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Cotton harvest comes in below average

By Wayne Hodgkin
The Post Dispatch

Going simply off percentages alone, it was a banner year for cotton production in Garza County. The number of bales processed at the Close City Gin this year was up more than 415 percent.

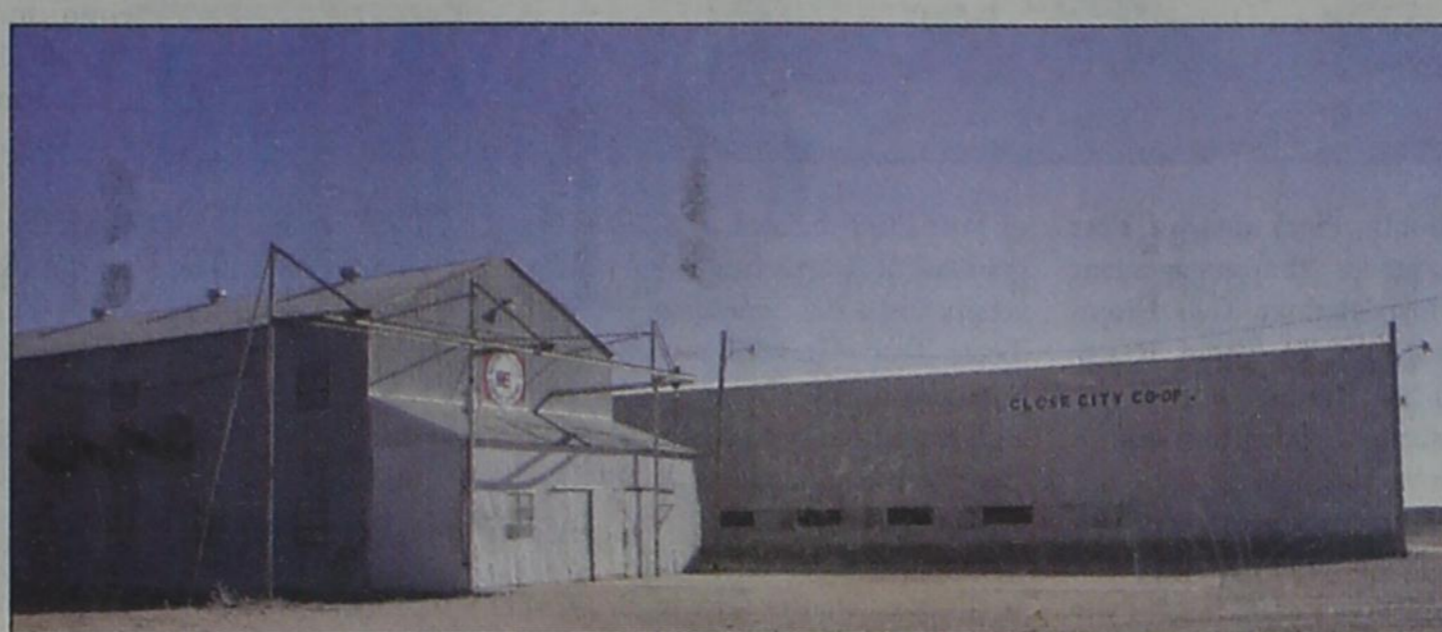
But when you take into consideration that last season's historic drought cut production down to near all-time lows — 993 bales — it puts this season's numbers into more of a perspective.

Jim Ellis, manager of the Close City Gin — Garza County's only cotton-processing facility — said this year's bale count was about average at 5,120.

"We had a pretty good year considering we didn't have a whole lot of rain," Ellis said. "But what little we did get — in the spurts that it came in — was enough for our local farmers to produce an average crop."

Victor Ashley, executive director of the Farm Service Agency in Garza County, said there was about 40,000 total acres of cotton planted in Garza County this season.

Of that, he said, about 33,000 was dryland and about 10,000 was irrigated. Of the dryland cotton planted, he See **COTTON** on page 3



Wayne Hodgkin/The Post Dispatch

The Close City Gin processed about 5,120 bales of cotton this season, about average, gin manager Jim Ellis said.

said, not quite half of that amount failed.

He said the total amount of roughly 34,000 bales harvested throughout Garza was below average.

"Yields, as far as I can tell, were pretty varied across the board," Ashley said. "We had some growers whose crops

were failed early on in the season, but of those who took it to harvest the dryland farmers were making anywhere from a half-bale to a bale an acre. Center-point irrigated cotton was producing one to two bales an acre and drip-irrigated cotton was producing, of course, a little better

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.

Bilberry family benefit

A benefit dinner for the C.J. Bilberry family, who recently lost their home to a fire, will be at noon Jan. 26 at Trailblazers. Event also will include a silent auction. Brisket and sausage plates will be \$6. Donations also will be accepted. For information, call Wilma Williams at 495-2650. A second brisket dinner benefit and dance also will be at 6 p.m. that night at the Post Community Center. Cost per meal is a donation. Vance Guthrie and Junction 84 will perform. Call C.J. at 224-7919 for information.

C.J. Memorial Scholarship Applications

The Community Recovery Center is now opening applications for the C.J. Schoenrock Memorial Scholarship. Qualifying applicants will be graduating seniors in Garza County seeking a degree in continuing education in the fields of counseling or education. The Scholarship Selection Committee requests all graduating seniors interested in applying for the scholarship contact Chris Atkinson or Merika Strivens with the Community Recovery Center at 806-495-3173 or through any email link on garzacrc.com.

Burn association

An organizational meeting for those interested in becoming a member of the Southern Rolling Plains Prescribed Burn Association will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Stonewall County Activity Center, west of the courthouse in Aspermont. The association will consist of an 18-county area, including Garza County. For information, contact Derrick Holdstock with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at Derrick.Holdstock@tpwd.state.tx.us or 806-217-2911.

Cookbooks available

The 2012 Garza and Scurry Counties Hometown Holidays Cookbooks are available for \$10 at the Garza County Extension Office. For information, call 495-4400.

Christmas exhibit

"The Joy of Christmas," an inspiring exhibit of Nativities and crèches from around the world, is on display at the O.S. Ranch Museum, 201 E. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call 806-495-3570 for information. Exhibit closes Jan. 26.

4-H Club meeting

The Garza County 4-H Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Garza County Extension Office, 215 W. Main St. Kristi Wink will be the guest speaker. Four-H is open to all youth grades three through 12. For information, call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County at 495-4400.

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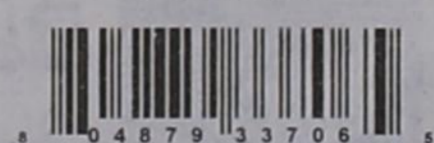
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Bank merger comes with name change

Citizens will now be known as Centennial Bank, officials announce

By Wayne Hodgkin
The Post Dispatch

LUBBOCK — Citizens Bank will now be known as Centennial Bank in a move that parallels the local financial institution's merger with HCSB of Plainview.

Recently approved by both banks' shareholders and directors, the new name was selected because it clearly communicates and reaffirms the combined institution's commitment to the future, as the bank for generations in the Hill Country, Lubbock, the Panhandle/South Plains and West Texas, said HCSB Chairman of the Board J. David Williams said.

"We're not for sale and, more importantly, we're not going anywhere," Williams said. "We're here to stay in West Texas. Our new name, Centennial Bank, does a great job of illustrating that and speaks to the commitment we're making to the customers and communities we've served for close to a century between both HCSB and Citizens."

Affiliated for years and sharing common ownership and directors, HCSB and Citizens Bank entered into a "merger of equals" transaction through a stock exchange last summer as a means to expand services to customers, manage costs and operate more efficiently.

With approval received from bank regulatory authorities, the merger between HCSB and Citizens as Centennial Bank brings together two of the oldest and strongest community banks in the Panhandle, both very well respected and sharing a common cause and guiding principles.

"More so than ever, our customers, neighbors and friends in the Panhandle can rely on us, on See **MERGER**, Page 3

Girl Scouts kick off 2013 cookie season



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Girls Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains — including those in Post City — are ringing in the new year and the 2013 cookie-selling program with the roll-out of a brand new cookie, new cookie box packaging and new technology.

These new elements will further enhance the world's largest girl-led business, which will be Jan. 18 to March 3. Counties in the Lubbock area include: Bailey, Borden, Cochran,

Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum.

"Everyone knows how tasty Girl Scout cookies are, but the public may not realize how important the experience of selling cookies is to a girl and her troop," said Becky Burton, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains. "Selling cookies helps girls learn skills that they will need to become successful leaders, such as goal setting, decision making, money

management, people skills, and business ethics."

Burton also offered a few tips for buying cookies: "Ask girls where the money goes — many troops use the proceeds to fund trips and community service projects.

"Ask why they are Girl Scouts — many girls join for the leadership experience and to make great friendships. And most importantly, let the girls know how they did. Selling

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Dewhurst names Senate panel chairs

By Ed Sterling
For the Dispatch

AUSTIN — Key to getting the 83rd session of the Texas Legislature in gear, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, president of the Texas Senate, on Jan. 17 made public his choices for commit-

tee chairs and members of each committee. Senate bills can now be assigned to committees and public hearings set.

Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, returns as chairman of the body's powerful Finance Committee, whose primary task is to craft the state budget for

2014-2015.

Also named as committee chairs were senators: Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler, Administration; Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security; John Carona, R-Dallas, Business and Commerce; John Whitmire

(dean of the Senate), Criminal Justice; Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, Economic Development; Dan Patrick, R-Houston, Education; Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, Government Organization; and Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, Health and Human Services.

And, Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo,

Higher Education; Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, Intergovernmental Relations; Royce West, D-Dallas, Jurisprudence; Troy Fraser, R-Marble Falls, Natural Resources; Glen Hegar, R-Katy, Nominations; Rodney

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Celebrations

Heckaman, Rasco to wed



Bobby Heckaman of Post announces the engagement of his daughter Kelli Dionn Heckaman to Tobin Rasco, son of Ronnie and Suzan Rasco of Snyder, formerly of Denver City.

Tobin Rasco is a 2004 graduate of Denver City high school, a 2008 graduate of Texas Tech University, and received his master's in business administration from Wayland Baptist University in 2011. He is employed with PSI in Snyder.

Nuptials will be exchanged May 18 at the Legacy Event Center in Lubbock.

Revival



Revival services with the Rev. Pat Burkhalter will be Jan. 30 through Feb. 3 at Post Church of the Nazarene, 202 W. 10th St. Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Contract allows Post to sell water back to Slaton

By Wayne Hodgins The Post Dispatch

Post City Council met in regular session Jan. 8 to approve, among other discussions, a water contract with the city of Slaton.

Mayor Archie Gill said the contract was basically amended to stipulate the conditions for which the city of Post would be required to sell water back to the city of Slaton if needed.

Slaton currently purchases the majority of its water from the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

The water-sharing entity, much like all West Texas water sources, are rapidly depleting because of the ongoing historic drought.

"There could be a point where CRMWA cuts back on how much water it allows these little towns," Gill said. "If CRMWA was to cease or if Slaton was to lose one of its wells, then they might have to buy back shares of the water we

purchase from them."

According to the contract, Gill said, the city of Post would be required to sell back those shares if Slaton was to be put in such a bind.

He said Slaton city officials already had signed off on the contract.

In other business, city council members discussed modifications to the current landfill fee structure. No action was taken on the item, but it was left on the table for future discussions.

City officials said changes would need to be made to the fee structure to better serve the city and other landfill users and make it more fiscally operable.

Other agenda items, including changes to the city's animal ordinance, operations at the community center — which included hiring a part-time employee to run the center — and interlocal agreements with the county regarding the landfill and the airport, were all tabled for future discussion.

Menus

Week of Jan. 23- Feb. 1

Post ISD

- Breakfast Monday: Waffles, butter and syrup, sausage, fruit, milk Tuesday: Pop-tart, sausage link, fruit, milk Wednesday: Cream-of-wheat, toast sausage, fruit, milk Thursday: Doughnut, sausage link, fruit, milk Friday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk Lunch Monday: Corndog, baked beans, tomato and cucumber cup, apple/

- pineapple d'lite, milk Tuesday: Nachos grande, refried beans, garden salad, orange wedges, milk Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk Thursday: Beefy macaroni, garden salad, baby carrots, fresh grapes, breadstick, milk Friday: Pizza choice, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk

Southland ISD

- Breakfast Monday: Waffles, sausage, fruit, juice, milk Tuesday: Quesadilla, fruit, juice, milk Wednesday: Breakfast bar or cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk Thursday: Muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk Friday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk Lunch Monday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, potato rounds, diced pears, milk Tuesday: Tangerine chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, snowball salad, milk Wednesday: Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, garden salad, salsa, cinnamon apples, milk Thursday: Chicken parmesan, savory green beans, garden salad, fresh apple slices, breadstick, milk Friday: Barbecue-stuffed baked potato, carrots, Texas toast, fresh fruit, milk

Trailblazers-Senior Citizens Center:

- Monday: Chicken Tetazzini, Italian veggies, salad, bread, oatmeal cookie, milk Tuesday: Pork chops, turnip greens, black-eyed peas, cornbread, applesauce, milk Thursday: Taco pie, pinto beans, corn tortilla, peanut butter cup, milk Friday: No information.

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Cryptogram

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

Hint: Quote by Judy Garland

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Reception for Suzanne Shaw

After many years of faithful service as a clerk at the Post Office here in Post, Suzanne Shaw will be retiring at the end of January.

A reception in her honor will be held at the Post Office from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 29th, for her many friends to wish her well in her retirement.

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than that." Ashley — as most everyone in West Texas — continued to lament the lack of moisture. "All we need is some rain between now and planting time, and we'll be heading into a good season next year," he said.

Although Plains Cotton Growers will not have final production numbers until sometime in May, spokeswoman Mary Jane Buerkle, in information recently released by that organization, expected cotton production would be down nearly a half-million bales across the Texas High Plains.

The January crop report from the National Agricultural Statistics Service revealed upland cotton production figures for the Texas High Plains would produce 2.92 million bales, down from 3.4 million in its December report. Expected statewide production dropped from 5.5 million bales to 5 million bales. Nationwide upland production estimates were down from the December report to 16.25 million bales.

However, worldwide production for the month was estimated to be higher and consumption slightly lower, resulting in ending stocks of 81.7 million bales, according to the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report. Yield per acre estimates increased for both the northern and southern portions of the Plains Cotton Growers service area. The northern half estimates increased slightly, from 726 pounds per acre to 745, but estimates for

the southern half jumped 89 pounds from 458 pounds per acre to 547. The report also decreased harvested acreage by 790,000 acres, from 3.11 million acres in December to 2.32 million acres of the area in 2012. As a result of that adjustment, acreage abandonment on the High Plains now is estimated at about 45 percent for 2012. Cotton acreage nationwide for 2013 is predicted

to decrease, with some projecting planted acreage to be as low as 10 million. However, much of that shift is expected to occur in areas other than the High Plains, where only a slight adjustment is expected. "We've still got a lot of time before any seed goes into the ground on the High Plains and those decisions are made," said Steve Verett, executive vice president for Plains Cotton Growers.



The Post Dispatch file photo

Citizens Bank will be known as Centennial Bank, now that its merger with HSCB of Plainview is complete.

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sharing a common cause and guiding principles. "More so than ever, our customers, neighbors and friends in the Panhandle can rely on us, on our commitment to put them first and on our pledge to provide all who bank with us with the best community banking has to offer," said South Plains Regional President John Robinson. "While our name is changing, our core values are not, and neither are the bankers our customers have come to know and trust." Centennial Bank will do business as a wholly owned subsidiary of Commerce Bancshares Inc., a recently renamed holding company (formerly HaleCo Bancshares, Inc.) owning both

HCSB and Citizens. As of Jan. 22, the new subsidiary, Centennial Bank, will officially operate a total of 12 full-service banking centers and two loan production offices across four key regions of Texas: the Hill Country, Lubbock, the Panhandle/South Plains and West Texas. The bank recently acquired and is in the process of remodeling new headquarters, at the corners of Avenue 0 and 10th Street in downtown Lubbock, where executive management, corporate and bank operations, compliance, finance and credit administration will be housed. In the second quarter of 2013, Centennial Bank will begin construction on a full-service banking center in Boerne to replace its existing loan production office as well as open a business banking center on the first floor

of its Lubbock headquarters building. HCSB was chartered in June 1934 in Plainview and operates seven banking centers — four in West Texas (two in Plainview and one each in Hart and Tulia) and three in the Hill Country (two in Kerrville and one in Fredericksburg) — and a loan production office in Boerne. Citizens Bank was chartered in October 1932 in Slaton and operates five banking centers — one in Slaton, one in Post, one in Shamrock and two in Lubbock. Upon its official reopen as Centennial Bank, the combined bank will have \$725 million in assets, with \$654 million in deposits and \$430 million in loans. As of year-end, the bank's leverage capital is \$61 million with profitability at \$9.3 million.

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cookies is hard work and feedback helps them get better and grow into leaders." New this year to the cookie-selling program is not only a new cookie, but also a new look and new technology. This year's new cookie is Mango Crème with Nutrifusion, a crunch vanilla and coconut cookie with mango-flavored cream filling that contains nutrients and vitamins from fruit, such as cranberries, pomegranates, oranges and grapes. For the first time since 1999, all boxes of Girl Scout Cookies have a new look. The iconic Girl Scout Cookie package showcases the five financial literacy and entrepreneurship skills that the Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches girls. The new packaging also highlights the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards — awards that mark the progression and achievement of a girl through her Girl Scouting career. In addition, Girl Scouts now take credit cards. Girls can now use a mobile device to take credit card payments on the spot, making buying cookies easier than ever before. The Cookie Program will also expand the use of eco-friendly packaging this year. An eco-friendly package for the Thanks-a-Lot Girl Scout Cookie was intro-

duced in 2010. This single change saved 150 tons of paperboard from going into America's waste stream. Plus, this packaging made it possible to ship more cookies on a truck, saving an estimated 2,600 gallons of diesel fuel a year. This year, eco-friendly packaging will be used for both the Thanks-a-Lot and Lemonade Girl Scout cookies. With the skills learned during the cookie sale and the money earned from selling cookies, Girl Scouts can do a lot. Troops have used proceeds from the cookie program to fund activities such as community service projects, troop field trips, and camping trips. The public can purchase their cookies in many ways, including direct sale (where girls start off with an initial stock of cookies to sell directly to customers), order taking, online marketing and booth sales outside of retailers and in local malls. Haven't seen a booth? Just visit girlscoutcookies.org and enter your ZIP code to find a booth near you. Or, go mobile and down-

load the Cookie Finder app to your Apple or Android phone and find a cookie booth, vote for your favorite cookie, and learn more about the Girl Scout Cookie Program. Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains serves 23,823 girls and 8,792 adult volunteers each year in 81 counties from the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles to Fort Worth. The council has area service centers located in Abilene, Amarillo, Fort Worth, Lubbock and Wichita Falls. Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. For more information on the Girl Scout Cookie Program, how to join, volunteer or donate to the Girl Scouts, call 800-582-7272 or visit gs-top.org.

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Computer classes
Free computer classes on how to use a tablet and the Internet will be at 2 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Post Public Library, 105 E. Main St., in Post. The classes will center on setting up your tablet, how to make the most of it and browsing the Internet. Classes are free, but because of limited space and class size, pre-registration is required. For information, or to register, call Poka Lambro at 990-9901 or visit 115 W. Main St., Post.

GED class
General Education Diploma classes are now in session and are free to the public. Classes meet from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 18 at Post High School. Enter through southwest doors. For information, email Ed Singleterry at esingleterry@postisd.net or call 495-2770.

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Legends

Calamity Jane: The demise of an Old West icon

(Editor's note: The following column is the third and last in a series by the columnist.)

Well, here we are in part three of Calamity Jane's shenanigans. Back in 1875 we didn't have television



LINDA PUCKETT

reporters or paparazzi lurking behind the barn or stage-coach. With that said, the accounts we do have can sometimes be one-sided, like this description of our subject by an unknown source

who said: "Calamity Jane accompanied the Newton-Jenny Party into the Black Hills in 1875 with California Joe and Valentine McGillycuddy. By this time her youthful good looks were gone; her skin was leathery and tanned from the sun, she was muscular and unfeminine, and her hair was stringy and seldom washed."

Well that wasn't very nice, I don't think they were friends for sure, maybe she had outdrawn him or something.

In 1876 while she was at Deadwood, S.D., in the Black Hills, she became friends with Dora Dufran, the town's leading madam, and rekindled her friendship with Wild Bill Hickok and Charlie Utter. She had travelled with them to Deadwood in Utter's

wagon train. She was said to have been obsessed with Hickok and after his death in a poker game on Aug. 2, 1876, she claimed to have been married to Hickok and that he had fathered her child Jean, born in 1873 and adopted out to Jim O'Neil and his wife.

Jane claimed to have gone after Hickok's murderer with a meat cleaver, having left her guns at her residence, but never caught him. McCall was later hanged for the offense. While living in Deadwood she was successful in saving several passengers in an overland stagecoach by diverting a group of Plains Indians who were in pursuit of the stage. The driver, John Slaughter, was killed during pursuit, and Jane took over the reins, driving the stage to its destination.

She also nursed the victims of the smallpox epidemic in the Deadwood area in late 1876.

In 1881 she bought a ranch west of Miles City, Mont., located along the Yellowstone River and started an inn. After marrying a Texan named Clinton Burke, and moving to Boulder, she again tried her luck as an innkeeper. In 1887 she had a child, Jane, who was given to foster parents.

In 1893, she began performing in Buffalo Bill's Wild West show as a storyteller. She participated in the 1901 Pan-American Exposition. By that time she was a depressed alcoholic. During one of her alcoholic states, she rented a horse and buggy in Cheyenne for a short joy ride to Fort Russell and back, but Calamity was so drunk she passed right by her destination without noticing ending up about 90 miles away at Fort Laramie. She returned to the

Black Hills in 1903, earning her keep by cooking and doing the laundry for Dora DuFran's brothel girls in Belle Fourche. In July she traveled to Terry, S.D. It was here in the Callaway Hotel where she was staying that she passed away on Aug. 1, 1903, at the age of about 51 years. It was also reported she had been drinking heavily while she was on the train and became very ill. The train's conductor carried her off the train and to a cabin where she died soon after. A bundle of letters she had written to her daughter was found, and never mailed.

Calamity Jane was buried at Mount Moriah Cemetery in South Dakota, next to Wild Bill Hickok.

On Sept. 6, 1941, the U.S. Department of Public Welfare granted old age assistance to a Jean Hickok Burkhardt McCormick who claimed to be the legal offspring of Martha Jane Cannary and James Butler Hickok.

I hope you have enjoyed our history lesson about Calamity Jane and take it all with a grain of salt. I found one last paragraph in my research that pretty well sums it all up.

"She (Calamity Jane) came up from a very hard-scrabble life, unacquainted with bourgeois notions of decorum, she probably never knew financial security but even in poverty she was known for her helpfulness, generosity, and willingness to undertake demanding and even dangerous tasks to help others. She was afflicted with alcoholism and wanderlust (and perhaps promiscuity), but, as someone remembered her, 'Her vices were the wide-open sins of a wide-open country — the sort that never carried a hurt.'"

That's all, folks. See you next week.

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

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The Idle American Here's Robin...

I was stunned with an "eye-rubbing response" to the oddest of scenes. It was orchestrated by my Uncle Mort at the domino table in the thicket's corner store.

I figured my visit there coincided with his. I'm no Sherlock, since the first clue was his parked golf cart, its muffler long since cool and starting to frost over.

Inside were four old men — their average age nearing deceased — each wearing surgical masks and all banging elbows against the table. "Unshuffled" dominoes were idle.

Three shoppers chose other aisles. Going straight to the table, I learned what was going on from my Uncle Mort, who'll celebrate birthday No. 101 on July 4. His cohorts provided supportive "uh-huhs" on cue.

The masks, of course, were to fend off flu germs. The "elbow-banging" wasn't so easily explained.

"We left here yesterday a mournful bunch," Mort said, "determined to find something to laugh about today. None of us could think of anything, and I mentioned it would be fun to laugh again, if only from hitting our funny bone. None of us could remember the last time this happened, so we decided to see who could bang his funny bone first. You caught us at 'mid-bang'."

Not being the kind of doctor who can do folks any good, I explained it's not a "funny bone" at all, rather a "funny nerve," and that the sensation shooting down the arm to the little finger usually ebbs by midlife. (I think Nixon was president the last time I banged mine.)

Soon, though, I shifted gears. "If you want something to smile about," I said, "Leave your funny bones alone — hit 'em and it hurts — you'll laugh to keep from crying. Instead, get a dose of good medicine from Robin Roberts. Her announcement on 'Good Morning, America' today made a nation smile."

Out of commission battling cancer for a half-year, she made her first TV appearance since August on the Jan. 14 telecast.

I can't imagine any viewer not being inspired by her few dozen sentences. Tossing "political correctness" aside, she sported her coast-to-coast smile that won hearts. Her

scalp shined, too, devoid of hair and totally uncovered. It was her smile that held our attention.

Early on, she thanked God for her cancer-free status. She offered thanks to viewers for their prayers. Robin expressed optimism about starting the road back to her GMA anchor chair. Her faith and gratitude, seatershot toward many, was evident.

Can she say that on TV? Many people probably wondered.

What a great "can do" spirit. Her scheduled return to TV next month will bring many smiles. Mort and his buddies decided they'd give their elbows a break (pun intended).

They figure if Robin Roberts can hold her head up high, so can they.

The old domino players were cheered by her reference to late cancer victim Coach Jimmy Valvano. "Don't give up, don't ever give up. This, too, shall pass."

One of the players — on Medicare the shortest time — heightened the moment's positive turn with a shocking announcement. He said "I do" for the first time on Christmas Day! He grew solemn, though, when he revealed his wife's pronouncements on New Year's Day.

"I've got some New Year's resolutions for you," she warned. "You didn't tell me you were hooked on fishing, and I'm sick of the time you're spending making flies. And I never saw a guy wasting so much time packing his own shotgun shells. There are pellets everywhere, and I nearly slid down on 'em yesterday. Your pickup truck is a disgrace. You'll wash it weekly and wax it quarterly."

"You sound a lot like my ex-wife," the old-timer interrupted. "You never told me you'd ever been married," she whined. "I haven't," he answered.

Everyone laughed as the session broke up. The sun had begun its surrender to darkness.

"Maud will tell you I wrote the constitution for our marriage four score years ago," he bragged. "But I've accepted all of her amendments."

He said she'd caught a ride with a friend to catch some mall sales, and that he needed to arrive at home before she did. "I've got to make some vacuum cleaner tracks," he cackled.

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



DON NEWBURY

Nancy's Notions Breakfast traditions: Bringing the family together

This week I was reminded of a friend of Dennis' who has passed on as this week would have been



NANCY MCDONALD

his 59th birthday. Skip was the life of every cutting-horse show we attended. He worked all week then loaded up and

took his four children to weekend rodeos and cuttings as many of you have done, including us.

We spent many weekend together and in their home in Lazbuddie when up that direction. They lived 20 miles from the nearest grocery store so many times they just made do with whatever was in the pantry, even when company showed up. One of Trent's favorites was Debbie's homemade maple syrup (basi-

cally water and lots of sugar with a little maple flavoring). One Sunday morning, I noticed her kids excitedly getting dressed for church and wondered what was up. They started mumbling something about chocolate gravy.

Hmmmm. I had never heard of it, but that was their family's Sunday morning breakfast tradition. What a tradition, I'm thinking. It was just that, chocolate gravy served over warm biscuits. Yum. Yum.

Fast forward. The 2013 Hometown Holiday cookbook has a chocolate gravy recipe. It is the same as Debbie's recipe! Isn't it funny how a simple recipe brings back so many fond memories? Happy birthday, Skip!

Warning: This is in no way nutritious, but it may bond your family together around the table, and

that is healthy! Enjoy!

Chocolate Gravy

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 heaping tablespoon flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon cocoa

In a saucepan, mix sugar, flour and cocoa. Blend well to get rid of lumps in the flour. Mixture should be light brown (add more chocolate if desired). Add milk and put on burner. Stir constantly or it will stick to the bottom of the pan. Remove when desired thickness is reached. Serve over fresh, warm biscuits.

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1. Apprehension about what is going to happen
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18. Swallow
19. ___ it on thick
20. "Malcolm X" director
21. Atlanta-based station (acronym)
22. Blackguard
23. Be a snitch
25. Pre-Christian priests among the Celts
27. Bank offering, for short (acronym)
28. Like a brigadier general (2 wds)
30. Brio
31. Henry Clay, for one
34. Meeting at a certain time and place, esp. lovers
36. Very, to Verdi
37. Grassland
38. Christmas wish
39. Not now (2 wds)
41. Went bad
42. Egyptian fertility goddess
43. Try to forget
45. Engage in passive activities, often with "out"
46. Put things in order (2 wds)
47. Declines
51. Egg cells
52. Driver's lic. and others
53. "Acid" (acronym)
55. "Fantasy Island" prop
56. Second shot
58. By no means (3 wd)
60. One who runs away to get married
61. Club restriction? (2 wds)
62. Beat
63. Mountain range between France and Spain

Down

1. ___ Ste. Marie
2. Arm bones
3. Woman prophet
4. The "p" in m.p.g.
5. Carbon compound
6. More rude
7. Directs
8. Dusk, to Donne
9. Dry by centrifugal forces
10. Imitates a hot dog
11. ___ roll
12. Small tropical wormlike amphibian
13. Financial protection for property
14. Alienated
21. Beauty pageant wear
24. Numbers games
26. Altogether
29. "High" time
30. Forever, poetically
31. Plant and animal eaters
32. New Deal president
33. Crocodile relative
35. Cowboy boot attachment
37. Advances
40. Those who show the way
41. Bartender
44. Laudatory speech for one who has died
46. Kiddies
48. Hold responsible
49. Contradict
50. Sedimentary materials
54. "Over" follower in the first line of "The Caissons Go Rolling Along"
57. "Tarzan" extra
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The 501 It's not easy being green

In the world of prejudices against ethnicities, someone once said it's easier to hate a whole group of people than one you get to know. I'll buy that.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

In a similar way, it's harder to kill an animal you know than one you don't, if seeing a daily coyote from a distance counts as getting to know him. It's time now for our coyote to trek across the north pasture toward the early morning sun. I just looked! I don't see him.

In the city, our backyard dove is more predictable. For one thing, my husband, Hugh, has gotten into the habit of feeding her pecans.

Bear in mind, he's a dove hunter. Once when we were driving down a country road, he voiced shotgun bursts.

I was dumbfounded and asked what was going on.

Hugh said he'd seen some dove, as if that should explain everything. (This from a man of few words and serious demeanor.) Soon after that, we went dove hunting, and I saw him rip the heads off the birds he'd shot as naturally as if he were brushing his teeth.

Now he's got a pet dove. For one thing, you can't shoot the dove that live in your back yard when you're in the middle of a city. Maybe the birds have figured that out. We've got plenty.

So how does Hugh know which one he's feeding? She's got a mangled foot. Maybe she was hatched that way, or maybe a cat almost nabbed her and she escaped with just a maiming. Cats aren't supposed to roam

free in the city. Tell the cats. How does a dove eat pecans? They must be cracked.

There you have it — Hugh, the great dove hunter, cracking and giving away daily all the pecans we gathered in the fall. Sometimes things work out. Our pecans aren't very good.

When Hugh doesn't get crackin' on time, the dove sits on the fence and makes guttural noises — the opposite of cooing, apparently. I've not heard the noises.

Indeed, animals do have distinct vocabularies. If you've ever listened to cows, you know when a mama is calling her calf. If you know your dog, you learn his barks. We once had a dog with a snake bark — whooo, whooo. Seriously.

But when you think about it, doves shouldn't naturally have any coos that translate "feed me now." They're sup-

posed to find their own vittles, aren't they? Maybe she's just using the same words she would to scold her husband, if it's true dove mate for life.

After her morning feasts, we're left with a sizeable spread of clean shell fragments. I've heard that some new methods of fracking for natural gas, no doubt devised under pressure from the green environmental camp, use walnut shells. Why not pecan?

What a story. Man feeds pecans to handicapped dove and recycles shells for safe fracking.

Packaged right, it could incorporate this concept: It's hard to be prejudiced against the green people when you have become one.

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Sports roundup

Junior high boys split games with Roosevelt

Roosevelt came to town to play the Post Bold Gold Antelopes on Monday. The seventh-grade "A" team came out with a victory by a score of 29-11. The leading scorers were Chance Courtney 8, Mike Phergson 6, Aric Garza 4, Dillon Reed, 4, Ian Haworth 3, and Austin Britton and Valente Perez each had 2. Unfortunately the eighth-grade "A" team came out in the losing end of their battle. Their final score was 19-32. Their leading scorers were: AJ Reed 9, Colton Smith 4, and Bryce Phelps, Bedo Escobedo and Ben Ayala each had 2.

Idalou outscores Lady Lopes

The Lady Lopes came back in the second half against the Idalou Lady Cats on Jan. 15, but it was too little, too late. The varsity outscored Idalou, 28-24, in the combined third and fourth quarters, but it was the slow start in the first that the Lady Lopes out of obtaining victory. Free throws also hurt our hometown girls with Idalou making 15-of-20 attempts, and our Lady Lopes hitting only 21-of-32 from the line. Taylor Osborn led our scoring with 14, and Haily Berry put in 13.

| BOXSCORE | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | F |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Lady Lopes | 8 | 5 | 15 | 13 | 41 |
| Lady Cats | 16 | 23 | 9 | 15 | 63 |

JV girls fall to Idalou

The Idalou subvarsity could not be stopped by the junior varsity Lady Lopes on Jan. 15. The Lady Cats were slowed down in the first half, but ran away with the ballgame after the half. Three-point shots from Idalou and free throws led to the one-sided score. Our young Lady Lopes on junior varsity could never get an offense going and suffered until the fourth.

| BOXSCORE | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | F |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Post | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 11 |
| Idalou | 9 | 11 | 17 | 11 | 48 |

Junior high boys dominate in Idalou

On Jan. 14 both junior high teams played Idalou in Idalou. Both teams came out victorious. The seventh grade "A" team won with a score of 42-20. Leading scorers were: Mike Phergson 8, Aric Garza 6, Chance Courtney 6, Damian Garcia 6, Dillon Reed 6, Valente Perez 4, Austin Britton 2, Brandon Britton 2, and Pacey Blivens 2. Their overall record is 11-2 and 7-0 in district. The eighth grade "A" team won with a score of 37-27. Leading scorers were AJ Reed 16, Colton Smith 13, Bedo Escobedo 4, and Dylan Morris and Russ Morris each had 2. Their overall record is 3-9 and 2-5 in district.

Seventh-grade A girls lose to Idalou

The Post 7th Grade A-Team lost to Idalou on Jan. 14 by a score of 18 to 16. Leslie Gill was the leading scorer with 6 points, Shailey Miller with 4 points, followed by Paige Ayala and Caycee Holson with 3 points each. Other members of the team who contributed in some way are Morgan Lynch, Willow Gray, Brianna Casillas, Jessica Farris and Daisha Greathouse. With the loss, the girls fall to 9 and 6 for the year.

| BOXSCORE | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | F |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Post | 7 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 16 |
| Idalou | 2 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 18 |

Seventh-grade B girls lose to Idalou

The Post 7th Grade B-Team lost to Idalou by a score of 18 to 8 on Jan. 14. Krystal Rodriguez was the leading scorer with 4 points, followed by Saidi Soliz with 2 points. Brooke Blair and Chloe Reiter had 1 point each. Other members of the team that contributed in some way are Victoria Porter, Ashlynn Powers, Deserae Pacheco, Michaela Self, Aisha Walls, Cierra Fontenot, and Courtney Ramirez. With the loss, the girls fall to 2 and 7 for the year.

| BOXSCORE | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | F |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Post | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| Idalou | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 18 |

Lady Lope 7th Grade A - Team Basketball Game Report
January 10, 2012
Lady Lopes vs. Floydada - Post, Texas
Final Score:
Post 7th A 34 - Floydada 7th A 11

Seventh-grade A girls win over Floydada

The Post 7th Grade A-Team beat Floydada by a score of 34 to 11 on Jan. 10. Caycee Holson was the leading scorer with 18 points, followed by Leslie Gill with 5 points each. Shailey Miller and Daisha Greathouse had 4 points each, Jessica Farris had 2 points and Paige Ayala had 1 point. Other members of the team that contributed in some way are Morgan Lynch, Willow Gray, and Brianna Casillas. With the win, the girls improve to 9 and 5 for the year.

| BOXSCORE | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | F |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Post | 9 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 34 |
| Floydada | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 11 |

Seventh-grade B girls win over Floydada

The Post 7th Grade B-Team beat Floydada by a score of 16 to 15 on Jan. 10. Krystal Rodriguez was the leading scorer with 8 points, followed by Victoria Porter, Ashlynn Powers, Deserae Pacheco, and Michaela Self with 2 points each. Other members of the team that contributed in some way are Brooke Blair, Cierra Fontenot, Chloe Reiter, Saidi Soliz, Aisha Walls, and Courtney Ramirez. With the win, the girls improve to 2 and 6 for the year.

| BOXSCORE | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | F |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Post | 3 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 16 |
| Floydada | 3 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 15 |

Compiled by Wayne Hodgins

Post resident graduates from LCU

The Post Dispatch

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Christian University held commencement exercises in December and among those graduating was Post resident Ana Aguilar.

Aguilar, daughter of Jose Guadalupe and Cindy Jo Aguilar, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise science.

Lubbock Christian University has more than 2,000 students and is a four-year

private master's-level institution that promotes unique educational opportunities with a strategic focus on student success in four key areas: spiritual formation, intellectual growth, personal stewardship and leadership development.

Degree programs are offered for both bachelor's degrees and master's degrees. For more than 55 years, the school has offered academic excellence in a Christian environment.

SENATE PANEL From Page 1

Ellis, D-Houston, Open Government; Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, State Affairs; Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, Transportation; and Letitia Van de Putte (Senate president pro tempore), D-San Antonio, Veterans Affairs and Military Installations.

Speaker Joe Straus has not yet named House committee chairs and members.

As of the end of the second week of the session (Jan. 18), 748 bills and resolutions had been filed by House members, while Senate members had filed 201 over the same period. To give some idea of what lies ahead in that regard, in the last 140-day regular session, 7,003 House and 3,312 Senate bills and resolutions were filed.

The bill-filing deadline is March 8, the 60th day of the current session. The dead-

line applies to bills and joint resolutions (proposed constitutional amendments) other than local bills, emergency appropriations and bills that have been declared "emergency" by the governor.

Many gun bills are filed

More than a dozen state lawmakers have filed legislation pertaining to firearms.

The bills deal with who, what, when, where and how a handgun can be carried, licensing procedures, permit fees, renewals and more.

One of the bills, SB 182 by Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Waco, sets forth conditions under which a concealed handgun license holder may "carry" on land and buildings owned or leased by an institution of higher education.

In other news, a rally at the state Capitol on Jan. 19 against President Obama's recent gun control proposals drew several hundred people.

Year ends with job gains

December was the fourth straight month the unemployment rate in Texas has declined, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Jan. 18.

Texas' unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent in December, down from 6.2 percent in November and from 7.4 percent a year ago, the agency's Chairman Andres Alcantar said. Also, private sector employers in Texas added 257,400 jobs since December 2011 for an annual growth rate of 2.9 percent.

"In December, we saw annual growth in 10 major industries, for an overall annual growth of 2.5 percent in Texas," Alcantar said. "With those positive strides and 11,800 private sector jobs added in the past month, 2012 was a strong year for Texas and my hope is that the Texas economy will build on that success in 2013."

Tom Pauken, the agency's commissioner representing employers, said, "Texas is leading the way in helping to make the Unit-

ed States energy independent. Our robust energy sector not only is creating good paying jobs for many Texans in that industry but also is spurring job growth in many other industries."

Travis letter to head home

William Barrer Travis's "Victory or Death" letter written Feb. 24, 1836, will be returned to the Alamo on Feb. 22 for a grand celebration at Alamo Plaza.

This will be the first time the letter — which resides at the Texas State Library and Archives in Austin — has been at the Alamo since it left with a courier on horseback under the cover of darkness during the famous 13-day siege in 1836, Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said. Visitors will be asked to be silent and respectful when viewing the document "from a safe distance" and no flash photography will be allowed.

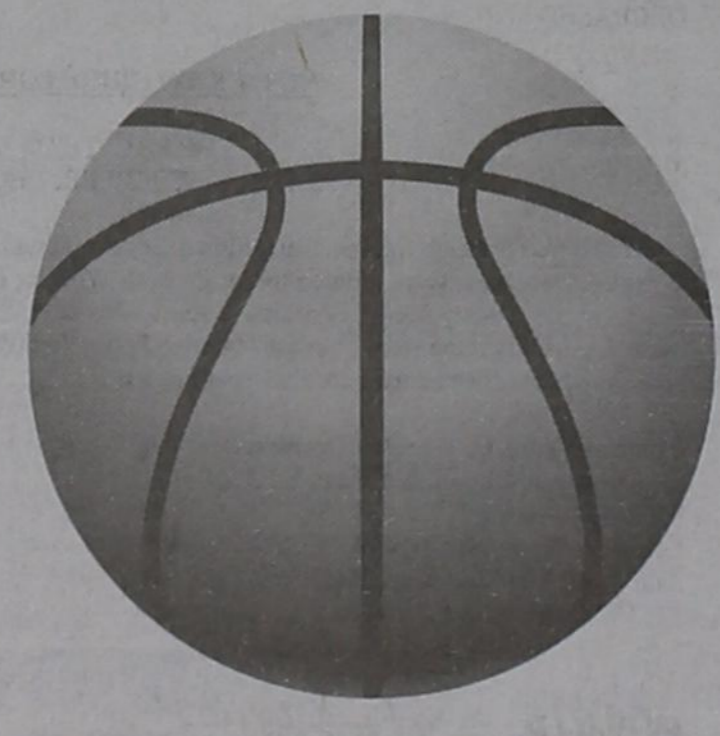
Alamo visitors will be able to view the letter Feb. 23 through March 7.

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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago January 23, 2003

City officials made a quick work of a brief agenda last week. Council members approved the low bid of \$65,000 for the purchase of a mechanical bar screen for use at the sewer plant.

The Garza County Commissioner's Court approved appointments to various boards and committees at its regular meeting, January 13, commissioners also took action to make repairs at the Garza County Historical Museum. John Boren was reappointed to serve on the county's Lake Alan Henry zoning board. Others serving on the board are commissioner Mike Sanchez, Fred Stephens, Clyde Cash and Weldon Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lee of Post celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary January 25 with a special dinner in Lubbock. Melvin and Bessie have five children, James A., Dennis Ray, Marvin, Lannie

D., and Sharon D. Hastings. Melvin has been a farmer for Jerry Thuett for 33 years.

Henry Tarango and Todd Dillard, following a recent meeting, announced that the South Plains Community Action Association Inc., will make additional Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs funds available to help weatherize Post Community Housing Association units. The funding is made available through the weatherization Assistance Program, which is designed to help low- and fixed-income families to lower their energy consumption and costs.

20 Years Ago January 20, 1993

Kindergartners at Post elementary have another learning tool following action by the Post ISD school board at its January 19 meeting. The board approved the purchase of 20 Apple computer systems for the five

kindergarten classes at the elementary school. Purchase price for the computers was 64,640. This was a budgeted item.

Baylor University has announced that Jay Mitchell, son of Cindy and Jimmy of Post, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1992 fall semester. Mitchell, a 1992 Post High School graduate, earned a 3.719 grade point average.

Spelling Champs from the First Baptist Church Christian School are; Brandi Melton, Ryan Thomason, O.J. Gilbert, Adley Peralta, Vic Patel, Ashley Mason, Abby Flanigan, Frederick Leans, Maggie Flanigan, Nicholas Flanigan, and Jordan Peralta.

30 Years Ago January 16, 1983

Ashley Lynn Holly, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramey Holly, is little 1983, who finally arrived 13 days after the stroke of midnight

January 1 to win the title and prizes offered to the winner. She was born at Garza Memorial Hospital Thursday, January 13 at 5:04 p.m.

The Caprock Veterinary Hospital and Clinic located on U.S. 84 north of Post, was broken into sometime Sunday night or early Monday morning while Dr. and Mrs. Larry Mills were out of town. After gaining entrance into the facility, person or persons unknown apparently went through the facility, taking a few of the doctor's instruments and finding some tools, went to the safe. The safe was bent to pieces until the door could be opened where a sizeable amount of money along with Mrs. Mills jewelry was taken.

40 Years Ago January 25, 1973

Katheryn Wynona Taylor, operator of the Gateway Motel here, is out on bond on two counts of receiving and concealing stolen property. Sheriff J.A. (Jimmy) Holleman, who signed both complaints, said the items recovered at the motel were taken in Lubbock burglaries in November and December of last year. Harry Lytle, and Oklahoman, who was arrested in a Gateway Motel room, with a stolen 30-30 Winchester rifle, valued at

\$100, in his possession and was charged along with the motel operator on one of the two counts. One of the receiving and concealing charges concerns a camper-shell which Holleman said was recovered from her pick-up.

Post businessman Bryan J. Williams of 1005 West 11th St has been named to the 21-man board of directors of the Brazos River Authority and attended his first meeting in Waco Monday.

All government offices here were closed today on the National Day of Mourning for President Lyndon Johnson whose funeral will be conducted in the nations capital this morning with burial in the small Johnson family cemetery near his ranch in the Texas Hill Country this afternoon. Post schools will also be closed for the day.

The Post city council voted unanimously at a special meeting Monday night to turn the city police department over tot the "full authority and supervision" of Garza County Sheriff J. A. (Jimmy) Holleman.

The possibility for a new housing development near White River Lake surfaced at the January meeting of the White River directors last Thursday night at the filtration plant.

50 Years Ago January 24, 1963

Workmen began laying one of the 32-foot sections of 14-inch White River water pipes on West 15th Street. The pipe contractor's are Ramsey Enix Co., Inc. of Amarillo, which will lay approximately 180,000 feet of pipe between here and the White River dam now under construction. The pipe laying operations here also include boring under the railroad tracks at East 15th Street for laying of sections of corrugated pipe.

Riley Miller, Ralph Miller and Dewey Everett of Fluvanna are in Trinchera, Colorado hunting mountain lions.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheatley were surprised, January 15 on the eve of their 25th wedding anniversary, by members of their family and friends.

Marine Pvt. Archie T. Gill, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.I. Gill of 612 South Av H. Post, recently completed four weeks of individual combat training regiment at camp Pendleton, California.

Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Stoker of Post announce the birth of a daughter Frankie Jo, in Garza Memorial Hospital January 22.

Compiled by Elizabeth Moreno

Advertisement and Invitation for Bids

Garza County will receive bids for the **TDA Project No. 712197 - WATER WELL REHABILITATION** until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 addressed to Honorable Lee Norman, County Judge at White River Municipal Water District, 2880 FM 2794, Spur, Texas 79370 at which time the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Bids are invited for work described generally as follows:

1. Remove existing submersible well pump, motor and column piping.
2. Measure well depth and remove sand and gravel accumulation.
3. Perform recorded video survey of the well casing and screen.
4. Clean screen, as required, with acid treatment and "Sonar-jetting" and bail out well.
5. Furnish and install new 8" diameter stainless steel wire wrapped well screen with blank liner and gravel pack and develop well.
6. Test pump well, as required.
7. Furnish and install new submersible pump and new column piping and reconnect to existing discharge piping. Test pump well.
8. Disinfect well and sample.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at the office of Johnson & Pace Incorporated., 2020 Lindbergh Drive, Tyler, Texas 75703; (903) 531-0131.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained from the Engineer by payment of \$50.00 each set of documents so obtained. Each such payment will not be refunded.

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Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex age or national origin.

Garza County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

Bids may be held by Garza County for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Date: January 14, 2013
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By: Phil Elledge, P.E.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF

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POST AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Annual Banquet February 23, 2013 Ballot

Below are those who have been nominated for Outstanding Business and Citizen. Please select one from each category. If you want to write in a choice do so in the blank provided. Outstanding Business must be a Chamber member. A list of members is available from the PACC Office. Please return your ballot by Friday, February 1, by email (chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com), mail (P. O. Box 610) or to the office in the Santa Fe Depot.

Outstanding Business/Organization
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_____ Xcel Energy
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Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast

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|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday Mostly Sunny 58 / 33 | Saturday Mostly Cloudy 53 / 40 | Sunday Mostly Sunny 68 / 42 | Monday Mostly Sunny 70 / 40 | Tuesday Partly Cloudy 63 / 37 | Wednesday Mostly Sunny 68 / 44 | Thursday Partly Cloudy 64 / 42 |

Local UV Index



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

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

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 58°, humidity of 30%. North wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 84° set in 1970. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 33°. East wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 10° set in 1963. Saturday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 53°, humidity of 46%. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Skies will be mostly cloudy Saturday night with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 40°.

Weather Trivia

Which way does a zonal wind flow?

Answer: West to east.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

| Day | Peak Times | | Day | Peak Times | |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| | AM | PM | | AM | PM |
| Fri | 10:44-12:44 | 10:14-12:14 | Tue | 12:33-2:33 | 1:03-3:03 |
| Sat | 11:30-1:30 | 11:00-1:00 | Wed | 1:20-3:20 | 1:50-3:50 |
| Sun | 11:31-1:31 | 11:01-1:01 | Thu | 2:06-4:06 | 2:36-4:36 |
| Mon | --- | 11:47-1:47 | www.WhatsOurWeather.com | | |

Weather History

Jan. 25, 1837 - At 7 p.m., a display of the northern lights danced above Burlington, Vt. Its light was equal to the full moon. Snow and other objects reflecting the light were deeply tinged with a blood red hue. Blue, yellow and white streamers were also noted.

Jan. 26, 1983 - The California coast was battered by a storm that produced record high tides, 32-foot waves and mudslides causing millions of dollars in damage. The storm then moved east and dumped four feet of snow on Lake Tahoe.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset |
|------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Full 1/26 | Fri 7:45 a.m. | 6:11 p.m. | 5:10 p.m. | 6:26 a.m. |
| | Sat 7:44 a.m. | 6:12 p.m. | 6:06 p.m. | 7:06 a.m. |
| | Sun 7:44 a.m. | 6:13 p.m. | 7:04 p.m. | 7:43 a.m. |
| | Mon 7:43 a.m. | 6:14 p.m. | 8:02 p.m. | 8:18 a.m. |
| Last 2/3 | Tue 7:43 a.m. | 6:15 p.m. | 9:00 p.m. | 8:52 a.m. |
| | Wed 7:42 a.m. | 6:16 p.m. | 10:00 p.m. | 9:26 a.m. |
| | Thu 7:41 a.m. | 6:17 p.m. | 11:01 p.m. | 10:00 a.m. |

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

| Date | High | Low | Normals | Precip |
|------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1/15 | 35 | 19 | 52/24 | 0.00" |
| 1/16 | 53 | 18 | 52/24 | 0.00" |
| 1/17 | 55 | 27 | 52/24 | 0.00" |
| 1/18 | 60 | 28 | 52/24 | 0.00" |
| 1/19 | 68 | 28 | 52/24 | 0.00" |
| 1/20 | 64 | 24 | 52/24 | 0.00" |
| 1/21 | 47 | 25 | 52/24 | 0.00" |

Farmer's Growing Degree Days

| Date | Degree Days | Date | Degree Days |
|------|-------------|------|-------------|
| 1/15 | 0 | 1/19 | 0 |
| 1/16 | 0 | 1/20 | 0 |
| 1/17 | 0 | 1/21 | 0 |
| 1/18 | 0 | | |

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 Flirting with success

It's a funny thing about us Southerners. If a Yankee criticizes us, we haughtily disregard it, muttering over their ignorance. But on the occasion a Yankee compliments us, we happily embrace it and declare we have found an enlightened Yankee.

Such was the case with me when a reporter from a Yankee newspaper called to interview me on the fine art of flirtation.



RONDA RICH

"Why did you call me?" I asked.

"Because everyone knows that Southern women are the best flirts," she replied simply.

I love enlightened Yankees. They are a joy to my soul.

That conversation led to an article that led me to writing a book about flirtation as practiced and patented by Southerners, especially our women. It is simply this: You can be a good storyteller without being a good flirt. But you cannot be a great flirt without being a terrific storyteller. Storytelling is important

to Southern people. It is deep in the marrow of our bones, passed down from generations of Scotch, Irish and Scotch-Irish. At the start of the Civil War, around 75 percent of the South was Celtic. This is critical to understanding how a passionate penchant for storytelling was passed down through generations over the years.

When the poor Celts arrived in this country — many of the Scotch-Irish were indentured slaves brought across the Atlantic and dumped unceremoniously around the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania — they brought nothing. Nothing, that is, except three skills from their native land: whiskey making, fiddle playing and storytelling. My people, pure Scotch-Irish they were, participated in all three.

Georgia-born writer Flannery O'Connor was once asked why Southerners wrote so much about freaks in their stories. "Because," she replied in her typical no-nonsense way, "We are still able to recognize them."

It's the same with storytelling. To tell a good story, you must first be able to recognize a good story. The best storytellers find entertaining drama in ordinary events and common occurrences such as misplaced keys, misbehaving kids and misunderstood mothers-in-law.

To say the least, Southern women are dramatic. Our hair isn't the only thing we like big. We like our stories to be grand, infusing them with overwrought drama that includes lots of expressions and embellishments.

My friend, Miss Virgie, a former Mississippi belle, was telling the story of being evacuated from her hillside home in Carson City, Nev., during a raging wild fire that took out many homes in her neighborhood.

"The smoke was so thick I couldn't see to drive out of my driveway. I was just feeling my way along. It was terrible," she moaned. "Then, when I got out of the driveway, I was so close to the flames they licked my cheek and burned the tiny facial hairs away! I was charred!"

Her husband, Bill, who had been in the car in front of her, started chuckling. "Oh, it was not. You were not that close to the fire."

With a strong sense of urgency, she sat up straight, her blue eyes wide as platters. "Bill! I was, too! I am quite certain I had at least second-degree burns!"

Of course, Miss Virgie was doing what she does best when she tells a story — she was embellishing. But it sure made for a dog-gone good story, much better than if she had not been "charred" and suffered "at least second-degree burns."


That's the way a Southern woman flirts best. She tells stories and holds her audience captive in the palm of her sweet little hand.

Who cares if we embellish to make the story bigger? No one seems to care if we tease our hair to make it bigger.

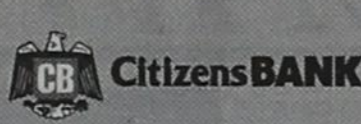
And, as far as we Southern women are concerned, embellishing is just as important as teasing.

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

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