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Regional driver's license office set for move

By Wayne Hodgkin
The Post Dispatch

Post residents who either by necessity or choice must drive to Lubbock to renew their Texas driver's license will find the office has moved beginning Monday morning.

Sgt. Bryan Witt, spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety regional headquarters in Lubbock, said this week the office would change locations as soon as today.

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Norman files for re-election as county judge

The Post Dispatch

County Judge John Lee Norman has filed with the Republican Party of Garza County to run for re-election.

Norman is seeking his third term as county judge of Garza County. He was elected to his honorable position and began his first term in 2007.

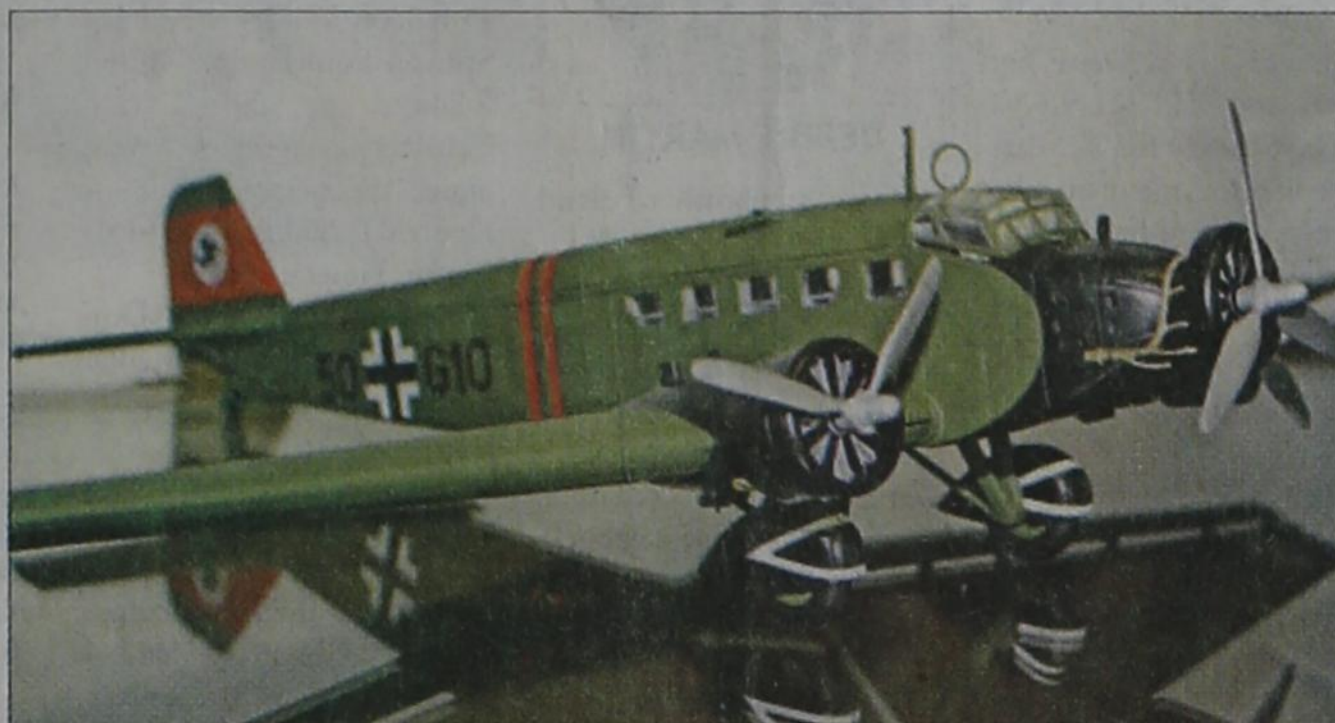
He previously worked for Garza County as commissioner Precinct 1



JUDGE JOHN LEE NORMAN

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Pearl Harbor remembrance



Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch
A cast-dye model of a JU52 3MG-52 Auxiliary Bomber flown during World War II is one of about 100 military warplanes on display at the Garza Museum as part of a new exhibit donated by Vietnam veteran Patrick Reilly of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Military warplanes exhibit to be unveiled at Garza Museum

By Wayne Hodgkin
The Post Dispatch

Chances are most people in Garza County neither know of nor have ever heard the name Patrick Reilly.

Chances are Patrick Reilly never gave much thought to Garza County either until just a few short years ago when passing through Post.

Two years ago, Reilly, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps who fought in Vietnam, in an effort to gather financial support to construct a monument to honor veterans who fought in the Vietnam War on the grounds of the Texas Capitol, gave a lecture at the Algerita when it was still in use as a venue by the Post Arts Guild.

Linda Puckett, an official on the Post Arts Guild board and curator of the Garza Museum, later invited Reilly to tour the

museum during which he told her of a vast collection of cast-dye, mint-quality model airplanes he had that would be a perfect fit for the museum's exhibit hall.

"The idea really came to me when as we were on our way to the museum, we traveled down this stretch of your Main Street just east of the courthouse that looks like a huge airstrip," Reilly said from his home in Cedar Park on Wednesday.

"I asked Ms. Puckett if she would be interested in such a collection, and we let the idea bloom from there."

The airplanes — of which there are about 100 of more than 150 on display — will be a part of the museum's permanent collections, Puckett said.

"We're just thrilled to be able to offer this new exhibit for the residents of Post

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Local author launches book series for kids

By Wayne Hodgkin
The Post Dispatch

For those children who are fans of the Hank the Cowdog series, a similar book series being launched by a Garza County author is also sure to please young readers.

S.J. Dahlstrom will introduce his first book in the "Adventures of Wilder Good" series with his first installment, "Wilder Good: The Elk Hunt," in a launch event from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Ruby Lane Books & Gallery, 127 E. Main St., Post.

The main character in these books is a boy named Wilder who plays basketball, likes to read and is active in his 4-H Club.

He and his family go to church, and Wilder is a Dallas Cowboys fan.

Wilder is a 12-year-old boy who lives in Cottonwood, Colo., a fictional town in the southeast-

ern portion of the state where the plains meet the mountains.

Wilder goes on outdoor adventures that include hunting, fishing, cowboying and just about everything else you can do outdoors.

"Dahlstrom has created a character children will recognize in themselves," said bookstore owner Rosa Latimer.

"Wilder is a lot like most 12-year-old boys who live in Garza County and has committed to writing stories that represent a way of life familiar and dear to many of us."

Dahlstrom draws on his experiences as a cowboy, father, husband and founder of a boys ranch to tell stories that teach good values and are also entertaining.

The second book in the series, "Texas Grit," will be available early next year.

For information about the author or the Wilder Good series,



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visit wildergood.com.

For information about the lo-

cal event, call Latimer at 806-495-2665.

Post Notes

Events are listed free of charge as a service by this newspaper for nonprofit groups, civic organizations, churches, schools and select community events. Listings should be submitted at least two weeks in advance and will run as often as possible through the date of the event. News staff does not guarantee placement of events. Emailed submissions are preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

Toys for Tots

The Post Lions Club is seeking monetary donations or new unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. Parents needing assistance can obtain an application at Post Elementary or any Post Lions Club member. Toy barrels will again be placed at local businesses to receive any new toys. Contact Jason Porter at Porter Hardware 495-1040 for information.

Food drive

Post Elementary Gifted and Talented students is conducting a nonperishable food drive through Dec. 6. Each grade in elementary is competing to collect the most food items. All donations will be given to Post Cares. Call Keri Thompson at 495-3414 for information.

Christmas Parade

Will be December 7 and all entries need to be turned into the Chamber of Commerce Office by December 4 to be judged. For information call Janice Plummer at 495-3461

Garza County Museum

New military exhibit opens Saturday, December 7, commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor. Purple Heart recipient Patrick Reilly donated the 154-airplane exhibit to the museum. For information, call 495-2207.

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Corrections

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

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Deaths

Debbie Martin

POST — Debbie Martin, 58, of Post, went to her heavenly home Tuesday, November 26, 2013, at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Debbie was born June 27, 1955, to Wayland Hood and Lillian (Dulaney) Hood in Midland, Texas. At the age of 2, she moved to Post. She attended Post schools and graduated Post High School in 1973. Debbie became a locksmith and a manager for Sikes Car Wash here in Post.

She was very active in her church and had served as church secretary for 22 years and a lifelong member. She was especially interested in her children's, grandchildren and other family members activities. Especially all their sporting activities, no matter what the weather or other conditions were.

Debbie was preceded in death by her mother, Lillian Boggs; stepmother Billie Hood; grandparents Ola and Chester Keeton and Lee Dulaney; cousin Judy



DEBBIE MARTIN

Huff and stepbrother Leland Hood.

Survivors include son Brandon Martin of Lubbock; daughters Tricia Willborn and Robby Willborn of Post, Kelli Martin and Joseph Martinez of Lubbock; father, Wayland Hood of Lubbock; brothers Wayland Hood and Dora of Lubbock, Dale Hood and Jamie of Graham, Eddie Boggs and Dena

of Lincolnton, N.C., and Kevin Hood and Annette of Lubbock; sisters Tonja Lamprecht and Becky Kelley, both of Lubbock; grandchildren Ryan, Haylee and Justin Willborn and Kellan Graves, all of Post, and A.J. Martinez of Lubbock; aunt Linda Curb of Post; special friends Sue Williams and Shirley Taylor, both of Post

Services were Saturday at Trinity Baptist Church with Ivon Williams and Jay Stinson officiating. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery. Services were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Don Sikes, Wendell Sikes, Kaden Sikes, Luke Buckner, Dusty Clary and Freddy Huff.

Donations are suggested to the Trinity Baptist Church P.O. Box 443 Post, Texas 79356 or to the First Baptist Church Christian School 402 West Main Street Post, Texas 79356.

Esther McDougle

POST — Esther McDougle, 63, of Post, died on Sunday, November 24, 2013, at her home. She was born on November 25, 1949, to Victor Julian and Reyes (Campos) Bustos at Seguin. At the age of 15 she came to Post and later married Oliver A. McDougle Jr. on November 11, 1965. Oliver preceded her in death April 8, 2000. Esther was a homemaker and a caregiver. She was a Baptist.

She is also preceded in death by a daughter Bertha McDougle; grandson Victor Julian McDougle; and a great-grandchild Treysawn McDougle.

Funeral services were Nov. 27 at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jack Maddox officiating. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under



the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

She is survived by her children Donna Zapert and A.D. Taylor of Post, Oliver A. McDougle III and his wife Pamala of Coldspring, Venetia Garza and Bobby Dosia of Coldspring and Uretha McDougle and Darnell Curtis of Post; brother Robert Bustos and

his wife Rosa of Lubbock; 20 grandchildren Warren Scot Zapert, Justin Daniel Zapert, Christopher Thomas Zapert, Rachael Nicole Zapert, Oliver McDougle IV, Meagan McDougle, David McDougle, Lori McDougle, Nikita McDougle, Josephina Robles, Jose Robles, Mario Robles, Patrick McDougle, Patricia McDougle, Joyce McDougle, Bianca McDougle, Nathan McDougle, Johnny Garza, Victor Garza and Jane Marie Garza; 10 great-grandchildren Lorretta McDougle, Ryan Eckhart, Zavian Infante, Justin Daniel Zapert II, Malachi Zapert, Kaylie Zapert, Scot (Bubba) Zapert II, Kendle Zapert and Jaden Ryan.

Pallbearers were Bobby Dosia, Darnell Curtis, A.D. Taylor, Scotty Zapert, Justin Zapert and Chris Zapert.

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Rabbit Validations

The validation for rabbits has been moved to Saturday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the show barn. For information call the Extension Office 495-4400

O.S. Museum

Beautiful and unusual Nativities and Crèches are the stars of the "Reflections of Christmas" exhibit on display at the O.S. Museum. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information, call 495-3570.

Ragtown Gospel Theater

Ragtown Gospel Theater is performing "Say Nicklaus!" through Dec. 14. For information or to purchase tickets visit ragtown.com.

GED classes

Instructional sessions for the GED test are 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 18 at Post High School. Call the school at 495-2770 for information.

Quarterback club

The Post Quarterback Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays in Post ISD cafeteria to watch game film and hear coaches comments and strategy. All are welcome. For information, call Greg Jones at 806-773-0723.

GED prep

The Post Public Library

website now offers life-learning resources for GED test preparation, job search and workplace skills. Visit wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/plpb to register. For information, contact librarian Peggy Ashley at 990-2149.

GED test

The GED test is being revised and will be in use starting January 2014. Classes are available from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Post High School. For information, call the school office at 495-2770.

Veterans benefits

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

City Council

The Post City Council meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Council Chambers at City Hall, 105 E. Main St. For information, call 495-2811.

County Commission

The Garza County Commission meets at 9 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Commission Chambers at the Garza County Courthouse, 300 W. Main St. For information, call 495-4430.

School board

The Post ISD Board of Trustees meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesdays of the month in the conference room at the Administrative Offices, 501 S. Ave. K. For information, call 495-3343.

Menus

Menu for December 9-13

Southland ISD

Breakfast
Monday: Pancake on a stick
Tuesday: Breakfast Pizza
Wednesday: Cherry or Apple Frudel, Yogurt
Thursday: Muffins, yogurt
Friday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy (Fruit, juice and milk served daily.)

Lunch

Monday: Crispy beef Chalupas, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce, salsa
Tuesday: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes with gravy, carrot coins, hot roll, strawberry cup,
Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, charro beans, tortilla chips, salsa, orange smiles

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, carrots with ranch, breadstick, apple slices
Friday: Hamburgers, baked chips, fruit, pudding (Milk served daily.)

Post ISD

Breakfast
Monday: Sausage kolache, oven roasted potatoes
Tuesday: Cheddar omelet wrap
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza
Thursday: Waffles with sausage
Friday: Cinnamon roll, bacon (100% fruit juice or fresh fruit and milk variety served daily)

Lunch

Monday: Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles
Tuesday: Southwest chicken casserole, garden salad, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce
Wednesday: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, roll
Thursday: Spaghetti with meatballs, garden salad, savory green beans, sliced peaches, breadstick
Friday: Hot dog, sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fresh seasonal fruit (Milk variety served daily.)

Trailblazers

Lunch
Monday: German sausage, sauerkraut, potato salad, black forest parfait, cornbread
Tuesday: King ranch casserole, Spanish rice, beans, tortilla, fruit salad, baked apples, wheat roll
Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian veggies, autumn jello, garlic toast
Friday: Talipi, coleslaw, beans, hushpuppies, cherry crisp

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Phil Newcomb Independent Executor

Dated Phil Newcomb

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 Albert Einstein

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A Post-card Christmas

The Post community welcomed the Christmas season with a short music program and lighting of Christmas lights down Main Street on Nov. 29. The First United Methodist Bell Choir and the First Baptist

Christian School Children's Choir performed Christmas music until the lights were turned on.

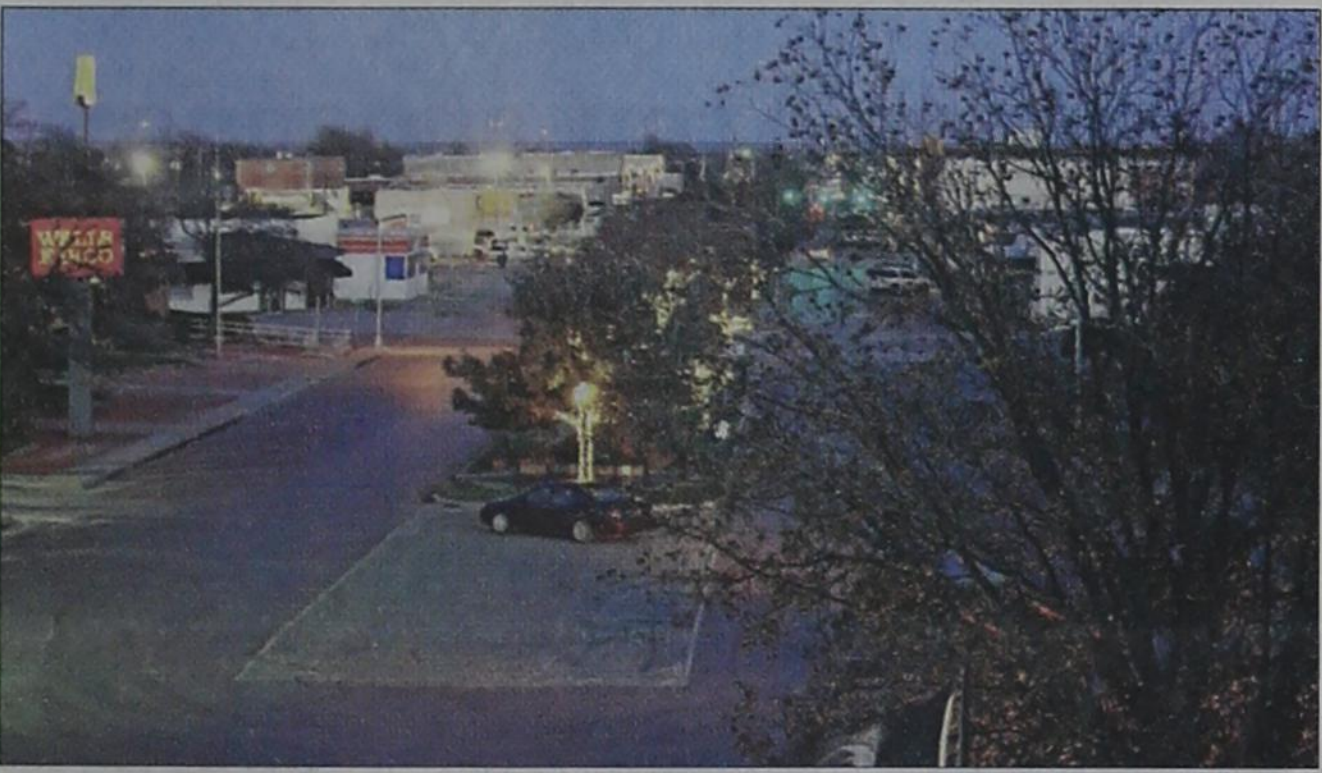
Anna Gibson



Photos by Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch
The First United Methodist Bell Choir performed several Christmas carols Nov. 29 in front of the Court House for the lighting of Main Street's Christmas lights.



The First Baptist Christian School Children's Choir performed two Christmas songs in front of the Court House, Nov. 29, for the lighting of Main Street's Christmas lights.



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Capital Highlights

Candidates line up for party primaries

By Ed Sterling
For the Dispatch

AUSTIN — Texas' primary election is set for March 4, and the list of candidates for statewide office is largely settled with Monday the filing deadline.

Most recently gaining notice was state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, who announced her candidacy for lieutenant governor Nov. 23. Van de Putte has 22 years of experience as a state lawmaker — eight years as a state representative and 14 years as a senator. She serves as chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

Van de Putte and Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, who is seeking the Texas Democratic Party's nomination for governor, form the nucleus of an effort to end a 20-year Republican sweep in statewide elections.

Also seeking the Texas Democratic Party's nomination for lieutenant governor is Seadrift Municipal Court Judge Reynaldo "Ray" Madrigal.

State Attorney General Greg Abbott, a Republican, is campaigning to succeed Rick Perry as governor. Last summer, Perry chose not to seek another term in the office he has occupied since 2001 and speculation about his mounting a second run for the presidency continues.

Also running for the Republican Party of Texas' gubernatorial nomination are former Univision personality Miriam Martinez of the Rio Grande Valley, author and former radio show host Lisa Fritsch of Austin and secessionist Larry S. Kilgore of Arlington.

While incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has presided over the Senate since January 2003, he appears unready to change his job description. Dewhurst, who explored and passed on a possible run for governor, faces a field of three of his fellow Republicans in the GOP primary: Texas Land Commissioner and former state lawmaker Jerry Patterson, Agriculture Commissioner and former state senator Todd Staples and state Sen. Dan Patrick of Houston, chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

Attorney general

In the race to succeed Greg Abbott as state attorney general is Houston attorney Sam Houston, a Democrat, the lone candidate seeking his party's nomination. Seeking the Republican Party's nomination are Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Barry Smitherman of Austin; state Rep. Dan Branch of Dallas, chairman of the House Higher Education Committee; and freshman state Sen. Ken Paxton of McKinney, vice chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and former

House member (2003-2012).

State comptroller

Seeking the Texas GOP nomination for comptroller of public accounts, to succeed Susan Combs as the state's chief financial officer, are Republicans Harvey Hilderbran of Kerrville, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means; Sen. Glenn Hegar of Katy, chairman of the Senate Committee on Nominations; and Debra Medina of Wharton, a registered nurse, tea party activist and GOP primary candidate for governor in 2010. Accounting executive and energy company chief financial officer Mike Collier of Kingwood is running for comptroller on the Democratic ticket.

Ag commissioner

Now in primary races for the top spot at the Texas Department of Agriculture are Republicans J. Allen Carnes of Uvalde, former state Rep. Tommy Merritt of Longview, Karnes City rancher and attorney Eric Opiela, former state Rep. Sid Miller of Stephenville. Democrat Jim Hogan of Cleburne is seeking his party's nomination for agriculture commissioner. Whoever wins election in November will succeed Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, who is running for lieutenant governor.

Chief justice

Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht, a Republican, has filed for candidacy to retain his current position. Hecht, who has been a member of the high court since 1988, was appointed chief justice on Sept. 10 and was sworn in on Oct. 1. He succeeded fellow Republican Wallace Jefferson. As of Dec. 1, no Democrat had filed as a candidate for chief justice.

TxDOT has repair plan

The Texas Department of Transportation on Nov. 26 announced a resolution to manage the maintenance of roads heavily used by energy companies in LaSalle County, where cheap patches on damaged stretches were proposed to the Texas Legislature last summer, due to budget tightening.

TxDOT leaders said they have agreed with La Salle County to share responsibility in repairing roads in need and maintaining them over time and agreements with other affected counties in the region are being worked on.

Counties will purchase the materials while TxDOT will perform repairs and provide labor. "Once fixed, the county will take over maintenance of the roads and be responsible for them for five years or until traffic in those energy areas drops off," TxDOT officials said.

Rotary Club



Daniel Gray, manager of United Supermarkets in Post, was inducted Tuesday into the Post Rotary Club at the organization's regular noon meeting. He was welcomed by board member Ray Bagby.

Letter to the Editor

Kennedy remembrance was worth the read

I enjoyed reading the article in the Nov. 22 issue of The Post Dispatch by Mr. Charles Keaton, "Kennedy's Challenge Remains a Call to Action." It's good to read a good article such as his about a very loved President John Kennedy. I'm from the old school where we were taught to respect the president if even at times we didn't agree with him. John Fitzgerald Kennedy was

my president, and I will always remember him, Jacqueline, Caroline and little John Jr. with all the respect they deserve. I will keep the article so I will remember the man who wrote a column worthy of President Kennedy.

JEAN DUNN
San Angelo

Salvation Army announces local Christmas kettle drive

The Post Dispatch

The sound of the Salvation Army bells are ringing at the storefronts throughout Post reminding area residents that Christmas is right around the corner.

Each year the Salvation Army collects money to help those in need in our community. People who donate to the Salvation Army at locations

here in Post can rest assured that money stays in the county to help local residents in need.

For millions across the country, the ringing of Salvation Army Christmas bells announces the beginning of the holiday season. The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive has become an American Christmas icon that has grown into one of the most supported fundraising programs in the

country.

The money raised by The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive goes to directly help the needy in our community by funding assistance programs that run throughout the year. When someone drops a dollar into the kettle, it could go toward toys for a child at Christmas, help with a winter utility bill, prescription assistance or a box of food.

Church Directory

Assembly of God

Bethel Assembly of God (Bi-Lingual)- 407 May street
Lifeline Church- 108 N. Broadway

Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church- 210 E. 6th Street, 990-2342
First Baptist Church, Post- 402 W. Main Street, 495-3554
First Baptist Church, Wilson- 806-628-6333
Grace Baptist Church- 820 N. Avenue S- 990-3497
Justiceburg Baptist Church- Justiceburg
Pleasant Home Baptist Church- E. 14th & N Ave F
Southland Baptist Church- Southland
Temple Bautista- 315 W. Main
Trinity Baptist Church- 915 N. Ave O, 990-3038

Catholic

Holy Cross Catholic Church- Ave K and Main Street- 495-2791

Church of Christ

Church of Christ- 108 N. Ave M 495-2326
Graham Chapel Church of Christ- 15th & Ave S

Church of God

Church of God of Prophecy- 602 W. 14th, 495-3644
Power House Church of God and Christ, Pine Avenue

Disciples of Christ

First Christian Church- 812 W. 13th, 495-3716

Evangelical Methodist

Faith Chapel- 1105 Green Street, Wilson (806) 628-0018

Methodist

First United Methodist Church- 216 W. 10th, 990-2942
Graham Chapel United Methodist Church
(Pastor: John Hendrick) - 611 FM #1313 806-549-1400

Nazarene

Post Church of Nazarene- (Pastor: Charles Gibson)
202 W. 10th, 495-3044

Grassland Church of Nazarene- 327-5656

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U.S. Air Force Col. Paul Tibbets is shown next to the Boeing B-29 Superfortress bomber named for his mother, Enola Gay Tibbets. On Aug. 6, 1945, during the final stages of World War II, it became the first aircraft to drop an atomic bomb; its target was Hiroshima, Japan.

A recounting of the Enola Gay

(Editor's note: We welcome Legends and columnist Linda Puckett back to the pages of the Dispatch and express our condolences to her on the death of her brother.)

This week we remember a dreadful time in our history — the 72nd anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

This surprise attack by the Imperial Japanese Navy occurred at 7:48 a.m. Dec. 7, 1941. The U.S. naval base was hit by 353 Japanese fighters, bombers and torpedo planes in two waves. Eight U.S. battleships were damaged, with four being sunk. All but one was later raised with six returning to fight in the war.

The Japanese also sank or damaged three cruisers, three destroyers, an anti-aircraft training ship, a mine-layer and destroyed 188 U.S. aircraft. The attack lasted 90 minutes and casualties totaled 2,402 dead and 1,282 wounded.

The attack was a shock to the American people and the world and led the entry of the United States into World War II in both the Pacific and European theaters. The following day, on Dec. 8, the United States declared war on Japan, prompting Germany and Italy to declare war on the United States on Dec. 11, which was reciprocated by the United States that same day.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed Dec. 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy."

For the next four years the world was literally at war, with millions of people dying and suffering. The final battles of the European theater along with Germans and Soviets were ending by April and early May of 1945. Japan was the exception. President Harry S. Truman would give the command to use the atomic bomb to end Japan's aggression.

The following historic documentation and description by Stephen Sherman tells what is about to occur.

They got the word on Sunday morning, Aug. 5. Conditions were "go," and the next day would be the day. At the last minute, it was decided to complete the final assembly of the bomb in flight, thus eliminating the risk of it exploding if Enola Gay crashed on take-off. Navy Capt. Deak Parsons, who had earlier opposed this idea, now suggested it, and persuaded the team that he could perform the difficult assembly in the cramped bomb bay of the B-29.

They loaded the bomb into the Enola Gay that afternoon. "Little Boy" was 12 feet long and 28 inches in diameter — bigger than any bomb pilot Col. Paul Tibbets had ever seen. Its explosive power equaled 20,000 tons of TNT;

or roughly as much as 2,000 Superfortresses such as it could carry — all in a single bomb that weighed about 9,000 pounds. Capt. Parsons practiced the delicate arming process. That night the crew was briefed, for the first time, on the nature of their weapon — an atomic bomb.

Flight of the Enola Gay
Chuck Sweeney, with the scientific instruments in the Great Artiste, would follow Tibbets' closely, duplicating his hairpin turn. George Marquardt's photo plane would stay far behind, out of range of the shock wave. The three weather planes, Claude Etherley's Strait Flush, John Wilson's Jabbitt III and Ralph Taylor's Full House, would take off an hour ahead, to scout out the designated target cities. Every crewman carried a standard service pistol; Tibbets carried enough cyanide capsules for all. They started engines at 2:30 a.m. on the morning of Aug. 6, 1945. Three hours after takeoff, they flew over Iwo Jima at dawn, where 5,500 Americans and 25,000 Japanese had died, so the Air Force could use Iwo as an emergency landing field. They adjusted course and headed northwest. At 7:30 a.m., Capt. Parsons completed his adjustments; the atomic bomb was live. They climbed slowly to their bombing altitude of 30,700 feet.

At 8:30 a.m. they received the coded message from Etherley's Strait Flush, flying over Hiroshima, "Y-3, Q-3, B-2, C-1." The message meant cloud cover over Hiroshima, the primary target, was less than three-tenths. Tibbets gave the word to his crew, "It's Hiroshima." As they reached the coastline of Japan, no interceptors challenged them; the Japanese had become indifferent to small groups of B-29s. They crossed Shikoku and the Iyo Sea.

They looked down at the city below. The other crewmen

verified it was indeed Hiroshima. They spotted the initial point, or I.P. They turned and headed almost due west. Tom Ferebee peered into his Norden bombsight, and cranked in the information to correct for the south wind.

Tibbets reminded the crew to put on their heavy dark Polaroid goggles, to shield their eyes from the blinding blast. It had been calculated to have the intensity of 10 suns. They easily spotted the distinctive T-shaped bridge that was their primary. Ninety seconds before drop, he turned the controls over to Ferebee, the bombardier. At 9:15 a.m. (8:15 a.m. Hiroshima time), they dropped "Little Boy" and made a 155-degree diving turn to the right. Unable to fly the plane with the dark goggles, they shoved them aside.

Forty-three seconds later, a tingling in Tibbets' teeth told him of the Hiroshima explosion: the bomb's radioactive forces interacting with his fillings. The bomb exploded 1,890 feet above the ground. Bob Caron, the tail gunner was the only crew member to see the fireball. Even wearing the goggles, he thought he was blinded.

The plane raced away, while the shockwave from the explosion raced toward them at 1,100 feet per second. When the shockwave hit, it felt like a near-miss from flak. The mushroom cloud boiled up, 45,000 feet high, three miles above them, and it was still rising.

They flew away, shocked and horrified at the sight below. The city had completely disappeared under a blanket of smoke and fire. They radioed back to headquarters that the primary target had been bombed visually with good results.

Part-two continues next week.

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



LINDA PUCKETT

Yesteryears

10 years ago
December 11, 2003

A piece of Post is on display at the White House this Holiday season. A life size J&T Imagination Santa was shipped to Washington, D.C., at the request of the First Family. The six-foot Patriotic St. Nicholas pays tribute to the Bush Family, the courageous men and women who fight for freedom and those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

The Post City Council took action at its most recent meeting to alleviate difficult with water distribution when water mains break. The council approved purchasing turnoff valves for the two main water lines from the storage tanks.

20 years ago
December 22, 1993

Dear Santa,
I want a bike that makes a noise that mertercycles makes. I want a toy that i can drive.
Ryan Babb
Dear Santa,
i am six years old and in frst grad. i wont a dog for christmas and i wont a cat and i will vel you some cookies and mild under the christmas tree.

Mathew Perez
Dear Santa,
I want to spend as much time with my famley And it donste matter what I get for Christmas. The best thing is a rollabesden. I want a talking doll house. I love Christmas,
Stephinie Martinez
Dear Santa,
I am 6 I am in first grade I am Christopher Curb, I am nice, I whunt a deer, I whunt a fox, I whunt a bear, I whunt alligator, I whunt lion, I whunt a nunbat.

30 years ago
December 21, 1983

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause and Elf. I want a baby-doll. and give other children toys. I Love both uv yol.
Sonya Harp
Dear Santa, I would like a Dallas Cowboy pee wee suit, they are fun to wear. I will take care of it. I have never seem you or Rudolph. I would like the collection of He-Man. A computer will help me count eighty plus fifty.

Jamie Ayala
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want a E. dog, pig, cat pet, a car.
T.C. Curtis

40 years ago
December 20, 1973

Dear Santa, I hope you can make it to Post. I want some decoys, (ducks), and a duck call and Nurf football. If you don't come, I will miss you.

Will Kirkpatrick
Dear Santa,
I've been good. My mothe already told you so. I just want to tell you that I love you and I love my mom and dad. Get my whole family something. I love you Santa Clause.

Cindee Jackson
Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph , Dasher and all the other reindeer? I want a baby alive and a Michey Mouse Watch for Christmas. I am 9 years old.
Crystal Mason

50 years ago
December 23, 1963

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you bring me a Chatty Cathy box doll, a baton, Tammy's Family, her dream house, her car, a transistor radio. Please do. I'll give you some coffe if you will bring me that.

Ida Jan Hall
Dear Santa,
Please help Christmas to come fast. I am trying to be very good. Will you bring me a Charming Chatty?

Carol Davis
Dear Santa,
I am making this letter for you. I like to play on the snow. Would you bring a BB gun, Santa? Please be good to all the boy and girls. Would you bring me a toy? Christmas is a good holiday.

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Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and Ken dolls with cloths. And I want a Kissy doll, a tammy doll and Penny-the-Poodle. My sister wants a Thumbelina doll and a Barbie dream hous. My brother wants a Dick Tracy car and Tiger Joe.
Theresa Flores

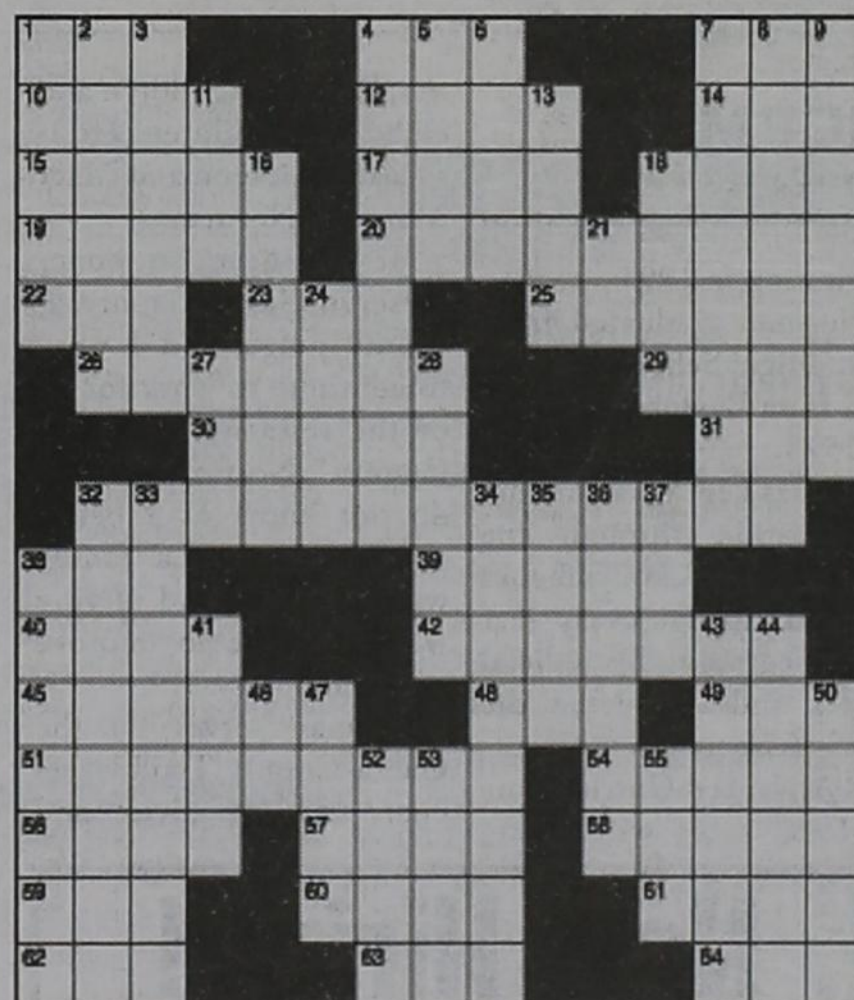
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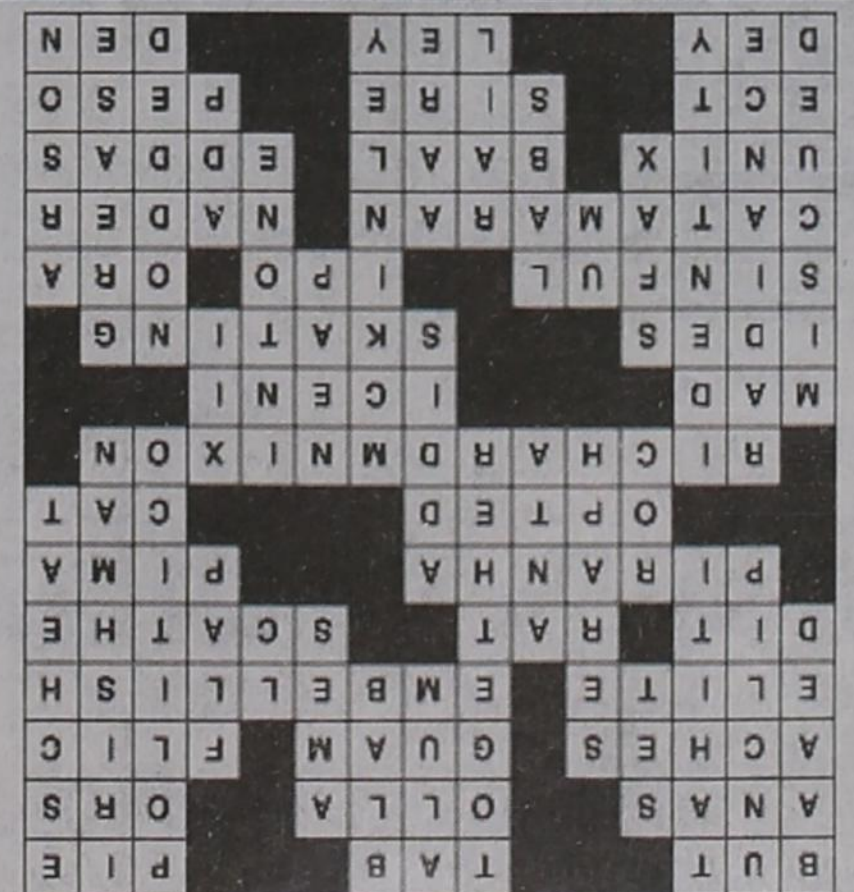
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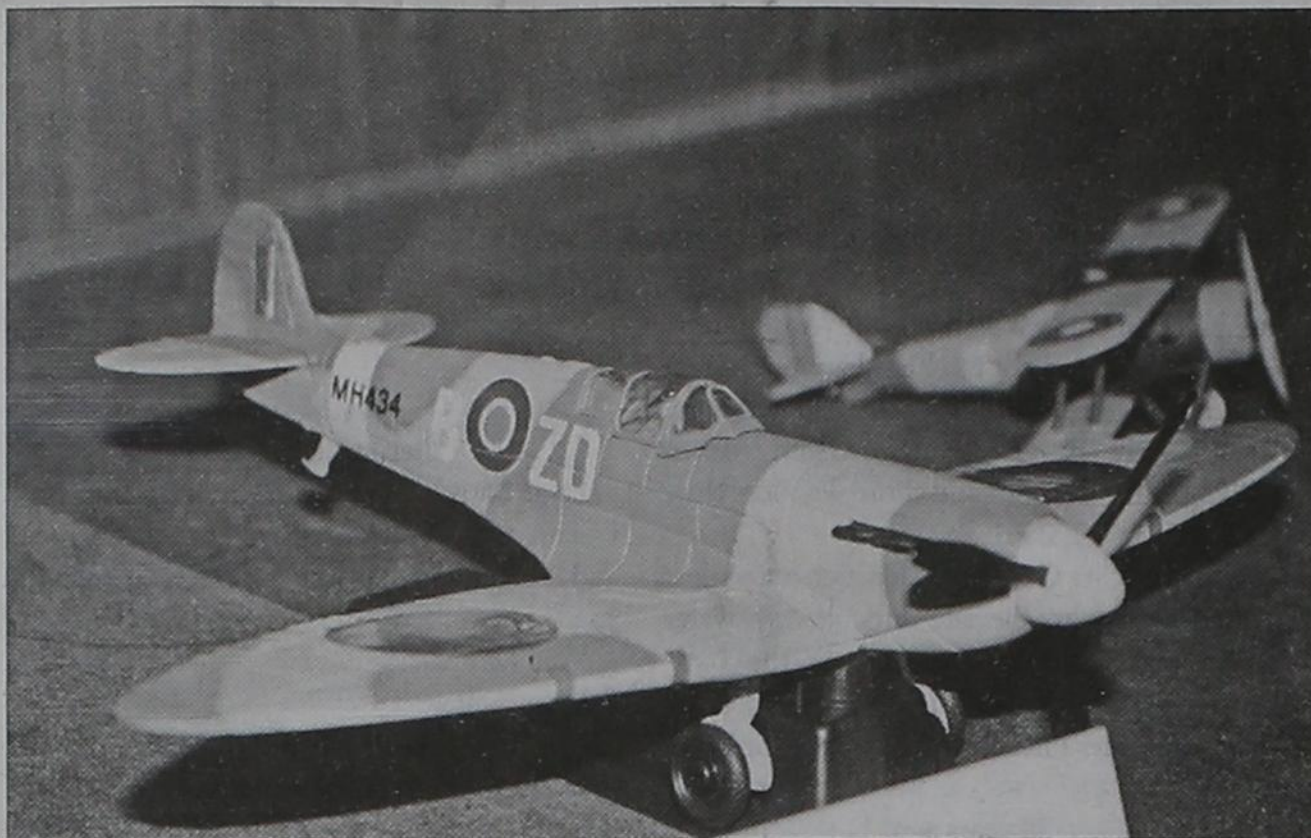
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A model of a Japanese Spit Fire ZD-B is one of about 100 military warplanes on display at the Garza Museum.

EXHIBIT

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and Garza County and throughout the region," Puckett said. "We encourage all our military veterans to come view the exhibit."

Puckett has planned an open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday to coincide with Pearl Harbor Day on the 72nd anniversary of the bombing of the U.S. fleet by the Japanese off the coast of Honolulu.

Reilly, a recipient of the Purple Heart for wounds he sustained during one of

the Vietnam War's most bloodiest battles — the TET offensive — said he hoped to be able to see his collection on display at the museum at some point.

"I still have a number of planes I plan to give to the museum there in Post at some point in the future," he said. "Those are just a handful of my collection."

"Hopefully, the exhibit will become known as the foremost display of such high-quality model planes in the world."

The models represent those from the dawning of aviation to the present day, with a good deal of

those like were used during World War II.

Puckett said she hopes the exhibit will be appreciated by the many veterans in and around the South Plains.

"We have so many, many wonderful men and women who have served this country so bravely right here in Post City," she said. "Their numbers become fewer with the passing years. Hopefully this exhibit will honor those who have fought for our freedom and instill a sense of pride and a want to serve in a whole new generation of service men and women."

North.

That office will be closed today as workers move equipment and set up in the new facility, Witt said. He said notices and maps would be posted at the old location to help residents locate the new regional office and a trooper will be on site to assist anyone needing additional instructions.

"We hope to make this transition as easy as possible on everyone who needs our services," Witt said.

DPS will continue to be fully operational during this move. The official ad-

dress change will be Monday.

The new main office number is 806-740-8700.

You can locate the new regional office several ways. Going north on I-27, take Exit 7 (Yucca Lane) to Business Park Boulevard and go east; from North Loop 289, take the MLK exit and go north; or from FM 2641 (Regis Street), go south on MLK.

The address change is also effective for the highway patrol, Texas Rangers and the DPS communications division as well as the crime lab.

MOVE

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"The plan is to begin the process of relocating the driver's license office Friday, and we hope to have that complete before the weekend is up so it is fully operational by 8 a.m. Monday for those needing to visit the local office in person," Witt said.

The Department of Driver Services will be relocating from its present location on Mac Davis Lane to 1404 Lubbock Business Park Blvd., off Interstate 27

NORMAN

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beginning in 1993.

Norman graduated from Post High School in 1968 and from Baylor University in 1973.

He has kept up an annual certification through the Texas Tech Law School's Judicial College every year since beginning his judicial career and completed the Texas Association of Counties Advanced Curriculum. He and his wife, Mar-

sha, have four children and eight grandchildren. He is the son of Glenn and Mary Margaret Norman.

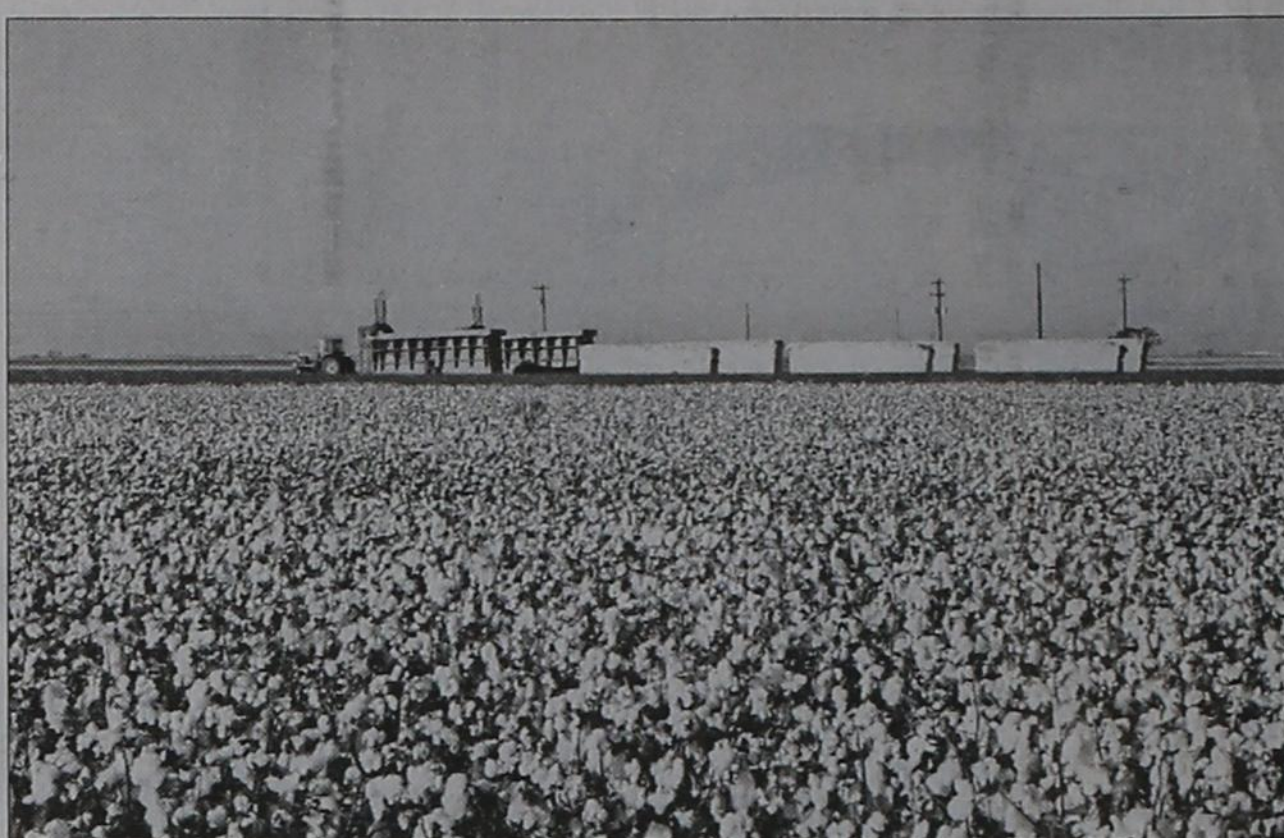
"It has been an honor to serve Garza County as county judge, and I want to continue to work for all of the residents of Garza County," Norman said. "I do not know of a better county to raise a family while working and serving with everyone to improve our community."

Norman serves on the Garza County Trailblazers board and is an adviser and

director for the Post/Garza County Area Foundation board. He also serves on the boards of the Post Economic Development Corp. and the Close City Gin.

In addition, Norman is active and serves on regional boards for the West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the South Plains Association of Governments.

The Normans are members of the First Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon.



Mark Kelley/Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Cotton harvesting in the South Plains is about 60 percent finished, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service cotton specialist.

Preliminary South Plains cotton quality reports generally good

By Robert Burns
Special to the Dispatch

"Pleasantly surprised." That's how Mark Kelley, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service cotton specialist, Lubbock, describes cotton producers' reactions as yield and quality reports roll in.

Despite an "unusual" season with a late start, untimely dry weather and more than a few hail and wind damage events, many producers are seeing good yields and generally high quality, Kelley said.

Though some factors, such as bark content, have been a little high, and the total crop for the area is below the 10-year average, most producers are happy, he said.

And the harvest, though still somewhat late, has been helped along by hard freezes and harvest-friendly weather.

"We're getting a lot of cotton out of the fields these days," he said. "There's a lot of cotton still to go, but we're getting it done pretty fast."

Kelley estimated harvesting to be about 60 percent finished. Wet weather forecast for the upcoming weekend may slow things down, but he still predicted a majority of the crop to be harvested by Thanksgiving.

There will be, however, some late-planted cotton that will stretch the final finish date into December, he predicted.

Quality is good, with color grades mostly 11s and 21s, he said.

Simplified, color grades are a measure of whether the cotton is white, spotted or light spotted or tinged with yellow. Both 11s and 21s signify white color. There are 25 official American upland cotton grades, and five below grades.

"Looks like 11s and 21s coming out of both Lamesa and Lubbock U.S. Department of Agriculture classing offices," Kelley said. "Lubbock has a little better color with more 11s."

Leaf grade, a measure of how much leaf material is in the harvested cotton, has been running mostly two and three.

"I anticipated we might have some leaf-grade issues in some locations, just with the lateness of the crop," he said. "Though our harvest aides performed well, we just didn't get the defoliation we would have liked."

Micronaire has been mostly running in the premium range, 3.7 to 4.2. Staple was running around 36 at both locations, which is a good number, Kelley said.

There wasn't a lot of dryland cotton left, which has brought down the total estimated yields for the region of about 2.4 million bales, Kelley said.

Of course, at better than 50 percent harvested, a lot depends upon how the rest of the crop goes as for the region's crop total.

An "average" year is hard to classify, as in the past few years, totals have been 5 million or more bales, and some really poor years where the total has been below 2 million, he said.

AgriLife Extension's High Plains Ag Conference set Dec. 13 in Lubbock

By Steve Byrns
Special to the Dispatch

LUBBOCK — The High Plains Ag Conference conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is set for 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market 1294,

Lubbock.

"This program will contain a little of just about every topic regional crop producers have indicated they're interested in on the Southern Rolling Plains," said Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County.

"Speakers will address everything from cotton varieties to aquaponics, and we'll have a great lunch and continuing education units available, so it should be a day well spent for a number of reasons."

Individual preregistration, which includes lunch, is \$35 by Dec. 10 and \$45 at the door with no lunch guarantee, Scott said. For more information contact Scott at 806-775-1680 or rj-scott@tamu.edu.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing

education units, three general, one laws and regulations, and one integrated pest management, will be available for those with a valid private applicators license.

Topics and presenters, all headquartered at Lubbock, will include:

Cotton Varieties, Dr. Mark Kelley, AgriLife Extension agronomist.

A Look at Alternative Crops, Guar and Sesame, Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist.

Pigweed Weed Resistance, Dr. Peter Dotray, AgriLife Extension weed specialist.

2014 AgriLife Extension Program Updates, Scott and Mark Brown, AgriLife Extension county agents.

Pesticide Laws and Regulations, Steve Boston, Texas Department of Agriculture.

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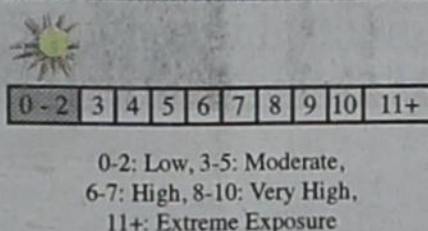
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Post's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Cloudy 25 / 9	Saturday Mostly Cloudy 25 / 18	Sunday Mostly Sunny 38 / 21	Monday Mostly Sunny 40 / 25	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 41 / 25	Wednesday Partly Cloudy 39 / 28	Thursday Mostly Cloudy 35 / 24

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

How much of the Earth is continually covered in snow?
Answer: Twelve percent of the Earth.

Weather History

Dec. 6, 1886 - A great snowstorm hit the southern Appalachian Mountains. The three-day storm produced 25 inches at Rome, Ga., 33 inches at Asheville, N.C. and 42 inches in the mountains. Montgomery, Ala. received a record 11 inches of snow.

Dec. 7, 1935 - Severe flooding hit parts of the Houston area. Eight people were killed as 100 city blocks were inundated. Satsuma reported 16.49 inches of rain. The Buffalo and White Oak Bayous crested on Dec. 9.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a slight chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 25°, humidity of 93%. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 80° set in 1965. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with possibly a record overnight low of 9°. East northeast wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 10° set in 1972. Saturday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a high temperature of 25°, humidity of 86%. East northeast wind 10 mph. Skies will be mostly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 18°.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	2:57-4:57	2:27-4:27	Tue	6:21-8:21	5:51-7:51
Sat	3:52-5:52	3:22-5:22	Wed	7:08-9:08	6:38-8:38
Sun	4:43-6:43	4:13-6:13	Thu	7:56-9:56	7:26-9:26
Mon	5:33-7:33	5:03-7:03			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 12/9	Fri 7:35 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	10:49 a.m.	10:04 p.m.
Sat	7:36 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	11:33 a.m.	11:10 p.m.
Sun	7:37 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	12:12 p.m.	Next Day
Mon	7:38 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	12:49 p.m.	12:14 a.m.
Full 12/17	Tue 7:38 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	1:25 p.m.	1:16 a.m.
Wed	7:39 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	2:01 p.m.	2:16 a.m.
Thu	7:40 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	2:37 p.m.	3:15 a.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days
11/26	47	26	58/31	0.00"	0
11/27	52	23	57/30	0.00"	0
11/28	57	33	57/30	0.00"	6
11/29	60	30	57/30	0.00"	2
11/30	68	33	56/30	0.00"	0
12/1	70	41	56/29	0.00"	
12/2	71	34	56/29	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
Miss Betty: Bow
maker extraordinaire**

The renowned bow maker in my hometown died. Only in the South would this probably be news because we Southern women do admire a package well wrapped.

At 85, Miss Betty was still holding court at the drug store where she took great pride in her masterful skill of producing the most gorgeous packages. They were simply stunning. Well, they were more than that — they were a work



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of art. Whenever I got a gift she had wrapped, I would smile and say, "I know where this came from."

My godmother, Mary Nell, is a good bow maker herself, and even she had to admit that Miss Betty was close to impossible to beat. The bows were enormous and fluffy, covering the box completely. They were so beautiful I would always think and usually say, "Do I have to open it? Could I just keep it to admire?"

Now, you know the wrapping and bows had to be special for people to forsake the department stores and boutiques to go en masse and buy at a drug store. Yes, it is an independent drug store, and, yes, it has a lovely gift department, but usually people want to go more upscale to buy a special gift.

One day I was shopping at a local department

store for a wedding gift. I picked out the china, took it to the register and said, as I had always said in the past, "Would you wrap this please?"

"We don't wrap here any longer," she replied, referring to the china department. "If you want it wrapped, you have to take it to the office and all they have is a standard plain wrap."

That meant: Ugly paper with the store's name monogrammed on it.

I smiled and handed the china back to her. "No, thank you. I want a pretty package."

I left, took myself to the drug store and bought a crystal candy dish, which Miss Betty proceeded to wrap up beautifully.

Though Mama always said, "Pretty is as pretty does" and made an emphatic point of it to her freckle-faced, somewhat plain little girl, she also believed in "appearances." Even when our clothes were homemade and nothing fancy, we fixed up the best we could to look pretty. That's why I think a package should be pretty.

My sister Louise makes gorgeous bows. I've seen her make bows that were two feet wide. When pressed into action, I can make them, too.

It's all in the wrist, you know — at least on one hand. With the other, it comes down to how long you can pinch the ribbon between the forefinger and thumb as you're twirling with the other. And you cannot be stingy with the ribbon if you're to make a truly stellar bow. This is the hard part for me, being a frugal Scotch-Irish. I want to cut corners a bit.

One day, Miss Betty was wrapping a package for me and I said, "You make such gorgeous bows." She beamed. "Is there a secret to it?"

"Why no!" she exclaimed. "It's the easiest thing in the world. Let me show you." She walked to the rolls of paper. "First, you pick the wrap. Then you pick a colorful bow to go with it." She looked at all the spools and decided on a bright Kelly green to complement the blue wrap. "Now, you have to get a lot of ribbon. That's what makes a pretty bow." She yanked off several yards then she proceeded to make a bow in a way I had never seen. She folded the ribbon back and forth — no wrist action required — making the fold about seven inches long. When she finished, she cut a notch on either side in the middle of the bow. She tied floral wire there then spread out the bow.

"See how easy!" What an angel. Then and now.

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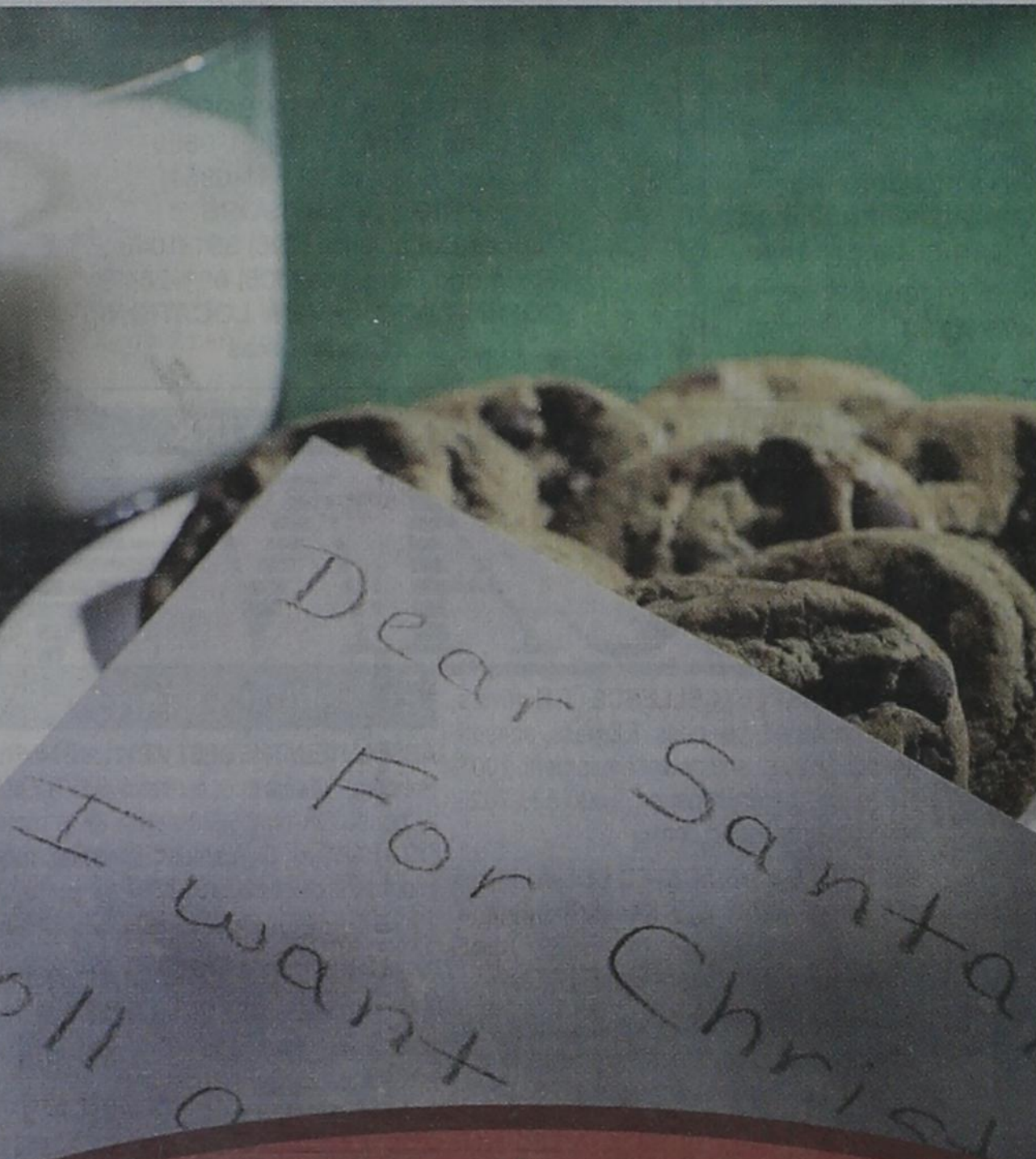
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