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City, county to hire airport manager

Full-time, on-site position would oversee day-to-day activities

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

City of Post and Garza County officials have agreed to split the costs associated with hiring a full-time, on-site airport manager to oversee the facility's day-to-day administrative activities.

Acting on a recommendation by the airport advisory committee, the Post City Council and Garza County Commission, at each of their respective meetings this week, approved the hiring of such a position.

Post City Manager Deana Watson said the position was needed to help maintain the facility and to improve security.

"We have a really nice airport out there that is utilized by several local pilots," she said. "While not necessarily a source of income we count on, we feel like the facility is one the city and county should support. It's good to be able to offer that service to our residents."

Watson added the contract has yet to be approved by the potential hire.

"Right now, everything is contingent upon him accepting and signing the contract," she said.

Both the city and county during recent meetings have approved an inter-local agreement that will allow the two entities to share the cost and oversight

associated with the airport.

In addition, the two entities will share the costs of the construction of an airport lounge pilots could utilize. The lounge would include office space and restroom facilities.

Daniel Benson, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division said the Post City-Garza County Airport said having a full-time manager will be good for the local facility.

"Having a full-time person who oversees the daily needs of an airport such as the one in Post is good for business," Benson said. "You can expect more activity out there, and it just makes a lot of sense."

County Judge Lee Norman said a full-time manager at the airport isn't a new concept.

"We haven't had anyone out there since the former game warden retired

two or three years ago," he said.

The new position also would oversee application and administration of certain state and federal grants to improve airport infrastructure.

"The airport is run in tandem with the Texas Department of Transportation's aviation division, which administers grants each year for the upkeep and maintenance of such things like refurbishing air strips," Norman said. "So one of the things this new person would be responsible for is to apply for those grants and ensure we have one of the best smaller airports in the area."

Norman said the money generated by hanger fees is mostly enough to provide the upkeep of the facility and maintenance of the property.

"It's one of those things like the swimming pool or the library. It's not meant to be a money-maker but more a service to the community," he said.

Post Notes

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

Senior ads

Senior ads for the Post High School yearbook are due by March 22. Prices run \$60, \$120, \$180. If you have any questions, contact Malvena Moore at 495-2770 or mmoore@postisd.net.

Little League fundy

The third annual barbecue sandwich fundraiser for the Post Little League Association will be at 11 a.m. March 28 just west of the Main Street red light across from Post Auto. Plates include chips, pickles, onions and a drink for donations. Event is sponsored by the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. For information, contact Trevah Yarbro at 495-2175.

Broom/mop sale

The annual broom and mop sale, hosted by the Rotary Club of Post, will begin at 8 a.m. April 9 at 101 W. Main St. Brooms, mops, brushes and many other items will be for sale, including quality cleaning aids for home, business or industry. All proceeds benefit the Caravan Sales for the Blind.

Homestead exemption

Anyone who turns 65 in 2013, or who has a birth date of 1948 or prior, is eligible for the over-65 homestead exemption on their property taxes. Anyone with a business personal property is required to file a rendition with the Garza Central Appraisal District. If a rendition is not filed, a 10 percent penalty will be added to the total tax. For information, or to file an exemption, contact the Garza Central Appraisal District at 806-495-3518 or visit 124 E. Main St., Post. Due date is April 15.

Cotton meeting

Plains Cotton Growers 56th annual meeting will be from 9 a.m. to noon April 5 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane. For information, contact Plains Cotton Growers at 792-4904 or visit plain-scotton.org.

Goat/lamb validations

State goat and lamb validations will be due no later than 5 p.m. April 19. Cost is \$10. For information, contact the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400.

Steer validations

Steer validations will be due no later than 5 p.m. April 19. Cost is \$10. For information, contact the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400.

Volunteers needed

Post City Festivals is in need of volunteers to help build a number of the miniature houses on site at Silent Night Village. If interested, call Jackie Cruise at 990-9907.

Horse validations

Four-H Connect horse validations will be conducted Friday through May 1. Cost is \$10 through April 15 and \$20 from April 16 through May 1. For information, contact the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400.

Springer bill would help Post tackle the population issue

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

Rep. Drew Springer, R-Muenster, on Thursday filed legislation that would give small communities, such as Post, more flexibility to construct and maintain private roads.

House Joint Resolution 137 would solve this problem by changing the maximum population for this exemption from 5,000 to 7,500.

"Until the last census, Garza County had no problem maintaining old rural roads," Springer said. "While the population of the county remained under 5,000 for citizens, the addition of a 2,000 person federal prison for illegal (immigrants) to be deported was built and knocked them over the threshold for the constitutional private road exemption for small counties."

Last July, the Post City Council voted to move forward with an initiative to de-annex the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility out of the city limits.

When the results of the 2010 decennial census were released, the 2,000 some-odd prisoners being housed at the facility were counted into the city's population, which now stands at about 5,376 people.

Because the count put the city's population above 5,000, that benchmark opens the city up to more scrutiny by the state, including stricter guidelines for electrical and plumbing inspections, landfill regulations and water and sewer testing.

The 5,000 benchmark would necessitate the city hiring more staff to handle the increased workload of ensuring the integrity of those regulations — a cost that would be passed on to taxpayers.

In other business, last week, Spring filed legislation that also would help rural areas with both overburdening fines from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

See **SPRINGER BILL**, Page 6

First-class entrance



Anna Gibson/The Post City Dispatch

Members of Post City Celebrations, including Lee Norman, Rosa Latimer, Kathleen Beach, Pamela Cox and Jim Plummer, stand at the site near City Park where the welcome sign will greet westbound travelers on U.S. 84. The exact sign also will be constructed on U.S. 84 East north of Post near the Garza Healthcare Clinic.

Post City Celebrations is driving force behind new 'welcome signs'

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

Westbound travelers into and out of the city of Post soon will be greeted by new welcome signs that will stand sentry at the entrances of U.S. 84.

Post City Celebrations, a nonprofit organization created in 2007 to help organize the city's centennial festivities, is the force behind the new welcome signs, and its board has procured private funding from the Maxine Durrett Earl Foundation to construct them.

The first sign is under construction now south of Post on U.S. 84 West. Members of Post City Celebrations held a ceremonial ground-breaking at the site March 7.

"The idea is to have something very attractive and welcoming on Highway 84 coming into town while depicting the spirit of Post," said Kathleen Beach, Post City Celebrations spokeswoman. "We've been working on this concept for about six months, and it's good to finally see this project come full circle."

See **WELCOME SIGNS**, Page 6

City sales tax collections up 10 percent

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

Sales tax collections for the month of February for the city of Post were up about 10.1 percent over February 2012, according to information recently released by the state comptroller's office.

Total collections were \$86,899 compared to \$78,918 over the same period last year. Compared to January's collections, however, revenue was down more than 9.8 percent.

Comparing year-to-year al-

locations, sales tax collections are down more than 4 percent over 2011 allocations. Payments to date in 2013 are \$267,559 compared to \$278,769 in 2012.

Statewide, total sales tax collections for December were \$2.17 billion, up 9.4 percent compared to December 2011.

"Sales tax revenues continue to grow, but at a more moderate pace compared to recent months," State Comptroller Susan Combs said. "The latest increase was led by receipts

from the construction and restaurant sectors. Collections from other major sectors such as oil and natural gas-related businesses and manufacturing

remain at high levels." Local sales tax allocations totaling \$531.3 million will be sent out this month to cities, counties, transit systems and

City Date	Net Payment This Period 2011 Payments To Date	Comparable Payment Prior Year % Change	% Change 2012 Payments To
Post	\$86,899	\$78,918	10.11%

special purpose taxing districts — an increase of about 12.2 percent compared to last year, according to the comptroller's office.

For details of local sales tax allocations, visit the state comptroller's website at window.state.tx.us.

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LOCAL SALES TAX ALLOCATIONS

Local sales tax allocations for the month of September 2012 compared with the same month last year.

City Date	Net Payment This Period 2011 Payments To Date	Comparable Payment Prior Year % Change	% Change 2012 Payments To
Post	\$86,899	\$78,918	10.11%

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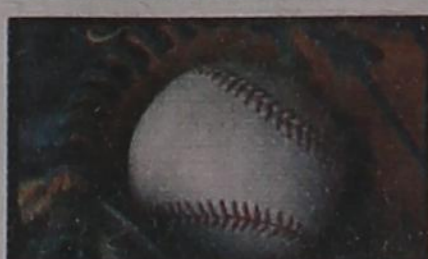
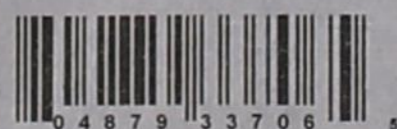
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Tech has nearly \$10 billion statewide economic impact

By Dailey Fuller
Special to the Dispatch

LUBBOCK — The Texas Tech University System generated a combined economic impact of \$9.98 billion for the state of Texas in 2012, according to a recent report by the university.

The assessment also revealed that for every dollar the state of Texas invests in the TTU System, the state's economy sees more than \$23 returned, which is an increase from \$16 in 2011.

"Generating a nearly \$10 billion economic impact in 2012 shows the vital and far-reaching influence of the Texas Tech University System," said Chancellor Kent Hance. "Additionally, every dollar invested in the Texas Tech University System returns \$23 to the state's economy, further proving that there is no better investment for Texans than higher education."

The report indicates a substantial increase from the TTU System's \$7.37 billion statewide economic impact in 2011 and categorizes the economic impact of the university in four significant areas — annual workforce contribution of alumni, employment, labor income and output.

The total annual workforce contribution of alumni, which represents the yearly contribution to the Texas labor force by graduates of the component institutions, stood at \$5.54 billion. The impact on employment increased to 40,775 jobs, which measures the total jobs sustained from operations, employees, research, students and university-related visitors.

More than \$1.76 billion was added to the Texas economy through labor income, the total household income created from operations, employees, research, students and university-related visitors. Total output, which represents the total annual economic impact to the statewide economy, grew to \$4.44 billion.

"Unprecedented growth throughout the Texas Tech University System has been a major factor in our increased economic impact," Hance said. "We have a bold vision for our institutions and continue to set records in student enrollment, innovative research and graduation rates."

Total student enrollment was the largest in the TTU System's history, reaching 43,725 students in 2012 and setting a new record for the sixth consecutive year. Total research conducted throughout the TTU System approached \$200 million in 2012, which was the second highest year on record. Additionally, a record 9,723 degrees were awarded throughout the TTU System in 2012.

The study assesses the economic impact of the TTU System's central administration and its three component institutions — Texas Tech University, Angelo State University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

The model analyzes several factors such as annual operating budgets, research expenditures and student enrollment to provide estimates on the economic impacts on the entire state, as well as the multiple counties in which the TTU System operates. The survey also includes technology commercialization efforts, as well as the impact of TTU system, employee, visitor and student spending.

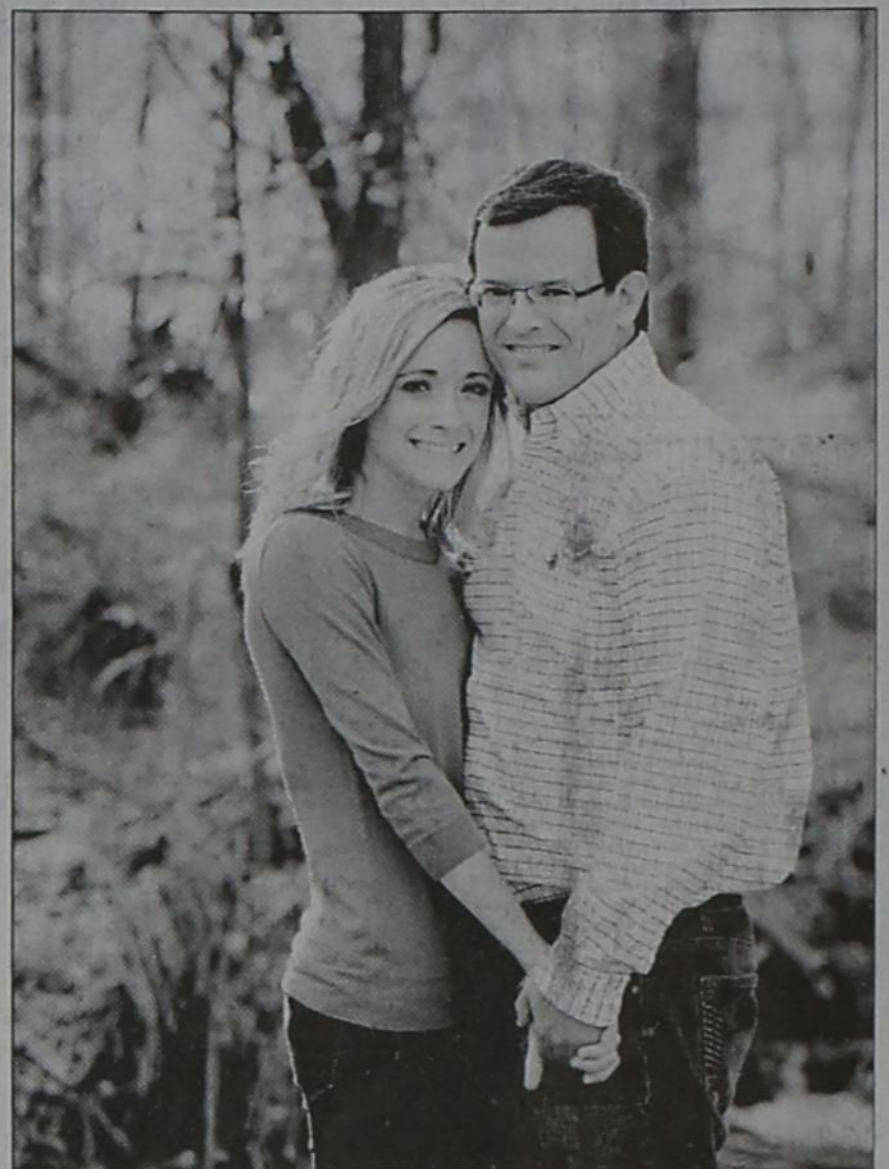
Celebrations Collier, Mills announce nuptials

Alexa Collier of Post and Bill Collier of Ransom Canyon announce the engagement of their daughter Christin Nicole Collier to David Rolfe Mills, son of Larry and Linda Mills of San Antonio.

Christin is a graduate of Post High School and Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in general studies and an master's in business administration from the Rawls College of Business. She is employed by Eli Lilly in San Antonio.

David is a graduate of MacArthur High School in San Antonio and Texas Christian University with a bachelor degree in business administration. He is the owner of David Mills Custom Homes.

The couple will be married June 22 at First Methodist Church of Lubbock.



Christin Nicole Collier and David Rolfe Mills

Our views Still a need for greater open government here in Garza County

This past week marked the annual observance of Sunshine Week across the nation. If you're not familiar with it, Sunshine Week is a national initiative to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information.

Though created by journalists, Sunshine Week is about the public's right to know what its government is doing and why.

Sunshine Week seeks to enlighten and empower people like you to play an active role in their government at all levels, and to give them access to information that makes their lives better and their communities stronger.

In fact, research shows public information requests at both the state and national level are made more often by members of the public than by journalists themselves.

People are playing more of a role in the actions that affect their communities. They now are learning what kinds of information they have a right to

see, where to get it, how to get it and what to do if someone tries to keep it from them.

The Sunshine Week initiative is about increasing public awareness.

The state of Texas is very lax in what it requires of government entities in order to correctly post and administer an open meeting. According to state law, a government body is not required to alert any news outlet that it will have a public meeting. In fact, the only requirement is that an agenda is placed on the door of the building in which the meeting will be held.

This antiquated requirement is in dire need of updating to reflect 21st-century technology.

Some government bodies do upload agendas to their respective websites for public review. In Post and Garza County, however, only the Garza County Commission posts its agenda online.

In the spirit of the law and upon a burden to make their meetings as open to the public

as possible, we urge the Post ISD Board of Trustees, the Post City Council, the Garza County Board of Health and the White River Municipal Water District to make efforts in the coming year to post copies of their meeting agendas online — in the spirit of the public's right to know.

Providing a window to open government, like any other public service, does come at a price. But it is no less a part of government than police and fire protection, libraries, public transit, parks, education and other core services.

It's your government. And it's your money that's paying for it.

You deserve to what decisions are being made, how your tax dollars are being spent and whether waste, fraud, corruption, conflicts of interest or just bad decision-making is getting in the way of the results you expect for your money.

It's not just journalists, but citizens who should demand that accountability — and more — of their government.

Odom celebrates 45 years with George R. Brown

Dennis Odom on Monday celebrated 45 years of employments with The George R. Brown Partnership.

Odom worked several summers while attending Post High School and was

hired March 11, 1968, as a full-time employee. He began in the roustabout gang and as a part-time relief pumper.

He is now assistant superintendent.

Odom was honored with a reception at work by his wife, Jane, his daughter Devin, son-in-law Richard Halford, and his three grandsons, Ryan, Riley and Rustin, all of Brownfield.

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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 Mae West

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Celebrations

Thomas Family enjoys double celebration

A double celebration was held recently to honor Wayne and Jo Thomas on their 60th wedding anniversary and Wayne's 80th birthday.

The celebration was hosted by their four children:

Syan, Tol, Tammye and Jendy at The Heritage House on Ave. N, which has significance in the

family's past. Wayne and Jo lived in the old Sanitarium, on the second floor in the operating room, which is now the Garza County Historical Museum.

After their children were born, they lived at the end of the block at the corner of Ave. N and 10th Street. The children would walk down to Minnie

Graeber's house, which is now The Heritage House, and play in the yard where she had a wishing well.

Guests were greeted by Wayne and Jo and a table full of pictures past and present.

The suit Wayne wore on their wedding day was also displayed.

Many memories were shared through a plethora of pictures by sisters, nieces, nephews, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many friends.

"It was a tremendous honor to celebrate these two joyous events with so many people," according to daughter Jendy.



Then and now photos of Wayne and Jo Thomas. The Thomases were recently honored with a 60th anniversary party by their children. The occasion also marked Wayne Thomas' 80th birthday celebration.

'Post' book signing



Wayne Hodgkin/The Post Dispatch
Post resident Patty Kirkpatrick gets her copy of "Post" signed by author Linda Puckett on Tuesday afternoon during a book signing event at Ruby Lane Books. The book is a pictorial history of the city that C.W. Post built. All proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the Garza Museum, of which Puckett is the director. Copies are available not only at Ruby Lane Books but also at the museum.

Craddick: Texas oil production on the rise

STATE HELPS PAVE THE PATH TOWARDS U.S. ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, COMMISSIONER SAYS

AUSTIN — The Railroad Commission on Feb. 27 released production numbers indicating Texas is producing almost 1.5 million barrels of oil per day — a nearly 50 percent increase in crude oil production since 2011. Texas now represents almost a fourth of total crude oil produced in the United States.

"It's exciting," said Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick to members of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association at its annual meeting in Austin on Feb. 26.

"It's evident not just in the production numbers, but in the jobs that are being created and the taxes this industry contributes to our state's coffers. Last year, oil and gas energy sectors were responsible for 427,761 jobs in Texas and the industry paid \$9.25 billion in state taxes in 2011," Craddick said.

"We are finding new resources with innovative technology and pioneering techniques. I think we have the potential to fulfill our energy needs in North America, so we can stop relying on unfriendly nations for oil. The shale plays being discovered in this state are tremendous. We are experiencing a climate that has created a real potential for a shift in global energy dynamics, and I am excited that Texas is playing a major role."

With increased oil production through technological developments within the industry and the wealth of discovery in shale gas in Texas, U.S. energy independence grows closer to a reality, Commissioner Craddick said.

"Today, the United States consumes almost 18.5 million barrels of oil per day and imports approximately 12 million barrels a day. Some forecasters predict crude oil and petroleum imports may drop to 6 million barrels per day by 2014. We are not only producing more hydrocarbons, we are also consuming less oil, and we are finding new ways to use the abundant energy resources we have."

RRC PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND ALLOWABLES

The Texas average rig count as of February 22 was 812, representing about 48 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 534 million barrels of oil and 7.1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for December 2012 is 51,069,243 barrels of crude oil and 485,269,993 MCF (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary December 2012 production totals of 43,824,975 barrels of crude oil and 425,078,831 MCF of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1653 for crude oil and 1.1416 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for January 2013 was 363,238,354 Mcf compared to 393,708,521 Mcf in January 2012. The February 2013 gas storage estimate is 343,001,687 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial March 2013 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 9,334,758 MCF (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial March 2013 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for March 2013 is reported.

JANUARY PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,978 original drilling permits in January 2013 compared to 1,581 in January 2012. The January total

included 1,819 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 36 to re-enter existing well bores, and 123 for re-completions. Permits issued in January 2013 included 603 oil, 138 gas, 1,172 oil and gas, 57 injection, zero service and eight other permits.

DECEMBER CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary December 2012 crude oil production averaged 1,413,709 barrels daily, up from the 1,045,816 barrels daily average of December 2011.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for December 2012 is 43,824,975 barrels, up from 32,420,281 barrels reported during December 2011.

JANUARY OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In January 2013, operators reported 1,114 oil, 351 gas, 50 injection and five other completions compared to 765 oil, 234 gas, 18 injection and three other completions in January 2012.

Total well completions for 2013 year to date are 1,520 up from 1,020 recorded during the same period in 2012.

Operators reported 51 holes plugged and zero dry holes in January 2013 compared to 800 holes plugged and zero dry holes in January 2012.

DECEMBER NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 523,343,832 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for December 2012 down from the December 2011 preliminary gas production total of 530,873,658 Mcf. Texas preliminary December total gas production averaged 16,882,059 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) a day.

Texas production in December 2012 came from 137,981 oil wells and 87,727 gas wells.

JANUARY TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

- RRC District: (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 311
Oil Completions: 145
Gas Completions: 9
- RRC District: (2) REFUGIO AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 145
Oil Completions: 62
Gas Completions: 17
- RRC District: (3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 82
Oil Completions: 54
Gas Completions: 16
- RRC District: (4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 62
Oil Completions: 23
Gas Completions: 33
- RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 7
Oil Completions: 5
Gas Completions: 5

- RRC District: (6) EAST TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 42
Oil Completions: 15
Gas Completions: 59

- RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 65
Oil Completions: 52
Gas Completions: 0

- RRC District: (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 214
Oil Completions: 458
Gas Completions: 2

- RRC District: (8) MIDLAND
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 658
Oil Completions: 352
Gas Completions: 1

- RRC District: (8A) LUBBOCK AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 140
Oil Completions: 72
Gas Completions: 0

- RRC District: (9) NORTH TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 174
Oil Completions: 38
Gas Completions: 155

- RRC District: (10) PANHANDLE
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 78
Oil Completions: 42
Gas Completions: 48

DECEMBER TEXAS TOP TEN OIL PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION


- COUNTY - CRUDE OIL (BBLs)
- 1. KARNES - 3,135,866
- 2. ANDREWS - 2,490,744
- 3. DE WITT - 2,030,942
- 4. GAINES - 2,025,222
- 5. ECTOR - 1,924,619
- 6. LA SALLE - 1,886,903
- 7. GONZALES - 1,830,423
- 8. YOAKUM - 1,814,908
- 9. MIDLAND - 1,771,885
- 10. LUPTON - 1,757,702

DECEMBER TEXAS TOP TEN GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

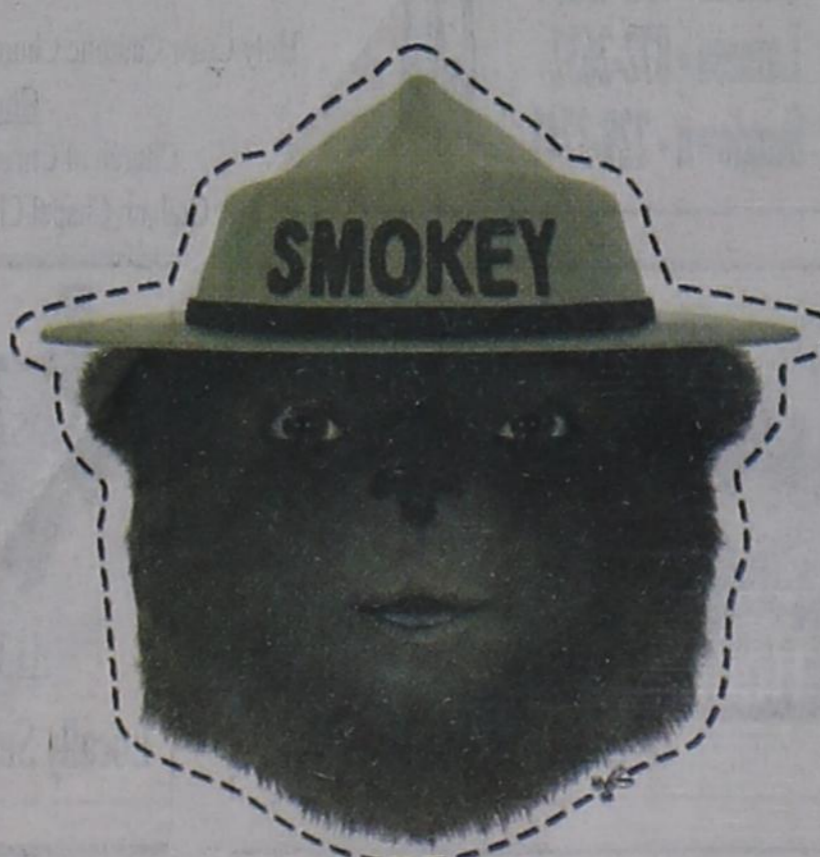
- COUNTY - TOTAL GAS (MCF)
- 1. TARRANT - 62,367,519
- 2. JOHNSON - 33,234,326
- 3. WEBB - 20,947,545
- 4. PANOLA - 20,001,618
- 5. PECOS - 19,793,641
- 6. WISE - 18,285,652
- 7. DENTON - 17,649,838
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Nancy's Notions

Spring forward: Change batteries in smoke alarms

So we all had to "spring forward" last weekend, but did you know you were also supposed to change the batteries in all of your smoke alarms?

According to SafeKids Worldwide, if batteries were recently changed, it's still very important to conduct a monthly test of your smoke alarms. It could save a life!

For the best protection, install smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside every sleeping area, and in every bedroom. Smoke alarms should be mounted high on walls or ceilings and tested monthly. It's important to replace smoke alarm batteries at least once a year, unless they're 10-year lithium batteries.

A small fire can grow into a deadly one within one or two minutes. To help prevent a tragedy, closely inspect your home to eliminate potential hazards. Prepare your home for an emergency, and teach your family about the dangers of fire and how to escape.

Following are tips to make sure you and your family is safe.

Smoke alarms can be battery-operated or electrically hardwired in your home and are available at a variety of price points.

If you have hearing problems, use alarms with flashing strobe lights and vibration. Test your smoke alarms at night to see if your child will wake up and respond to the alarm.

Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings since smoke rises. Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years.

Plan and practice several escape routes and a safe place to meet outside. Plan and practice two escape routes out of each room of the house. It is important to have an alternate escape route in case one is blocked by fire.

Have a designated person to help young children and others who might have difficulty escaping. Fire drills should be practiced at least twice a year.

Home fires and home fire-related deaths are more likely to occur during cold-weather months. Practice your escape plan at night to see if your child awakes to the smoke alarms.

Designate an outside meeting place, so all members of the family can be accounted for quickly. Once you are outside, call the fire department or 911 from a cell phone or neighbor's phone.

Teach and model safety. A child who is coached properly ahead of time may have a better chance of surviving. Children should know the sound of the smoke alarm. When they hear it, teach them to get outside quickly and crawl low if there is smoke.

Touch doors with the back of your hand before opening them. If the door is hot, use an alternative exit. Teach children never to go back into a burning building for anything such as a toy or pet and that if their clothes catch on fire, they should immediately stop, drop to the ground and roll back and forth quickly to extinguish the flames.

Teach them to never touch or play with matches, candles, gasoline or lighters. Be sure you are not teaching your children bad habits. Do not let them see you smoke in bed or disconnect smoke alarm batteries.

Eliminate other potential hazards. Keep matches, lighters, and gasoline locked away and out of children's reach. Keep flammable items such as clothing, furniture, newspapers or magazines at least three feet away from the fireplace, heater or radiator. Always turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed. Plug an electric space heater into an outlet with enough capacity and never plug it into an extension cord. Place covers over unused electrical outlets and avoid plugging several appliance cords into the same electrical socket. Replace old or frayed electrical wires and appliance cords, and keep them on top of, not beneath rugs. Place candles in a safe location away from combustible materials and where children or pets cannot tip them over.

Remember, smoke alarms do not last forever. The maximum life span is eight to 10 years. After that time, the entire unit should be replaced. If the unit does not respond properly when tested, it should be replaced immediately.

Get in the habit each spring during daylight saving time to check those smoke alarms.

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



NANCY MCDONALD

Legends

History of the Graves family

I saw Diane and Ronnie Graves the other day, and was reminded of this great story of Ronnie's ancestors, the Jim Graves family.

James Marion (Jim) Graves was born Nov. 26, 1891, in Jack County, and Blanche Myrtle Daugherty was born September 10, 1894, in Lubbock County. They were married in Lubbock in 1913.

Jim came to Lubbock when he was 6 years old. There were only 17 children enrolled in school, some of the names remembered being the fathers of J.B. Potts, Dr. Euell C. Hunt, Huffstедler Tubbs, Stubbs and Elwin Wheelock.

Jim and his family farmed a half section and grazed a half section of land where McKenzie Park is now located. Avenue A was the line of the town section. The city bought the land in 1923 for the park.

Jim and Blanche's son, Wagner Claude, was born in Lubbock on March 12, 1914. He was named after a Lubbock pioneer, Dr. Wagner, the family doctor.

Jim and his dad, J.W. Graves, purchased 1,600 acres of pasture land from C.W. Post. The land had a new four-room Double U farmhouse and was located five miles northeast of Post as the crow flies. It was much further into Post following the fencerows. In February 1917, they moved to Garza County down the Yellowhouse Canyon by wagon and team. The dry riverbed was the smoothest, quickest way, but the team bogged down in the river just before they got to their new home located by the North Fork of the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos. During Christmas 1919,

Jim and Blanche rode horseback, with Wagner behind his mother, to the Jay and Beulah K. Bird ranch to spend the night and eat Christmas dinner.

As a boy, Wagner watched the bridge crew build the first river bridge. They used a steam engine to drive the piling into the riverbed. He sold the men watermelons during the summer. The pillars that supported the one-lane wooden bridge are still standing south of the present bridge used today.

One day Blanche was boiling water in an old iron pot outside to do the laundry when a whirlwind caught the fire and caused the roof of the barn to begin burning. She told Wagner to stay on the back porch until she got back. She burned her arms trying to get their new buggy out of the barn. Seeing she needed help, she jumped on a horse bareback to get Jim who was plowing in a field across the river. The barn had grain and feed in it so it continued to burn for days. Roy James and other neighbors came and worked all night throwing buckets of water on the housetop to keep it from burning.

Jim leased adjoining Double U land and the Johnny Ray place, former Pippin place, for years to run cattle. He grubbed out land to raise feed and fed 80 to 100 calves each year on ground feed.

In 1921, Wagner rode horseback seven miles to the Hartford School. Oliver Smith rode with him. Oliver's sister, Jimmie Dee (Parker) and Mable James walked beside them.

During the drought of the '30s the cattle were starving. Prices wouldn't pay to ship them by train to the Fort Worth Stockyards so the government paid \$17 for cows to butcher and feed people on relief. They paid \$7 for the poor ones and the owners had to burn them.

Wagner hauled the picked cotton to the North Custus Gin in the late evening, tied the team of mules to the wagon wheel, and went to sleep in the cotton wagon while waiting his turn to have it ginned. Oscar Bowen would come and wake him on those cold, frosty mornings. He would be covered with cotton except for his nose.

In 1928, Wagner bought his first car, a Model T Red Roadster. He soon parked it on blocks because of the Depression; he couldn't buy 10 cents a gallon gas. He and Grady rode horseback to Charlie Perkin's dances at Grassburr on Saturday nights. Other social activities included community gatherings and singings at the J.F. Maxey home in the Graham Community.

Jim raised mules and broke them to work. One day he roped one that kicked out 13 teeth while he was smoking a cigar. He jumped in the Model T, went into town, and had Dr. B.E. Young pull the broken ones out. They never did find the cigar.

In later years, Jim moved his home north across the river. He planted an orchard and sold fruit to people all over the South Plains. Blanche died at a young age of 31 in 1925 and was buried in the Lubbock Cemetery. Jim lived to be 87 years old, passing away in August 1978 and is buried at Terrace Cemetery in Post.

Each time I read one of these early day family histories, I am amazed at their stamina. Don't you wish our people of today had just some of those traits? Mr. Post spoke of keeping everlasting at it — "stick-to-itiveness" — and belief in oneself. That's what I'm talking about. See you next week.

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



LINDA PUCKETT

Nearly 3 out of 4 kids aren't buckled up correctly. As children grow, their safety seat requirements change. Make sure they're buckled into a safety seat that's the right height, facing the correct direction, and anchored to the vehicle properly. If you don't, you could be fined up to \$250. Learn all the details of BuckleThemRight.org

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High school track

Lady Lopes dominate in Plains

PLAINS — The Post High School girls varsity track team dominated the Plains Everitt McAdams Relay event Saturday. Due to inclement weather, the event was canceled after the 300-meter hurdles.

Post Varsity Girls Results

Team: 1st Place Overall with 76.5 point

100 M Dash

2nd Place, Kelbie Oden, 13.42

400 M Dash

5th Place, Sarah Stinson, 70.14

3200 M Run

6th Place, Andi Soliz, 15:20.76

100 M Hurdles

2nd Place, Miranda Apolinar, 17.97

4 x 100 M Relay

1st Place, Kelbie Oden, Bethany Curtis, Miranda Apolinar, Haily Berry, 51.41

4 x 200 M Relay

5th Place, Bethany Curtis, Callie Odom, Cheyenne Gill, Sarah Stinson, 1:59.27

High Jump

6th Place, Sarah Stinson, 4'6"

Long Jump

1st Place, Haily Berry, 17'0.5"
4th Place, Kelbie Oden, 15'5.25"

Triple Jump

1st Place, Haily Berry, 37'4"
3rd Place, Kelbie Oden, 33'6.5"

Shot Put

6th Place, Sara Greer, 28'4"

Discus

5th Place, Rebecca Taylor, 85'3"

Post JV Girls Results

Team: 2nd Place Overall with 58 points

100 M Dash

2nd Place, Madison Carr, 14.20
4th Place, Seaira Scott, 14.65

800 M Run

2nd Place, Kelsey Griffin, 2:58.87

4 x 100 M Relay

1st Place, Madison Carr, Maggie Shelton, Katie Dunn, Seaira Scott, 55.65

High Jump

3rd Place, Kelsey Griffin, 4'0"

Long Jump

2nd Place, Madison Carr, 13'7"

Shot Put

3rd Place, Seaira Scott, 24'5.75"

Discus

1st Place, Alex Perez, 74'8"

Post Varsity Boys

Team: 5th Place with 41 points

100 M Dash

4th Place, Nathaniel Gill, 11.61

110 M Hurdles

6th Place, Campbell Kirkpatrick, 46.67

4 x 100 M Relay

3rd Place, Nathaniel Gill, Aron Lopez, Dalton Holly, Darren Brown, 45.15

4 x 200 M Relay

6th Place, Nathaniel Gill, Dylan Pearson, Caden Dean, DJ Brown, 1:37.59

Shot Put

1st Place, Bryan Smith, 43'3"

Discus

1st Place, Travis Greathouse, 139'6.25"
5th Place, Alejo Rodriguez, 119'10"
Post JV Boys
Team: 2nd Place with 46 points

100 M Dash

2nd Place, Blaine Reece, 12.06

400 M Dash

4th Place, Sammy Soto, 57.92

3200 M Run

1st Place, Blake Boren, 12:18.63

110 M Hurdles

6th Place, Carson Kirkpatrick, 19.88

300 M Hurdles

3rd Place, Carson Kirkpatrick, 47.57

4 x 100 M Relay

4th Place, Christian Saucedo, David Hernandez, Ethan Self, Blaine Reece, 49.00

4 x 200 M Relay

2nd Place, Christian Saucedo, Carson Kirkpatrick, Ethan Self, David Hernandez, 1:40.84

High Jump

3rd Place, Alex Ramirez, 4'10"

Pole Vault

Tie 5th Place, Wyatt Gray, 9'0"
Tie 5th Place, Erik Gomez, 9'0"

Long Jump

2nd Place, Blaine Reece, 17'8.5"

Triple Jump

1st Place, David Hernandez, 37'9.5"
2nd Place, Ethan Self, 36'4"

Shot Put

4th Place, Jaybren Rodriguez, 34'1"

Compiled by Beau Riker

Bold Gold softball, baseball to be broadcast

Special to the Dispatch

PostSportsRadio.com begins its broadcast season of Lady Lope softball and Antelope baseball starting at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday when the boys open district play at Floydada.

Jim Plummer and Call Windham will bring the live action of selected games from both the Post girls and boys varsity district game schedule.

The Lady Lopes games are set for March 23 at Roosevelt, March 29 at Idalou, April 9 at Slaton, April 16 at Roosevelt and April 20 vs. Slaton.

In addition to Tuesday's game broadcasts of the Antelopes, baseball games are scheduled for March 26 vs. Roosevelt, April 6 at Childress, April 16 at Roosevelt and April 26 vs. Childress.

Pregame shows will begin 15 minutes before the first pitch. Go online to PostSportsRadio.com for start times.

In the event of a play-off game by either the Lady Lopes or Antelopes, PostSportsRadio.com will stream the contests live.

Plummer, a Texas Tech

graduate, brings more than 30 years of broadcast and audio production experience to the operation and is the producer of PostSportsRadio.com.

Windham, a 2008 graduate of Post High School and former Antelope football, basketball and baseball player, is a senior mass communications major at Texas Tech.

Plummer said the Internet opens up availability to the world "wherever Post sports fans are located."

"The Internet broadcasts can be streamed on most digital devices including smart phones, tablets, and laptops in addition to personal computers," Plummer said. "To improve listening pleasure, external speakers or head phones are recommended."

The PostSportsRadio.com website is always available for Bold Gold fans to listen to recorded broadcasts of 2012-2013 football, basketball, softball and baseball contests.

Interested sponsors should contact Plummer at 806-781-1911 or go to PostSportsRadio.com for information.

High school baseball

Post 12, Brownfield 18

Hot bats not enough for Lopes

BROWNFIELD — Eight hits weren't enough for Antelopes as Post lost a shootout, 18-12, in seven innings to Brownfield on Tuesday.

Jared Curtis got on base five times in the game for Antelopes. He singled in the fourth inning.

Brownfield's M. Gonzales, C. Garcia, S. Jacques and M. Munoz combined for eight hits and eight RBIs.

Four relief pitchers finished off the game for Brownfield. R. Jimenez faced three batters in relief, while No. 14 managed to record five outs to aid the victory.

The Antelopes open district play Tuesday at Floydada.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
PST	2	3	4	0	2	1	0	12	9	3
BRW	2	0	2	3	3	8	0	18	12	2

Kermit 4, Post 3

Seventh-inning lead change vaults Kermit past Lopes

BROWNFIELD — A tight game was decided in the seventh inning as Antelopes fell to Kermit 4-3 in seven innings on Saturday at Brownfield.

Brayden Pyles racked up two RBIs on two hits for Antelopes. He singled in the fourth inning and tripled in the sixth inning.

Kermit jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first. Jantzen Michel tripled to ignite Kermit's offense, before George Morales singled, plating Michel.

Kermit pushed one run across in each of the second, third and seventh. In the second, Kermit scored on an RBI single by Allen Barieia, scoring Jonny Garza.

It didn't take long for Antelopes to answer as it scored one run of its own in the third. Antelopes scored on a sacrifice fly by Vance Blair.

Antelopes matched its one-run fourth inning with one more in the sixth. In the fourth, Antelopes scored on an RBI single by Pyles, plating Paden Babb.

Kermit didn't relinquish the lead after scoring one run in the seventh inning when it scored on an RBI single by Isiah Saenz.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
KRM	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	4	11	0
PST	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	8	2

Abernathy 9, Post 2

Blair's big day not enough

BROWNFIELD — Despite Vance Blair's 2-3 performance at the plate on Friday, Antelopes took a 9-2 loss at the hands of Abernathy at Brownfield.

Blair had two extra-base hits for Antelopes. He doubled in the third inning and tripled in the fifth inning.

Abernathy's Logan Speer, Drew Lust and Justin Cannon combined for three hits and five RBIs.

Abernathy stayed on top until the final out after taking the lead in the first, scoring two runs on an RBI single by Baylor Smith and a steal of home by Speer.

After pushing across two runs in the top of the third, Antelopes faced just a 3-2 deficit. An RBI single by Brayden Pyles and a sacrifice fly by Dalton Holly triggered Antelopes' comeback. But, Cannon got Nathan Gill to ground out to end the inning.

Abernathy piled on six more runs in the bottom of the fifth. A single by Drew Lust ignited the offense, scoring Nate Horne and Gage Perez. That was followed up by Ty Lust's single, plating Speer.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
PST	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	6	1
ABR	2	1	0	0	6	0	9	1	0	0

Post 15, Olton 5

Fourth-inning rally sparks blowout win for Antelopes

BROWNFIELD — The Antelopes blew out Olton, 15-5, on Thursday at Brownfield after pouring on eight runs in the fourth inning.

Dylan Pearson racked up four RBIs on two hits for Antelopes. He homered in the first inning and singled in the fourth inning.

Vance Blair had an impressive outing against Olton's lineup. Blair held Olton hitless over 1 1/3 innings, allowed no earned runs, walked none and struck out three.

Antelopes hammered Olton pitching as six hitters had a field day, combining for 11 hits, 10 RBIs and 12 runs scored.


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
PST	7	0	0	8				15	12	1
OLT	0	0	5	0				5	6	3

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WELCOME SIGNS

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Beech said both entrances are expected to be completed in about a month.

"We hope to have a more formal dedication at some point in April," she said.

The concept, design and creative force behind the structure is local architect Pamela Cox of the Lubbock-based landscape firm of Nash & Associates.

The sign depicts an iron-horse sculpture drinking out of a stream and will be constructed from rock salvaged from an original home

of C.W. Post, the city's founder. Brushed aluminum letters spelling out Post will be illuminated for passersby to see at night.

Land at the south entrance was donated by the city of Post, and land at the north entrance on U.S. 84 East has been donated by the Garza County Health Care District. Officials hope to start work on the north entrance soon.

Post Area Chamber of Commerce director Janice Plummer said the structure will be a first-class entrance for Post City.

"It'll be a great addition to the city of Post and a great way to let travelers know they're welcome here," Plummer said. "People have been talking about a welcome sign for at least 20 years. It's great to see this project come to fruition."

SPRINGER BILL

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Currently, the TCEQ charges the same amount in fines for an offense in a sparsely populated area as they do for an offense in a largely populated area.

"Before Session, I hosted 22 town hall forums across my district," Springer said. "The No. 1 complaint I received was that the TCEQ

was over-regulating and way over-fining small populations. A \$50,000 fine to the city of Dallas spread out over a population of 1 million people is only \$.05 each. However the same fine to the city of Floydada is over \$25 a person. Citizens of Texas should not be penalized for living in small towns; all citizens in Texas should be treated equally."

HB 3222 requires the TCEQ to take into account the population of a county or municipality before assessing a fine. Fines must then be assessed proportionally equal for all cities and counties in the state.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS DOCKET SERVICES

OIL AND GAS DOCKET IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Austin, Texas
February 28, 2013

NOTICE OF HEARING

ON THE APPLICATION OF SAGA PETROLEUM, L.L.C. OF COLORADO TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY RECOVERY AUTHORITY FOR THE SOUTHWEST GARZA UNIT LEASE GARZA FIELD GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

CAUTION: TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING IN OPPOSITION TO THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND FILE WITH THE COMMISSION THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST AT LEAST FIVE WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING DATE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU PREVIOUSLY FILED A NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST IN RESPONSE TO A PREVIOUSLY ISSUED NOTICE OF APPLICATION. [Please read this entire Notice of Hearing for further instructions.]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 *et seq.* (2013), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on

APRIL 16, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 2001 *et seq.* (2013). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Saga Petroleum, L.L.C. of Colorado to consider Unitization and Secondary Recovery Authority for the Southwest Garza Unit Lease (Lease No. 61155), Garza Field (Field No. 34113001) in Garza County, Texas.

1. Approval of the Second Amendment to the Unit Agreement for the Southwest Garza Unit (Unit) that expands the Unitized Formation to include the lower San Andres formation. A copy of this Second Amendment is on file with the Docket Services office of the Railroad Commission of Texas at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701.
2. Approval of the expanded Unit as a secondary recovery unit pursuant to Chapter 101 of the Texas Natural Resources Code;
3. Approval of secondary recovery operations by waterflooding in the enlarged Unitized Formation that is part of the Garza Field (Field No. 34113001) as recognized by the Railroad Commission; and
4. Railroad Commission recognition of Saga's Southwest Garza Unit (Lease No. 61155) as an entity for density purposes.

Saga has more than 85% of the working interest and more than 65% of the royalty interest within the Unit Area of the Unit committed to the Second Amendment of the Unit.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, H. Philip Whitworth, at (512) 495-6300. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file a notice of intent to appear at the hearing, even if the party has previously filed a notice of intent to appear in protest in response to the Notice of Application. The notice of intent to appear at the hearing must be filed with Docket Services, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a party in opposition appears at the hearing without having filed a timely notice of intent to appear in response to this Notice of Hearing, the hearing may be postponed and re-set for a later date at the applicant's request or on the examiner's own motion. If the applicant fails to appear at the noticed hearing, the application may be dismissed without further notice or opportunity for hearing. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing by a Court Reporter, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services of any discrepancy or omission.

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Across

1. Beg
6. Wallop
10. Lowlife
14. Cliffside dwelling
15. Com
16. Decline
17. Long
18. Beef buy
19. Final notice
20. Break into fragments
23. Filter
25. One way to stand by
26. Speculative
30. Enlarge, as a hole
31. Corrode
32. Big ___ Conference
35. "___ on Down the Road"
36. Lawn mower's path
38. "Buona ___" (Italian greeting)
39. "... he drove out of sight"
40. Water-filled ditch surrounding a castle
41. Shed tears of grief
42. Committed to live and work in a specific place (2 wds)
46. Strong woody fiber
49. Druid, e.g.
50. Clergyman who also has a secular job (hyphenated)
54. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
55. Long, long time
56. In pieces
60. At sea
61. "Cast Away" setting
62. Come again
63. "Trick" joint
64. Airhead
65. Pirate's pal

Down

1. Be worthwhile
2. "Malcolm X" director
3. Victorian, for one
4. Military air base
5. Unit of fineness of silk fibers
6. Rigid support for a broken bone
7. "Crazy" bird
8. Condo, e.g.
9. Characteristic carrier
10. Weapon with a long, pointed blade
11. Conspiratorial group of plotters
12. Accord
13. Allocate, with "out"
21. "Comprende?"
22. Covered with gold
23. Clip sheep's fleece
24. "Cut it out!"
26. Diagram showing family lineage
27. About to explode
28. Director's cry
29. ___ Wednesday
32. Parenting challenges
33. At attention

34. Back of the neck

36. "My boy"

37. "This means ___!"

38. Flowering vine

40. Bit

43. Small harpsichord

44. Anger

45. Render harmless

46. Element B

47. Come to mind

48. Glide along on ice

50. Move by taking steps

51. Bust, so to speak

52. 100 centavos

53. "Let's ___"

57. Appear

58. Morgue, for one

59. "Don't give up!"

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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Week

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Menus Week of March 18-22

Southland ISD

Breakfast

Monday: Waffles, sausage, fruit, juice, milk
Tuesday: Breakfast 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: Hamburgers, 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, green beans, garden salad, apple slices, breadstick, milk
Friday: Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, hot roll, green beans, fresh fruit, milk

Post ISD

Breakfast

Monday: Biscuit, sausage gravy, fruit, milk
Tuesday: Muffins, sausage link, fruit, milk
Wednesday: Cream of wheat, sausage, toast, fruit, milk
Thursday: Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk
Friday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch
Monday: Corn dog, baked beans, tomato and cucumber cup, apple-pineapple delight, milk
Tuesday: Nacho grande, refried beans, garden salad, orange wedges, milk variety
Wednesday: Beef and bean burrito, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, garden salad, baby carrots, fresh grapes, breadstick, milk
Friday: Pizza, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk

Trailblazers

Monday: Salisbury steak, diced potatoes, English peas, roll, fruit, salad, milk
Tuesday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, roll, banana pudding, milk
Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter greens, roll, apple fluff, milk
Thursday: Barbecue beef, smothered potatoes, beans, apricots, roll, milk
Friday: Beef tips, noodles, mixed veggies, corn, roll, chocolate cake, milk

The Idle American Bring back lay-away?

He was as solemn as I've ever seen him. My Uncle Mort, looking down the gun barrel at his 101st birthday, was pensive, his thoughts filled with yesterdays and the snows of many winters. "Our country's in a heap of trouble, nephew," he began. "There's plenty of blame to spread around, border to border, but I think I can pinpoint when our gradual demise began." Tears welling, he continued. "It started when folks abandoned lay-away plans."



DON NEWBURY

Mort thinks when the "we-want-it-now" craze won favor, lay-away plans crumbled. "Buying on credit — getting stuff now and paying later — became a way of life," he moaned. He says we now pile debts upon debts, "trying to keep up with the Joneses — just when we think we've caught them, they renege." My uncle claims debt to be at the root of many problems — from "our house to the state house to the White House." Not many of Mort's remarks end in question marks. This one did. "In your memory, who stands out as Texas' all-time greatest Christian statesman?"

Without hesitation, I answered, "Congressman George Mahon (1900-1985). He served Texas' 19th District for 44 years (1935-1979), was never defeated for public office, endeared himself to the masses and never lost the common touch. He was passionately 'sold out' to public service."

I told him about several visits with the congressman during his twilight years and my remembrances of his sparkling eyes, deep faith and unwavering optimism. Even as dementia took a stronghold, he ended every visit with this reminder: "There is no hope for the world without the church and education. It has always been that way." "Congress must've been special with George Mahon and Kentucky's Second District Congressman Bill Natcher up there," Mort said.

Indeed, Natcher (1909-1994) and Mahon were cut from the same cloth. Both were revered conservatives and Southern gentlemen. Both held law degrees, and both spent collegiate years at then-young educational institutions — now named Western Kentucky University and Hardin-Simmons University. Both men were passionate about serving their people and always committed to doing the right thing. Mike Stephens, longtime Natcher associate, recalls their mutual respect and

their occasional breakfasts together. "They usually came down on the same sides of issues during their 26 years together in Congress," he said.

Many Texans have rich remembrances of Mahon — including his careful budgeting of time that called for squat-thrust exercises while on elevators — few know little, if anything, about Kentucky's late congressional leader. Natcher never missed a vote during his 40-year tenure — a record likely to endure. His last vote — No. 18,401 — was cast from a hospital gurney a few days before his death in 1994.

His name is worth researching. You'll find it refreshing and may draw additional Mahon/Natcher parallels.

Random facts include: Always the natty dresser, Natcher sometimes changed shirts three times daily. He dictated thoughts privately after each House session; the 58 volumes, an average of 400 pages each, are now bound and archived. He wrote weekly letters to his six grandchildren by hand, alternating recipients of original and carbon copies.

He never accepted a campaign contribution, personally financing every race, none of which exceeded \$10,000. He never had a press secretary and never ran a political ad. Storms, graduation ceremonies,

weddings and other momentous events never took precedence over casting house votes.

He invariably operated his office at costs substantially below allowances. He was authorized a staff of 18, but never employed more than five, thus returning big chunks of office funding.

Early on, a friend sent Natcher a \$100 political contribution. He fretted over the gift, fearing that its return would be offensive.

Natcher decided to buy a couple of \$50 Countess Mara ties for the would-be "donor."

He mailed them and a note of thanks for the "contribution."

Mahon and Natcher were essentially "book-ends." They both served as chairmen of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, both died at age 84, and both were committed to "pay as we go."

Both had overflow crowds at their funerals. Names of both are on bridges, roads, buildings and schools.

We should "study up" on such Christian statesmen — reviewing their beliefs and lives of passionate service — and then try our best to model them.

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

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Mayors and elected representatives of the Cities of Idalou, Post, Ralls, and Slaton for the sealcoating of approximately 159,950 square yards of single course penetration and 9,160 square yards of double course penetration of streets and parking lots entitled:

SEALCOAT – 2013

will be received at the office of the City Manager of Slaton at City Hall, 130 S 9th Street, Slaton, Texas, 79364 until: 1:30 P.M. April 2, 2013

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Owners, the Cities of Idalou, Post, Ralls and Slaton, in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the Owners and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the offices of the City Managers of the City of Idalou, 208 Main Street, Idalou, Texas 79329, phone (806) 892-2531, the City of Post, 105 E Main St, Post, Texas 79536, the City of Ralls, 800 Avenue I, Ralls, Texas 79357, phone (806) 253-2558, the City of Slaton, 130 S 9th Street, Slaton, Texas 79364, phone (806) 828-2000, and the office of Brandt Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract Documents.

The Owners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owners reserve the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date.

CITIES OF IDALOU, POST, RALLS, AND SLATON

SOLICITATION FOR BIDS

BID DATE
MARCH 28, 2013

Garza County, through its contracting agency, Cornerstone Programs Corporation, hereby extends an invitation to qualified Contractors to bid on the project hereafter referred to as:

The Garza County Regional Juvenile Center Locking System Project

Sealed bids for a bidding process are due at or before 3 p.m. CST, Thursday March 28, 2013, at the following location:

Garza County Regional Juvenile Center
800 N Ave F
Post, TX 79356

Project Scope:

Garza County, through its contracting agency, Cornerstone Programs Corporation wishes to contract services to remove and replace the existing locking systems for 98 security grade doors, in the Garza County Regional Juvenile Center.

Specifications for this project can be obtained at the Garza County Regional Juvenile Center, between the hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m., or by contacting Michael Breedlove, Director of Operations at 806-495-0266.

Bid Opening Date: March 13, 2013
Bid Closing Date: March 28, 2013

LEGAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE HOME RESERVATION SYSTEM

FUNDING

The County of Garza has applied to participate in the Home Program Reservation System (RSP)

from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and is seeking to contract with a qualified professional management consultant to implement and administer the Home contract activities, including consultation on completion of environmental clearance for construction activities, acquisition/marketing to prospective applicants, procurement of building contractors, overseeing construction, financial management and completion of the program in the allotted period of time the program is active.

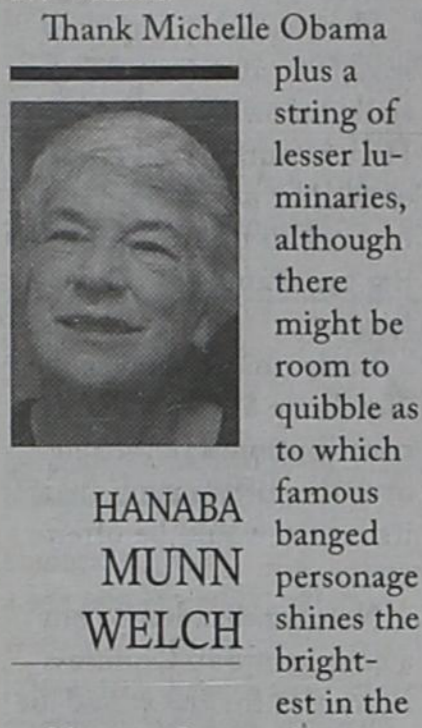
Please submit your proposal of services and statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the Garza County Courthouse at 300 West Main St., Post, Texas 79356, to the attention of Judge Lee Norman. An evaluation committee consisting of the Garza County Commissioner's Court will assess experience, work performance, capacity to perform, proposed cost and ability to affirmatively market of applicants.

Proposals must be received no later than March 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. to be considered. Please furnish 7 copies of your proposal. Proposals can be mailed to the Garza County Courthouse at 300 W. Main Street, Post, Texas 79356, to the attention of Judge Lee Norman. The Contract Administrator reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102.

The Contract Administrator is an Affirmative Marketing/Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages Historically Underutilized Businesses and Section 3 business to submit proposals.

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HANABA MUNN WELCH

Thank Michelle Obama plus a string of lesser luminaries, although there might be room to quibble as to which famous banged personage shines the brightest in the public eye. Some others? Taylor Swift, Kate Middleton, Kim Kardashian.

If we go back a few years, we can't overlook Mamie Eisenhower and Cleopatra.

But who cares? For me, the biggest bang news is that the word can be singular. I gleaned that fact from a recent newspaper story that referred to the hairstyle as a "bang" instead of "bangs." All the 60-plus years I've thought I had bangs, I guess I've had a bang. Hmmm. It'll take some getting used to.

At least the cow disease Bang's still takes an "s." Note that apostrophe. Someone named Bang must have discovered the disease. Or maybe someone named Bang caught it and got diagnosed — not the best way to be famous. It hap-

pens. Bang's is also called brucellosis, Malta fever and other names. Growing up with so-called bangs on a farm, I was quick to learn that my hairstyle had nothing to do with the bovine malady, just like my topknot wasn't like the cardinal's, not that I didn't picture a cow with a fringe of hair falling forward between her horns whenever my daddy talked about vaccinating for Bang's. If I too could have been thus vaccinated, I might have volunteered for the shot and spared myself all the bang trimmings. Or not.

I do wish I'd known all these years the term for the hair above my eyes was "bang." Better the sound of an explosion than a cow disease.

My parents believed one way for me not to ruin my eyesight was not to let my bangs — oops — bang grow so long as to block my vision. Besides, bangs that grew over eyes were a sign of poverty or neglect or both.

Times change. A bang that covers one or both eyes is quite acceptable — even trendy.

Words of caution: God gave us two eyes for a reason. Side-swept or straight, a bang that covers one eye reduces normal binocular vision to monocular, thus reducing depth perception. As long as texting and driving is taboo, shouldn't driving with a bang-obscured eye be equally inappropriate?

What about people who have the sight of only one eye? Well, they can't help it. They've learned to adjust for the handicap. But anyone who is stylishly half-blinded by a bang should think twice before driving with just one eye. There, I've said it.

As for driving with both eyes covered by a bang, why not just get drunk and text too?

OK, I'll admit it. When I see someone's vision obscured by hair, I'd like to give them a bobby pin to get the stuff out of the way. If you don't know what a bobby pin is, you're probably don't remember Mamie's bang.

Not to worry. You didn't miss much.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to The Knox County News-Courier.

Tornado app brings safety info to mobile devices

Audio alert feature can help save lives when users can't monitor the weather

Special to the Dispatch

The American Red Cross has released its official tornado app, putting lifesaving information right in the hands of people who live in, visit or have loved ones in tornado-prone areas.

This free app — available in English or Spanish — gives iPhone, iPad and Android smart phone and tablet users instant access to local and real-time information, so they know what to do before, during and after a tornado.

The app includes a high-pitched siren and "tornado warning!" alert that signals when a NOAA tornado warning has been issued in their area — even if users have the app closed. An "all clear!" alert lets users know when a tornado warning has expired or has been canceled.

"The alerts in the Tornado App can save lives," said Red Cross spokesman Jim Judge. "Now, when a tornado warning is issued in the middle of the night, the siren alert can wake people up so they can head to a safe area. Users can even receive alerts when they are away from their loved ones or don't have access to radio or TV."

The tornado app is the latest in a series of mobile apps created by the Red Cross, the nation's leader in emergency preparedness.

"With more than 2 million downloads, our apps have already helped save lives during hurricanes, earthquakes and wildfires," Judge said.

The Red Cross tornado app comes on the heels of the organization's hurricane app, use of which soared during Superstorm Sandy. The app has been downloaded more than 400,000 times, and nearly 6 million NOAA weather alerts were sent.

Right after the storm, the hurricane app was updated with real-time recovery information including Red Cross shelter and feeding sites, FEMA sites, warming centers and open gas stations to help those affected by the storm.

The tornado app, along with the others, can be found in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store for Android by searching for American Red Cross or by going to redcross.org/mobileapps.

The Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000 disasters each year and help people get ready to respond to emergencies by providing these apps for free. The Red Cross needs the help of the public to continue this lifesaving effort. People can make a donation to the Red Cross by going to redcross.org, texting RED-CROSS to 90999 or by calling 1-800-REDCROSS.

Tack and Saddle Auction

State of the economy forces liquidation
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- Location-based NOAA tornado, severe thunderstorm and flood watch and warning alerts;
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- One-touch "I'm safe" messaging that allows users to broadcast reassurance to family and friends via social media outlets that they are out of harm's way;
- Simple steps and checklists people can use to create an emergency plan and share it with household members;
- Preloaded content that gives users instant access to critical action steps, even without mobile connectivity;
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Yesteryears

10 years ago
March 13, 2003

The future of Garza County's Regional Juvenile Detention Center rests in the hands of bond holders, according to County Judge Giles W. Dalby who reported on the matter Monday morning at the regular meeting of the County Commissioners' Court.

Dalby explained that a tentative agreement has been worked out with a Colorado management company, which specializes in juvenile detention centers. "We'll have to negotiate a reduction in the bond payments to make this deal work," Dalby told the commissioners. The current monthly payment of \$40,000 will have to be reduced to \$10,000 per month until the center builds a consistent number of detainees adequate to meet the financial obligations.

A flurry of facts and figures flooded the Post Community Center March 6, but the underlying message was clear — if the community chooses to support the opening of a hospital, the success of the facility will live or die based on the ongoing support shown by local residents.

"If you plan on voting for a hospital ... you need to plan on supporting it in the future, Garza County Health Care District board president Mike Travis said. "People have to support it both at the election and after the election."

20 years ago
March 17, 1993

Holding young people accountable for their actions with education instead of punishment is an alternative offered by Lubbock's Teen Court. Court coordinator Ed Cooper spoke before a large audience Friday, March 12 in Post explaining how the court works and the benefits it produces in the community.

Teen Court is an alternative to municipal court for young people committing traffic or a Class C criminal offense.

Teens are remanded to the court after they have agreed to the guilt of their offenses and the court then hands down its sentence, usually in the form of useful community service hours.

A ruling by the U.S. Department of Justice accepting a redistricting plan submitted by Post has placed the May 1 city elections on hold. The election scheduled for May, will be held August 14 if a compromise settlement agreement of a lawsuit filed by Noah Gutierrez Sr. against the city is accepted by federal judge

in Lubbock.

Before the Department of Justice accepted the redistricting plan, Post voters were scheduled to go to the polls and vote on two city council members and the mayor. Council seats up for election are currently held by Dan Lamb and Dr. Larry Mills.

Acceptance of the redistricting plan throws open all the council seats for election along with that of the mayor.

30 years ago
March 13, 1883

Post girls' basketball coach Sonja Curry's resignation was accepted by the Post Independent School District board of trustees during Thursday night's regular meeting.

Superintendent Bill Shiver told the board members that he and Athletic Director David Thompson are interviewing a prospective teacher-coach to fill the vacancy for next school year.

Before accepting Curry's resignation, board members approved the reassignment of middle school teacher-coach David Asbill, who had requested to be extended a full-time teacher contract, with middle school principal Bud Davis' strong recommendation.

Lott took the opportunity to repeat his previous position concerning the priorities of hiring... "The first thing we have to do is hire a teacher...and we musn't lose sight of that."

Last year at sunrise on March 22, the wind told the story of a "very good year" as "Chief" Frank Runkles repeated the age-old Indian tradition Taban'a Yuan'e.

With all the uncertainty about this year, there'll be a lot of folks watching the wind and smoke Tuesday, March 22, at the Post City-county Park as "Chief" Runkles waves the peace pipe into the wind.

The event is sponsored by the Post Chamber of Commerce and will be followed by serving of coffee and donuts at the Texas Department of Human Resources Building (formerly the 4-H barn) just off the Snyder Highway.

40 years ago
March 16, 1972

Post, long famous for its outstanding rodeos, will present one of a different brand, Podnuh, when the Post Jaycees stage a Rainbow Rodeo from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at South Lake, almost in hollering distance of the city's Main street.

Also being billed as a Rainbow Trout Fishing Derby, the event offers

prizes in excess of \$150 in value. A \$75 prize will go to the fisherman catching the most trout, \$50 to the one catching the biggest trout in length, and \$25 to the fisherman yanking out the smallest trout.

Twenty-four new members have been added to the Post Chamber of Commerce membership rolls for an additional \$1,168 in annual dues in the 1972 membership drive now nearing completion, Chamber directors were told at their March luncheon meeting of the board yesterday in the Drover House No. 2.

The goal of \$1,300 additional dues and 25 new members is within easy reach, Chamber President Jim Cornish told the board.

The new members bring the club rolls to 132 current members for an estimated dues income of \$8366.96 for the current club year.

50 years ago
March 14, 1963

Farmers, ranchers and firemen this week are expressing fears that this year's grass fires in Garza County may prove as disastrous as those of last year, which burned off thousands of acres of pasture land.

The toll thus far, most of it within the last few days, has not been near as heavy as last year's, but has resulted in hundreds of acres of pasture being burned.

The biggest grass fire of the season thus far occurred Monday night on Jack Myers' Star Ranch, north of Post. Firemen spent five hours fighting the blaze, which destroyed several hundred acres.

Also Monday night, firemen extinguished a grass fire on the Spinning Ranch, south of Post, after a large area of pasture was burned.

The firemen were called back to the Star Ranch early Tuesday afternoon but this time extinguished the fire before the loss mounted as high as that of the previous night. At about the same time Monday, they put out a small grass fire at the Green Tank south of town on the Snyder Highway.

Firemen have been called to the Buenos Switch area, northwest of Post, twice within the last few days by grass fires. The most recent of these fires, Tuesday afternoon, did considerable damage to pasture land.

The only other fire alarm within the past week came last Thursday morning when firemen extinguished a fire in junked automobiles at a wrecking yard at 15th Street and Broadway.

Compiled by Anna Gibson

Pet of the week



Janice Plummer/For the Dispatch

This is Tequila and her four puppies. They were rescued from the Post City Shelter last week and are looking for forever homes. The two black ones are male and the tan ones are female. Please contact PARC at postarc@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Post Arc if you are interested in adopting momma or babies. For more Chihuahuas will be ready for adoption soon. The Post Animal Refuge Center is always looking for homes for our babies or people to volunteer at the shelter. Please let us know if you can help.

Webinar to address quail management

Special to the Dispatch

The Texas Wildlife Association has teamed with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension to host a series of webinars covering a wide array of wildlife and land management topics.

These free online webinars are held from noon to 1 p.m. so that anyone interested may tune in during the work day and provide sound, science-based wildlife management information delivered by experts to you in the comfort of your own home or office.

The next webinar, "Quail Management," will be Thursday. This month's presenter will be Dale Rollins, a wildlife specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in San Angelo.

"Bobwhite abundance is affected by some things beyond our control (e.g., weather), but also influenced by things we can control as land managers," Rollins said. "This webinar will describe 'useable space' for bobwhites and how good management can enhance useable space for bobwhites."

On the day of the webinar visit texas-wildlife.webex.com and click to join the Wildlife for Lunch webinar. WebEx webinars are not supported on handheld devices such as iPads or iPhones.

Each web based seminar is fully interactive and allows you to engage the experts, make comments, and ask questions during the course of the presentation.

If you cannot make the live webinar, each one is archived and available for viewing following the initial air date at the Texas Wildlife Association website at texas-wildlife.org

For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth at hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org or 1-800-839-9453.

"Productivity appraisal" may lower the property taxes on your farm, ranch or timberland!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers, wildlife managers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the productivity value of their land rather than on market value. This means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber—not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district before May 1 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2013 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it before May 1. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:

Garza Central Appraisal District
124 East Main P O Drawer F
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(806) 495-3518

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A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes. It doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling for 65 and older or disabled homeowners. The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling to a new home.

If you're a disabled veteran who receives from the Veterans Affairs (VA)—(1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployment, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2012, you won't need to reapply for 2013 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2013. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications before May 1 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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Remember to "Render!" Taxable property renditions are due April 15.

Does this apply to you?

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, such as the equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does.

What is a rendition?

A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all of the taxable property that you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

What is the deadline?

- The last day for filing 2013 renditions is April 15.
- An automatic extension is available if requested in writing by the April 15 deadline.
- The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after the deadline for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

REMEMBER!!

Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

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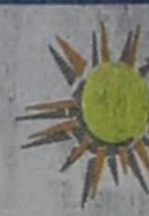





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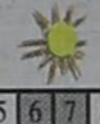
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Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 78°, humidity of 21%. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 89° set in 1972. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 48°. South southwest wind 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 19° set in 1993. Saturday, skies will be sunny with a near record high temperature of 82°, humidity of 23%. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for Saturday is 85° set in 1966.

Weather Trivia

What is the highest wind speed ever recorded on the surface of the Earth?

253 mph (1934) on top of Mount Washington, N.H., a gust of 127 mph was measured.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	2:29-4:29	1:59-3:59	Tue	5:41-7:41	5:11-7:11
Sat	3:17-5:17	2:47-4:47	Wed	6:28-8:28	5:58-7:58
Sun	4:05-6:05	3:35-5:35	Thu	7:16-9:16	6:46-8:46
Mon	4:53-6:53	4:23-6:23	www.WhatsOurWeather.com		

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 3/19	Fri 7:54 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	12:01 a.m.	1:55 p.m.
Sat	7:52 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	12:41 a.m.	Next Day
Sun	7:51 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	1:24 a.m.	2:49 a.m.
Mon	7:50 a.m.	7:56 p.m.	2:10 p.m.	1:41 a.m.
Full 3/27	Tue 7:48 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	2:59 p.m.	2:29 a.m.
Wed	7:47 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	1:50 p.m.	3:14 a.m.
Thu	7:46 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	2:44 p.m.	3:56 a.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
					Date	Degree Days
3/5	54	29	63/33	0.00"	3/5	0
3/6	62	28	63/33	0.00"	3/6	0
3/7	77	35	64/34	0.00"	3/7	6
3/8	79	52	64/34	0.00"	3/8	16
3/9	65	46	64/34	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.	
3/10	50	31	64/35	0.00"	3/9	6
3/11	70	24	65/35	0.00"	3/10	0

Dixie Divas Charlie Tinker and Abe Lincoln

His name is Charles Almerin Tinker and he was the great-great-grandfather of my beloved.

"Charlie Tinker," I sometimes hear my husband say as he passes the large framed photo.



RONDA RICH

The stunningly clear portrait is of four distinguished, gray-whiskered men dressed in suits with vests, ties and winged-collar white shirts gathered around a heavy, round mahogany table. Three are seated and one — Charlie Tinker — is standing, his lips tight but a kindly smile illuminating his eyes. As in the tradition of the mid-1860s, his vest is decorated with the chains of a pocket watch.

If you had asked any of my mountain ancestors back then, they would have called him the "enemy," snorting out the word righteously and haughtily in much the same way that evangelicals utter the name "Satan."

Our people — mine and Tink's — fought on opposite sides of the bloody war that

divided America with that first shot at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861. His fought mainly against slavery; mine — free men, some destitute, some desperados — fought against excessive interference from the government, especially when it came to extreme taxation, particularly when it was applied to the whiskey they were making.

They were free in body but enslaved to dry, rocky ground that refused to cough up enough food to keep them fed well and their taxes paid. Some of my people fought just for the sake of fighting, for that's how those wily Scotch-Irish were — they hated to miss out on a good fight. And why not? They could starve in the Confederate army as well as they could starve on their farms plus on the battlefield, the ammunition was free.

It is not family lore nor is it one bit embellished — for Tink's people stick strictly to the facts, something that my people abhor — that Charlie Tinker and the 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, were close friends. The pair had met when they both lived in Illinois, and Lincoln had become fascinated by a new-fangled invention that Charlie had become an expert at — the telegraph.

In today's age of advanced technology, it is hard to imagine a time when a machine that was able to relay messages across a distance by tapping out a code was cutting edge, a phenomenal break-through. Until then, people relied on pony express and trains for communication with a letter taking weeks or months to travel.

Tinker and Lincoln hit off, with Lincoln spending much time in the telegraph office with him. Their friendship and admiration for each other grew and, eventually, they would work together at the White House — Lincoln as president, Charlie Tinker as one of four men in the telegraph office of the War Department. It was Charlie Tinker who hand-delivered the news to Lincoln that he had been re-nominated as his party's choice for president. Celebratory news, mostly unexpected, since the Civil War had driven down Lincoln's popularity making it doubtful that he would have a second term.


I'm sure they were delighted with that telegram, even uncharacteristically slapping each other on the back and smiling broadly for much of the news that Charlie delivered to the president was grim and heavy-hearted: increasing numbers of men slaughtered, battles lost to the genius of Gen. Lee and the taunting possibility of the Royal Empire joining the Confederates in order to save England's cotton industry.

One morning while in Los Angeles, I was having coffee in bed and checking email when Tink walked in, his arms loaded with dozens of yellowed books. He dropped them on the bed. Puzzled, I picked one up.

"What's this?" He tilted his head. "Charlie Tinker's diaries." History buff that I am, I trembled with anticipation. Just wait until you hear some of the stories my new friend, Charlie, told me.

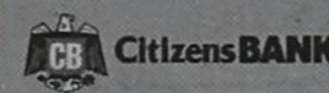
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