feet away from our waters edge of our shoreline.
- Boaters must park empty trailers in designated asphalt parking lots only. Trailers may be parked in designated parking lots only.
- Vehicles are allowed in designated parking areas only. Please keep all vehicles 150 feet from water's edge. No vehicles are allowed on lake shore line or lakebed. Vehicles must be kept on trails and/or roadways and/or designated parking areas at all times. Maximum speed limit is 25 mph on District property.
- Residential areas include homes, boat docks, driveways, etc., (private property) are restricted to lot lease holders and their guests only. Camping is only allowed in designated camping areas with a permit. Violations of this rule are considered trespassing.
- Campers are responsible for your camping area. Please be respectful of others, observe quiet hours, keep your camping area clean at all times, and follow burn ban requirements.
- No hunting is allowed on White River Municipal Water District Property. No firearm may be discharged on White River Municipal Water District Property except to protect life or lessee's property. Discharge of firearms in any other case must be approved by Police or GM.
- No shirt, no shoes, no service at the District office and water treatment plant
- Visitors and residents may obtain more information at our website, including FAQ's and current information, at [www.whiterivermunicipalwaterdistrict.com](http://www.whiterivermunicipalwaterdistrict.com)
- District Fines 1st offense \$75, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$300. District reserves the right to ask anyone at any time to leave District property based on any violation of these rules, depending on the situation may permanently ban an individual from District property.

### WHITE RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RULES FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

**THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF RULES FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFTY OF OTHERS ON WHITE RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT PROPERTY. Lot Lessees are responsible for ownership and operation of any recreational equipment at all times. Your recreational vehicle permit may be revoked; citations and fines issued, and/or your lease may be revoked or denied renewal for any violations of these rules depending upon the serious nature of the situation or continued repeated violations.**

1. Beginning JANUARY 1, 2014, all lot lessees must show proof of ATV / UTV ownership by prior permit, title, bill of sale, VIN or serial number.
2. ATV/UTV permits are for LOT LESSEES and their immediate family only. THE PERMIT MUST BE DISPLAYED FRONT (HOOD/WINDSHIELD) OF ATV, UTV, DIRT BIKE, OR OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.
3. Speeding, reckless driving or any action causing WRMWD property damage will result in revocation of the permit for use of a recreational vehicle, issuance of a citation, being charged for any repair to property damage, and/or Lease revocation.
4. White River Municipal Water District will only issue up to four (4) ATV/ UTV permits for each lot lease. Additional permits must be approved by the White River General Manager AND acting Police Officer.
5. Lot Lessees are responsible for any guests operating your ATV/ UTV. Any violations of these rules by a guest of a Lot Lessee will be charged and assessed against the Lot Lessee.
6. Recreational Vehicle Permits are required for all ATVS, UTV, dirt bikes, boats and golf carts. No exceptions. WRMWD Ordinance #5.
7. Pursuant to Texas law, anyone operating a recreational vehicle under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is at least 18 years of age.
8. Pursuant to Texas law, no passengers are allowed at any time on an ATV unless the ATV is designed to carry a passenger.
9. Anyone less than 16 years of age is required to wear a DOT approved helmet.
10. All recreational vehicle use, including ATV, UTV, dirt bikes, and golf carts, must be kept on existing roads and existing trails only. Creating new trails will result in the issuance of a citation and fines to repair any damage. Repeat violations of this provision may result in revocation of the recreational vehicle permit.
11. No permit hold may drive on or across the Dam or on FM 2880.
12. No permit holder may drive on or across the lake bed, or on shoreline within 150 feet of water's edge or any posted restricted area.
13. Vehicle speed limit is 25 MPH on all White River roads. This includes all recreational vehicles such as ATV / UTV's and dirt bikes.
14. The District has a sensitive ecosystem in our remote areas where wildlife, plants, and terrain can be damaged causing erosion and problems for our lake. No trail building allowed! Please stay on existing trails. No illegal dumping or littering. Camping allowed in campgrounds only.
15. Some of our dangerous restricted areas are the water treatment plant, lagoons, Dam, and raw water intake. Do not enter any of these restricted areas at any times.
16. Trespassers or anyone falsely representing someone will be charged with trespassing, citation may be issued, and/or trespassers may be subject to bans from the District property.
17. Any vehicles or equipment weighing more than 10,000 pounds is not permitted within the District without first obtaining a work permit with a detailed description of the activity and need for heavy vehicle or equipment.
18. Permit holders are responsible for following posted signs, know these rules and the general rules, and to stay away from known or marked restricted areas.
19. Lot lessee you are responsible for the operation of your recreational vehicle at all times. Violations of these rules may result in fines of \$75 FIRST OFFENSE, \$150 SECOND OFFENSE, \$300 THIRD OFFENSE. Citations may also be issued for violations of Texas state law even if not specifically referenced herein. Repeat violations may result in denials of permits with incremental increases up to a permanent ban. The District reserves the right to revoke or suspend any permit or lease permanently based on a violation, repeated violations or serious nature of the situation.



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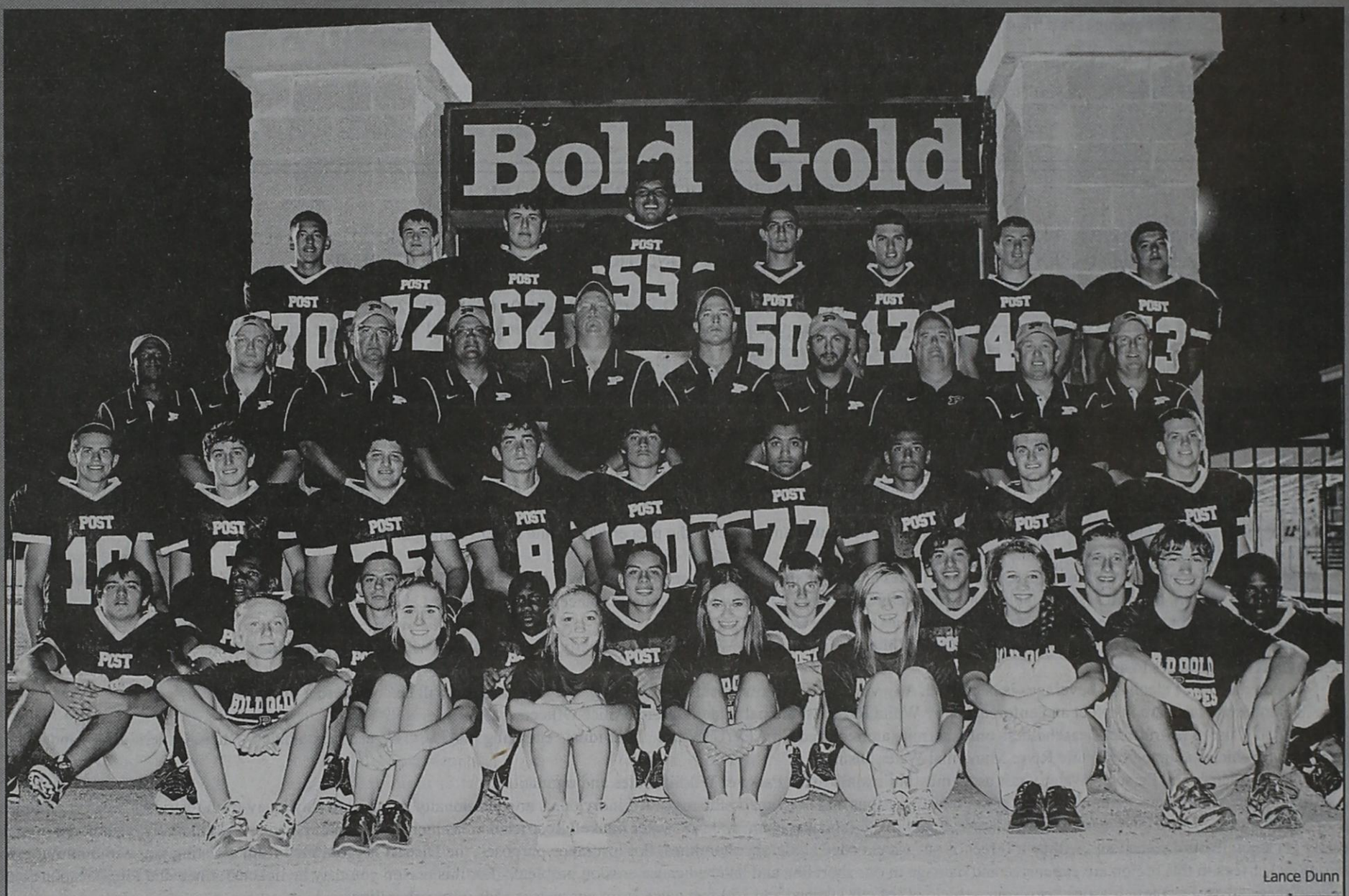


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**VARSITY**

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 16	Brownfield-scrimmage	Brownfield	6:00
Aug. 23	Sudan-scrimmage	Post	6:00
Aug. 30	Morton	Post	7:30
Sept. 6	Lamesa	Lamesa	7:30
Sept. 13	Slaton	Post	7:30
Sept. 20	Tahoka	Tahoka	7:30
Sept. 27	Denver City	Denver City	7:30
Oct. 4	Open		
Oct. 11	*Roosevelt	Post	7:30
Oct. 18	*Tulia	Post	7:30
Oct. 25	*Floydada	Floydada	7:30
Nov. 1	*Olton (Homecoming)	Post	7:30
Nov. 8	*Abernathy	Abernathy	7:30

\*District 2-AA

**JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM**

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	@Slaton	6:00
Sept. 19	Tahoka	6:00
Sept. 26	Denver City	6:00
Oct. 10	@Roosevelt*	6:00
Oct. 17	@Tulia*	6:00
Oct. 24	Floydada*	6:00
Nov. 7	@Abernathy*	6:00

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Jadie Matthew-High School Principal  
Marvin Self-Middle School Principal  
Staci Marts-Elementary School Principal  
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**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS**

DATE	OPPONENT	B	7TH	8TH
Aug. 29	Levelland	5:00		
Sept. 12	Slaton	5:00	6:00	7:00
Sept. 5	Lamesa	6:00		
Sept. 19	@Tahoka	TBA	5:00	6:00
Sept. 26	@Denver City	4:30	6:00	7:30
Oct. 3	@Brownfield	4:30	6:00	7:30
Oct. 10	Roosevelt*	4:30	6:00	7:30
Oct. 17	Tulia*	TBA	6:00	7:30
Oct. 24	@Floydada*	TBA	6:00	7:30
Oct. 31	Olton*	TBA	6:00	7:30
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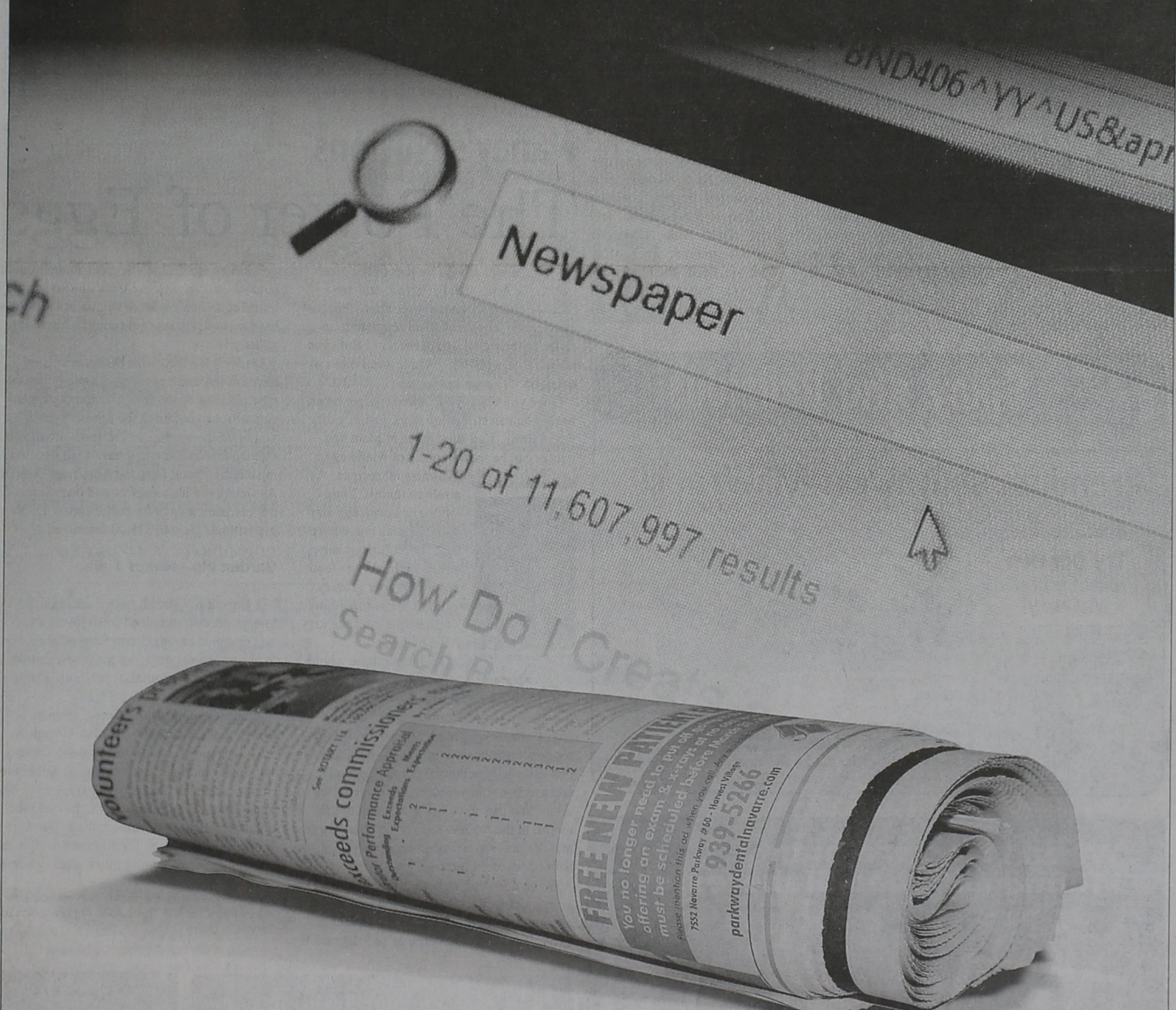
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## Texas Tech Hosts Family-Friendly Halloween Events

Texas Tech University will host a variety of Halloween events for the campus and Lubbock communities.

The National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) hosts Heritage Halloween, 4 - 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 25 at 3121 Fourth St. The event is free to the public and children can trick-or-treat at the historical structures at the NRHC. Treats will be period-specific for each house. CONTACT: Emily Wilkinson, (806) 742-0498 or emily.wilkinson@ttu.edu <mailto:emily.wilkinson@ttu.edu>

The Texas Tech Volleyball Program hosts Halloween Fright Night when the Red Raiders take on Baylor, at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 at the United Spirit Arena. Doors will open at 2 p.m. All fans, eighth grade and below who wear a costume will receive complimentary admission. A costume contest will take place during the match with winners being selected for best overall, spookiest and most creative costumes. Parking around the arena is free. CONTACT: Dinah Goodson, (806) 834-1402 or dinah.goodson@ttu.edu <mailto:dinah.goodson@ttu.edu>

Phi Alpha Delta hosts annual Halloween Carnival, 3:30 - 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Texas Tech School of Law. Area families and children are invited for an afternoon of safe fun that includes trick-or-treating, face painting, games and more. The event is free and children must be accompanied by an adult. CONTACT: Andrew Aus, andrew.aus@ttu.edu <mailto:andrew.aus@ttu.edu>

The Texas Tech Vernacular Music Center

will host the Pirates & Cowboys Halloween Costume Ball along with the Tech Set Dancers, the Caprock Celtic Association and the Roots Music Institute, 7 - 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Yoga Bean studio (3135 34th St.). Admission is \$6 or \$5 with a canned food donation. There will be music, hourly prizes for the best costumes, dancing and more. The Cowboys & Pirates Halloween Carnival Ball is intended to provide a safe, creative, drug-, tobacco- and hassle-free environment to enjoy the Halloween holiday. CONTACT: Christopher J. Smith, (806) 742-2270 or christopher.smith@ttu.edu <mailto:christopher.smith@ttu.edu>

Residence Life hosts Safetreat at the Texas Tech residence halls from 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30. Candy and activities will be provided in each of the residence hall complexes and "Boo Buses" are available to transport faculty, staff, community members and their families from hall to hall. CONTACT: Bri Cooper, (806) 834-4107 or bri.cooper@ttu.edu <mailto:bri.cooper@ttu.edu>

Texas Tech's Center for Campus Life, Tech Activities Greek Life and Student Union and Activities are sponsoring Trick-or-Treat 5:30 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30 at the Student Union Building. Student organizations and on-campus departments can sign up to host booths of games and activities for a safe trick or treat option for Lubbock children. CONTACT: William Lopez, (806) 742-5344 or william.s.lopez@ttu.edu <mailto:william.s.lopez@ttu.edu>

## Federal shutdown USDA payments begin going out today

The Post Dispatch

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said this week the USDA has begun distributing Conservation Reserve Program annual rental payments to participants across the country.

USDA also will distribute 2013 direct payments and 2012 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program payments beginning today. Payments originally were scheduled to be issued earlier in the month but were delayed by several weeks because of the lapse in federal funding due to the government shutdown.

"Farmers, ranchers and rural landowners across the country count on USDA programs and the payment delays due to the shutdown were an unnecessary burden," Vilsack said. "USDA has prioritized making these scheduled payments without any further delay and Farm Service Agency staff have worked hard to get this assistance out the door as quickly as possible."

Producers will receive payments on almost 700,000 CRP contracts on 390,000 farms covering 26.8 million acres.

In exchange for a yearly rental payment provided by USDA on contracts ranging from 10 to 15 years, farmers and ranchers enrolled in CRP agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant grasses or trees that will improve water quality and improve waterfowl and wildlife habitat.

CRP reduced runoff and leaching of nitrogen and phosphorus into waterways by an estimated 605 million pounds and 121 million pounds, respectively, in 2012, and soil erosion reductions totaling 308 million tons in 2012.

Direct payments for 2013 for the DCP and ACRE programs are being made to the

more than 1.7 million farms enrolled in the Farm Service Agency's programs. Producers with base acres of certain commodities are eligible for DCP payments.

ACRE payments for 2012-crop barley, corn, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, dry peas, soybeans, and wheat are scheduled to be released beginning today and contingent upon national average market prices and yields in each state.

ACRE payments for upland cotton are scheduled to be made in early November, after the 2012-2013 average market year price is published in the Agricultural Prices publication scheduled to be released Oct. 31.

ACRE payments are scheduled to be made for large chickpeas, small chickpeas, canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, sesame and sunflowers are scheduled to be made in early December, after the 2012-2013 average market year price is published in the Agricultural Prices publication scheduled to be released on Nov. 27.

ACRE payments for long grain and medium and short grain rice are scheduled to be made in early February after the final 2012-2013 average market year price is published in the Agricultural Prices publication scheduled to be released Jan. 31.

The 2008 Farm Bill, extended by the American Tax Payer Relief Act of 2012, provided authority to enroll land in DCP, ACRE and CRP through Sept. 30, 2013, however, no legislation has been enacted to reauthorize or extend this authority. Effective Oct. 1, 2013, FSA does not have legislative authority to approve or process applications for these programs.

For information on CRP, DCP and ACRE, producers should contact their local FSA office or visit FSA's website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

### VETERANS

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There is no charge for publication, and any one who submits the information will be given one free copy of the newspaper that week. Read-

ers who submitted information for publication last year are encouraged to contact the Dispatch office to update our files, as those items will be published again this year.

"Local veterans are our most celebrated residents here in Garza County," Dispatch Editor Wayne Hodgins

said. "We want to honor those living and remember those lost who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom."

Deadline for submissions will be 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12.

For information, call 806-495-2816 or email [thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com](mailto:thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com).

### CONCERT

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formerly of Snyder. Sydney is the granddaughter of Glen and Mary Margaret Norman of Post.

Anyone wanting to participate in the cook-off competition should simply prepare

a dish using some variety of Post cereal and bring it to the Heritage House (in a disposable dish) between 6 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Everyone who attends the concert will vote for his or her favorite dish. The winner will be announced during the concert intermission and will receive a \$100 cash prize and an award.

The C.W. Post Birthday Celebration is made possible by the generous support of Xcel Energy. It is sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association and the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. For information, call the Heritage House, 806-495-4148 or the Chamber office, 806-495-3461.

## Nancy's Notions The Power of Eggs

Eggs will always be part of the good ole American Breakfast, and are a good lean source of protein. For many years, eggs had a bad reputation because of their cholesterol content. But even people following a low-cholesterol diet can enjoy up to 3 eggs per week.

Once you reach your 'three egg per week' limit, you can still enjoy eggs, just in a different form. Egg substitutes or plain egg whites can be used in place of whole eggs

in almost all recipes. As a rule of thumb, 2 egg whites or ¼ cup egg substitute equals one whole egg. Look for egg substitute in the frozen foods section of your grocery store. It keeps indefinitely, so pick up a package to have on hand.

If you purchase whole eggs, store them in the refrigerator in the original cartons, not in the egg holder on your refrigerator door. Strong smelling foods have aromas that can easily penetrate porous eggshells, and the carton helps block out some of the odor. You can store whole eggs up to one month in the refrigerator. Discard any eggs that are unclean, cracked, broken, leaking, or show discolored interiors.

Be sure to cook eggs thoroughly to destroy salmonella, a type of bacteria that can contaminate eggs and poultry. Cook eggs to a minimum temperature of 165 degrees F.

Scrambled eggs, omelets, and frittatas should be cooked until they are thick and no visible liquid egg remains; basic egg dishes should have completely set (not runny) whites and yolks.

Do Well Be Well with Diabetes classes have started and eggs were a topic of discussion. Join us Monday at 6 PM at the Extension office to continue the series. I can fill you in on the session you missed. I will add that the discussion was great. I am developing a recipe book from the American Dietetic Association with breakfast and brunch recipes containing eggs for participants. Don't get left out. Cost is \$15.00 for materials.

#### Garden Pie - Makes 1 pie.

2 cups thinly sliced, peeled zucchini; 1 ½ cups seeded and diced fresh tomatoes; ½ cup chopped onion; ½ cup Parmesan cheese; ¼ teaspoon pepper; 1 ½ cups fat-free milk; ¼ biscuit mix (Bisquick-type); and 3 large eggs.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Prepare a 9-inch glass or ceramic pie plate with non-stick pan spray. Layer the zucchini, tomatoes, and onion in the pie plate. Sprinkle the Parmesan cheese and pepper evenly over the vegetables. Combine the milk, biscuit mix and eggs. Beat until smooth then pour over the vegetables. Bake for 30 minutes. Let set 5 minutes before cutting into 6 equal wedges.

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

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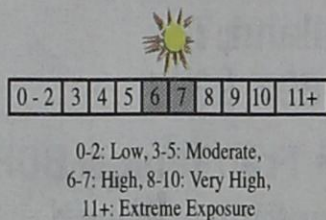


Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny 67 / 45	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny 72 / 47	<b>Sunday</b> Sunny 76 / 49	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Sunny 83 / 51	<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Sunny 64 / 47	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Sunny 69 / 45	<b>Thursday</b> Mostly Sunny 64 / 42

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

Humidity is measured by what device?  
 Answer: The device is a hygrometer.

Weather History

**Oct. 25, 1988** - Severe thunderstorms erupted over northeastern Texas during the late evening, producing softball size hail at Newcastle and Jonesboro. Low pressure over James Bay in Canada continued to produce showers and gale force winds in the Great Lakes region.

**Oct. 26, 1988** - Thunderstorms moving out of northern Texas spawned five tornadoes in Louisiana during the morning hours. The thunderstorms also produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Jennings, La. A falling tree near Coushatta killed the driver of a vehicle.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 67°, humidity of 49%. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 89° set in 1973. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 45°. South southeast wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 34° set in 1976. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 72°, humidity of 52%. South southwest wind 10 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 47°.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	3:39-5:39	4:09-6:09	Tue	6:39-8:39	7:09-9:09
Sat	4:25-6:25	4:55-6:55	Wed	7:24-9:24	7:54-9:54
Sun	5:10-7:10	5:40-7:40	Thu	8:11-10:11	8:41-10:41
Mon	5:55-7:55	6:25-8:25			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>Last 10/26</b>	Fri 7:58 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	No Rise	1:35 p.m.
	Sat 7:59 a.m.	6:59 p.m.	12:26 a.m.	2:14 p.m.
	Sun 8:00 a.m.	6:58 p.m.	1:19 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
<b>New 11/3</b>	Mon 8:01 a.m.	6:57 p.m.	2:13 a.m.	3:24 p.m.
	Tue 8:02 a.m.	6:56 p.m.	3:08 a.m.	3:58 p.m.
	Wed 8:03 a.m.	6:55 p.m.	4:05 a.m.	4:32 p.m.
	Thu 8:03 a.m.	6:54 p.m.	5:03 a.m.	5:06 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
10/15	68	48	75/47	0.00"	Date	Degree Days
10/16	56	46	75/47	0.00"	10/15	8
10/17	69	41	74/47	0.00"	10/16	1
10/18	66	36	74/46	0.00"	10/17	5
10/19	65	32	74/46	0.00"	10/18	1
10/20	81	40	73/45	0.00"		
10/21	66	46	73/45	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.

Dixie Divas

Lives in Common

The woman looked over the selection of books, picked up four and smiled. "My husband said to buy whatever I wanted."

She handed them to me to sign and told me her name. "I enjoy what you write so much. It's the way I understand it."

Then, she pulled up a chair, sat down and began a conversation. Life had wearied

her. Her eyes told the story before she had a chance to speak a word. This woman, I thought to myself, has been a soldier on the battlefield of life, she has slay dragons of adversity and monsters of tribulations. It was no more than three or four minutes before she said verbally what her eyes had whispered.

"I grew up hard." She paused. "There were eight of us kids and four still at home when mama left."

"Your mama left?" I repeated, puzzled. You don't hear of that much. You don't much hear of a woman in the rural South, especially all those years ago, who just up and quits her husband and her kids. She nodded. "Never

come back either. The ones of us kids that were old enough, went to work to help make ends meet. I was sixteen."

Tink sat quietly in a chair in a corner several feet away. He does that always when I have an appearance despite my protestations. "No," he will say firmly. "They come to see you, not me. I want them to have their time with you." So there he sat, somewhat in the shadows, fiddling with his phone. As she quietly began her story, I sensed that his fingers had fallen silent and the phone had been placed in his lap. She sensed it, too, for she looked his way and said, "Are you her husband? The one I read about?"

He nodded, stood up to greet her and took her hand she offered. Then, this woman continued her tale. She did not bat an eye at telling her childhood sorrow in front of this man still somewhat foreign to the ways of her kind of rural raising.

"It was hard," she looked away toward the window and gathered her thoughts. "Bout a year later, Daddy died. He'd already had heart attacks and we found out later from a friend of his that he had just stopped takin' his heart medicine. Stopped it about three weeks before he died." Her pale blue eyes watered.

"He died of a broken heart," I said softly.

"Yep," she nodded. "He did. My grandmother had always lived with us so she finished raisin' us. My brother who was in the Army, he and her got custody of us." As often happens with these stories of the Gothic South, there was an upside, a triumph of which she was rightly proud. Though she had to quit school to go to work, she was bound and determined that her children would have a college education. She rattled off their successes - one was a high level civil engineer, another a president of a bank. Four out of five had college educations but the fifth, well, he wouldn't listen to what Mama had tried to tell him. He works with his calloused hands to make a living that is hard.

These kinds of stories told so easily and without hesitation amaze Tink for he comes from places where people keep their secrets. They tell them to no one not even friends, especially not to strangers. "You Southerners," he said later as he marveled at her bravery in calmly telling the story, "tell everything to each other. You're so open about sharing your heart and your sorrows. I've never seen anything like it. It's quite admirable."

Yes, this is my South of which I am so proud, a community, broad and vast, where tribulations and triumphs alike are shared. Because we're like family and we all understand.

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