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Massey appointed to open JP seat

By Wayne Hodgkin
The Post Dispatch

Garza County commissioners on Monday appointed a new justice of the peace for Place 2.

Angela Massey will fill the unexpired term of retiring seven-term Judge Dee Justice, who announced he was leaving the seat in early April effective at the end of the month.

Massey will serve out the remainder of Justice's term, which is set to expire at midnight Dec. 31, 2014. She is a former municipal judge for the city of Post and has been the administrative assistant for the county attorney for a number of years.

There are two justice of the peace positions in Garza County.

Gordon Terry serves in the Place 1 spot.

Justice of the peace courts have original jurisdiction in class C misdemeanor criminal cases, which are less serious minor offenses. These

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County Judge Lee Norman, right, administers the oath of office to incoming Justice of the Peace Angela Massey. County commissioners appointed Massey on Monday to fill the unexpired term of retiring Judge Dee Justice.

House passes voter assistance bill

By Ed Sterling
For the Dispatch

AUSTIN — Legislation to amend the state elections law as to how much a person may assist others in voting was passed by the House on April 26.

Committee Substitute House Bill 148, authored by Rep. Cindy Burkett, R-Mesquite, received a final vote of 93-48, but not before lengthy and contentious debate on the House floor a day earlier.

Opponents of the bill, who were rebuffed in multiple attempts to amend the bill, warned that its passage likely would result in a federal court challenge under Section 5 of the U.S. Voting Rights Act of 1965, a part of the law that affects states showing a pattern of discriminatory behavior in election-related practices.

An official state analysis of CS HB 148, in short, asserts: "In certain localities, individuals receive compensation for harvesting mail-in ballots or for going door to door collecting eligible ballots and posting them on behalf of voters. Such individuals are compensated on a per-ballot basis. There currently is no limit on the number of times a person may act as a courier for mail-in ballots in a given election, and concerned parties contend that some mail-in ballot harvesters provide unlawful assistance or unlawful witness to voters and may even electioneer in the presence of an active ballot."

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State bound



Drew Kirkpatrick/For the Dispatch

Senior Haily Berry competes in the triple jump event last weekend at the regional track tournament at Odessa College. Her jump earned her a trip to the state meet next weekend in Austin.

Berry to make second state showing

By Wayne Hodgkin
The Post Dispatch

Post High School senior and two-time defending regional champion Haily Berry will make a lone showing at the UIL state track and field meet May 10 in the triple jump.

Odessa College played host to last week's Conference 2A Region 1 in which Berry leaped to a first-place finish in the triple jump with 36 feet, 7.25 inches.

Looking ahead to her meet next weekend, Berry said she's come a long way since her first trip to Austin last year.

"I feel like I'm a better athlete than I was last year," said Berry, who has signed a letter of intent to run track at West Texas A&M next year. "I think I'll have a good showing at state. I'm looking forward to the competition and think I'll come up in the top three at least."

Head track coach Beau Riker said Berry's con-

fidence going into next weekend's meet will allow her to be a better contender.

"Haily knows what to expect out of the state meet this year because she was there last year," he said. "She knows what it's all about and she's ready for the big stage."

Berry will once again square off against the No. 1 jumper in the state in Kenija Collier of Tatum.

"The thing about these meets is that it's really a wide-open field," Riker said. "Anything can happen. It's stiff competition, but you never know when one of these girls is going to scratch — and that could make the difference."

Riker said Berry he had confidence Berry will walk away with a medal next weekend. She broke the school record early in the year.

"Given that she competed last year and knows what to expect and seeing how she's performed better and better with each meet this year, she's got a really great chance of coming home with metal," Riker said.

Sales tax collections up 17 percent

By Wayne Hodgkin
The Post Dispatch

Sales tax collections for the month of March for the city of Post were up nearly 17 percent over March 2012, according to information recently released by the state comptroller's office.

Total collections were \$90,092 compared to \$77,011 over the same period last year. Compared to February collections, however, revenue was up only a little less than 4 percent.

Comparing year-to-year allocations, sales tax collections are up only a little more than a half of a percentage point over 2012 allocations. Payments to date in 2013 are \$357,651 compared to \$355,780

in 2012.

Statewide, total sales tax collections for March were \$1.98 billion, up 5.5 percent compared to March 2012.

"Sales tax revenue growth was seen in both the business and consumer sectors of the economy," Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Collections grew in sectors such as manufacturing and retail trade. Sales tax revenue has now increased for 36 consecutive months."

Local sales tax allocations totaling \$521.9 million will be sent out this month to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts — an increase of about 6.8 percent compared to last year, according to the comptroller's office.

LOCAL SALES TAX ALLOCATIONS

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

City	Rate	Net Payment This Period 2012 Payments To Date	Comparable Payment Prior Year 2011 Payments To Date	% Change %Change
Post	2.000%	90,092.02 357,651.23	77,010.71 355,779.86	16.98% 0.52%

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

Source: State Comptroller's Office

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.

Girl Scouts

Face painting and bake sale benefit Saturday for Girl Scout Troops 6416 and 6496 for their trip to Sea World. For information, call Barbara Palmer 470-1295.

Talent search

KSSL's Daron Norwood will be interviewing local residents for talent during Post Trade Days from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday in downtown Post. Contestants of all ages are encouraged to audition. The top three contestants will move onto a live radio showcase. Please mail or bring a bio and photo with either a CD or YouTube web address to Furniture Warehouse, 2828 34th St., Lubbock. For information, call 806-687-9191.

Retirement celebration

Family and friends of Nancy Vaughn and Greg Henry are invited to a retirement reception in their honor from 3:45 to 5 p.m. May 9 at Post Middle School Library, 405 W. Eighth St. For information, call 495-2874.

Scholarship opportunity

Community Recovery Center officials are now accepting applications for the C.J. Schoenrock Memorial Scholarship presented each year to a graduating senior pursuing a degree in the areas of counseling and/or education. Qualified applicants are requested to submit an application to the selection committee no later than May 7. For information or applications, contact Chris Atkinson at 806-495-3173.

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 Cruse at 990-9907.

GED prep

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

GED test

The GED test is being revised and will be in use starting January 2014. It is being revised to better prepare students for college entry. As a result, the test will be more difficult to pass. If you or someone you know is interested in obtaining their GED, now is the time to pursue this goal. Classes are available from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Post High School. For

Corrections

City officials will allow Post homeowners to fill their pools prior to June 1 under a waiver to the stage 2 drought plan authorized by the city manager. A story in last week's edition contained inaccurate information.

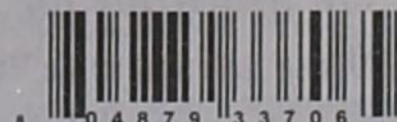
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Deaths

Julian John Govea

Julian John Govea, 1 month 18 days, of Kennesaw, Georgia, died on Tuesday April 23, 2013, at the Kennestone Hospital Marietta, Georgia. He was born on March 5, 2013, to Geovanny and Suzanna (Cisneros) Govea at Marietta.

His father, Geovanny Govea, is serving active duty with the Air Force Reserve Command at Dobbins Air Force Base at Marietta.

Julian was preceded in death by a cousin, Victoria Thomas on April 10, 2013, in Spokane, Wash. He is also preceded in death by his great-grandparents Mike and Delores Cisneros.

Julian is survived by his parents Geovanny and



JULIAN GOVEA

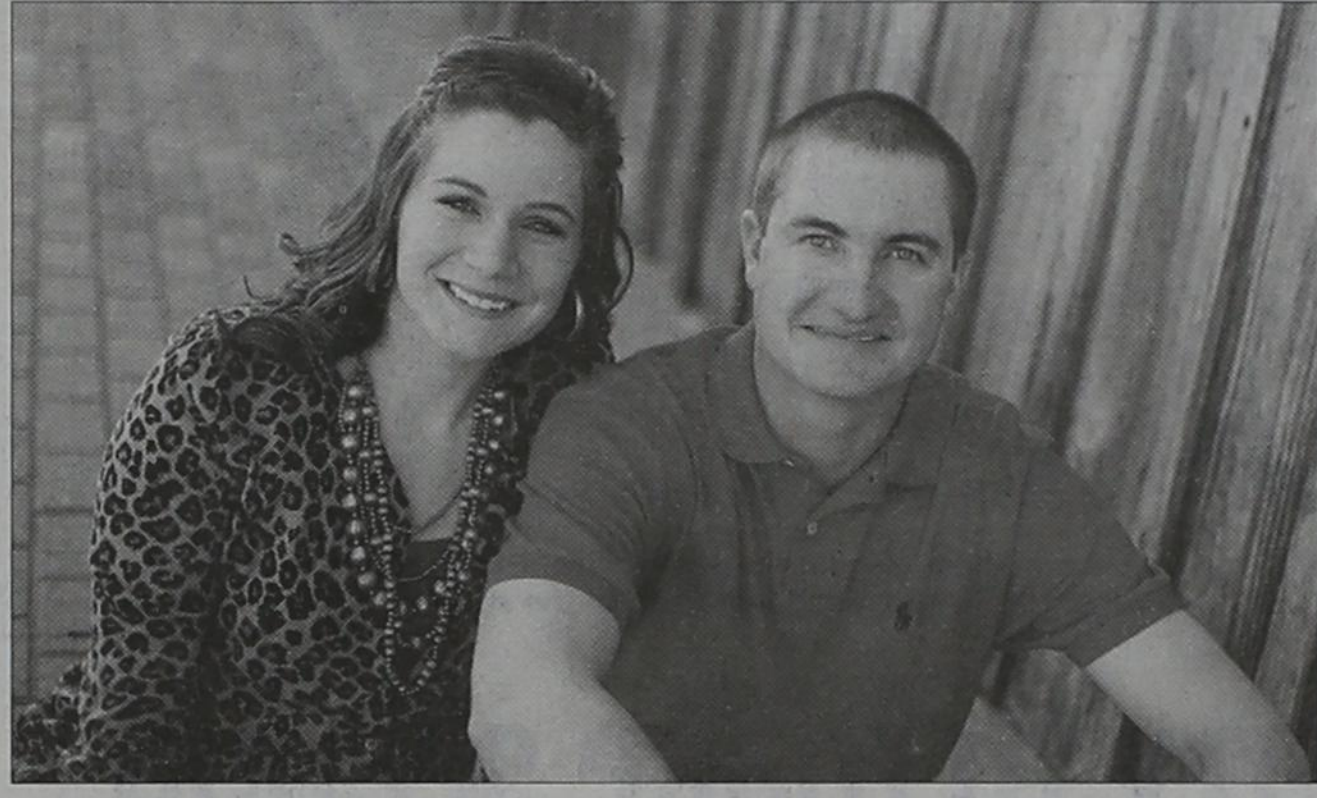
Suzanna (Cisneros) Govea of Kennesaw, Ga; brothers Jasiah Cisneros and Geovanny Jr. Govea of the home; maternal grandparents David and Isabell Cisneros of Shalimar, Fla.; paternal grandparents Edison and Shelly Govea of Seabrook; maternal great-

grandmother, Faye Salizar of Spokane, Wash.; maternal great-grandparents Cruz and Amada Hernandez of Crosbyton; paternal great-grandparents: Sharyn and Calvin Ferguson of Siloam Springs, AR.; Paternal great-great-grandparents Harriet and Lester Young of Siloam Springs, Ark.

Services were Saturday at the Trinity Baptist Church in Post with the Rev. Gregg Sizemore of Lifebridge Church of Acworth, Ga., officiating. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Geovanny Govea and Edison Govea.

Celebrations



Desta Briele Franks And Wes Mason

Franks-Mason announce engagement

Barbara Franks of Hereford, announces the engagement of her daughter Desta Briele Franks of College Station to Wes Mason, the son of Ray and Celia Mason of Post.

The couple plans to wed Aug. 3 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford.

Franks is a 2008 graduate of Hereford High School.

She is a 2011 graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in agricultural leadership development. In May she will graduate with her masters of education in agricultural science, also from Texas A&M University.

Mason is a 2007 graduate of Post High School. He attended Texas Tech University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in agricultural and applied economics in 2012. He currently farms near Post.

Franks is the daughter of the late Michael Franks of Hereford and the granddaughter of Raymond and Mary Schlabs of Hereford and Don and Helen Franks of Olton.

Mason is the grandson of Roy and Paula O'Brian of Friona and Charles and the late Rita Mason of Post.

The couple met while attending a 4-H trap shooting competition, a sport they both enjoy.

The couple will make their home in Post.

Letter to the Editor

Tourism crew treated to best of Post City

Tuesday, April 23, three busloads of visitors were treated to a great time in Post. These 115 folks were members of Texas Travel Counselors who were attending the 58th Annual Texas Travel Counselors Conference in Lubbock. Tuesday was their day to visit outlying areas and Post was one of the places chosen for a stop. PJ's Catering served lunch at Ragtown Gospel Theater, and the Ragtown folks entertained the crowd with live music and a scene from their current production "Lazarus."

As the buses loaded to leave Ragtown, a Chamber of Commerce representative boarded each bus as a "walk on tour guide." As the bus caravan made its way through Post, the guides talked about the history of our town and pointed out as many things as time allowed that make our community special. The city of Post employees had made a special effort to make sure the town looked its best and everyone was impressed with all our town has to offer.

Texas Travel Counselors are comprised of individuals who work in the Texas Department of Transportation Travel Information Centers, American Automobile Association offices, city visitor centers, Texas Parks and Wildlife offices and "Texas Highways" magazine. They provide information for visitors new to Texas or its communities about what there is to see and do in the state. After the time spent in our town, and the combined efforts of several groups in our community, Post will be a part of that information.

JANICE PLUMMER
Director, Post Area Chamber of Commerce

SWCD to elect new member from this district

Special to the Dispatch

TEMPLE — Soil and water conservation districts in State District One will elect a member to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board on Tuesday.

The election will be at 6 p.m. at the College Heights Baptist Church in Plainview.

State District One consists of 51 counties within which there are 49 soil and water conservation districts in the Panhandle-Plains region of Texas, including Garza County.

The current state board member for District 1 is Scott Buckles of Stratford.

Buckles, who has been a member of the board since May 2011, has a farming and ranching operation in Sherman County.

"Since its beginning, the TSSWCB has been governed by five board members," said Rex Isom, executive director of the state board.

"Each respective board member is elected in a convention type election by delegates from soil and water conservation district directors within the state district that the member resides. However, with the enactment of S.B. 1828 by the 78th Legislature, two governor appointees also serve on the TSSWCB to create a seven-member board."

Elections occur annually to comply with the soil conservation laws of Texas.

"The elections are held in state district con-

ventions and TSSWCB members serve two-year staggered terms," Isom said. "Since this is an odd numbered year, TSSWCB member elections are being held in State Districts 1, 3 and 5."

Elected board members must be 18 years of age or older, hold title to farmland or ranchland and be actively engaged in farming or ranching.

The gubernatorial appointees must be actively engaged in the business of farming, animal husbandry, or other business related to agriculture and wholly or partly own or leases land used in connection with that business.

They; however, may not be a member of the board of directors of a conservation district.

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and delivers coordinated natural resource conservation programs through the State's 216 soil and water conservation districts.

Additionally, the TSSWCB is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution.

The agency also administers a water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush.

The TSSWCB, in an additional area of responsibility, acts to ensure that the State's network of 2,000 flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repair grants to local government sponsors.

The agency also facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

The TSSWCB, which was organized in May 1939, has its state headquarters in Temple.

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Meinzer photos grace new Bush Library

By Hanaba Munn Welch
The Post Dispatch

BENJAMIN — Benjamin photographer Wyman Meinzer put on his best duds — his Doc Holliday vintage dress coat, vest and cravat — for good reason last Thursday. He and his wife, Sylinda Meinzer, were among distinguished invitees at the dedication of the George W. Bush Center at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Two Meinzer mural-style photographs, each 14 feet by 30 feet, flank the entrance to the museum at the complex. One shows the Bush ranch at Crawford at twilight; the other, by day. It took Meinzer twice to get it right — or at least to please Laura Bush, who commissioned the photographs.

"She was very specific about it," Meinzer said. "She wanted one twilight shot, horizon and tree line. Above it would be a glow in the western horizon. Above that would be moon and stars. She had a certain area she wanted."

When Laura Bush saw Meinzer's first shots, she asked him to come back to capture views with fewer trees. Meinzer was happy enough to deal with a woman who knew exactly what she wanted.

"She was very specific about it," he said. "We did another shoot. She liked that."

The Meinzers didn't have to wait until the official opening of the center to see the photographs in place and the rest of the center. Three weeks ago, when Wyman Meinzer was in Dallas to speak to a women's club, Laura Bush knew he was in town and gave the couple a special tour.

"It's a library and an education center of the highest standard," Sylinda Meinzer said, herself an educator by

profession. Sylinda Meinzer sees Laura Bush's hand in the whole project.

"Laura Bush was a librarian," she said. "This is very special to her. I think she did a lot of work to make this happen."

Wyman Meinzer doesn't disagree, based on his working relationship with the former First Lady.

From his photographer's point of view, Meinzer believes the George W. Bush Presidential Center is "real impressive" and an unequal success, from the video that plays on a 360-degree screen in the rotunda to the piece of one of the Twin Towers in New York that's on display in the museum.

Imagery shows George W. Bush when he first learned that a plane had crashed into a tower of the World Trade Center.

"Him speaking to the children, that look on his face," Wyman Meinzer said.

As for his own photographs, Meinzer has been told his work started drawing praise even before the center opened officially, as the first visitors came through.

Brendan Minitier, who contacted Meinzer on Laura Bush's behalf to engage him in the first place, gave Meinzer the good news.

"Brendan called and said there were lots of compliments," Wyman Meinzer said.

On opening day, the Meinzers were part of an invited crowd of 7,800.

"We actually had fairly good seats," Sylinda Meinzer said.

But it wasn't a day for anyone to rub elbows either with President Barack Obama or the honoree, President George W. Bush, or the other three former presidents in attendance — George Bush, Bill Clinton



Courtesy photo
Wyman and Sylinda Meinzer wait for ceremonies to begin last Thursday at the Dedication of the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas. Meinzer's two photographs of the Bush Ranch at Crawford are key visual elements at the entrance to the museum section of the center.

and Jimmy Carter. Security was tight, perhaps especially in the wake of the bombing at the Boston Marathon.

But despite the number of people on hand, both for the opening ceremonies early in the day and for the "block party" in the evening, things went smoothly.

"There was no one rude," Wyman Meinzer said. "Secret Service were accommodating. Both events went flawlessly."

As for Wyman Meinzer's relationship with George W. Bush, he's been surprised on more than one occasion that the former Texas Governor and former U. S. President always seems to know him.

Once the greeting was "Hey, Wyman. How're you doing? Where's John Graves

(author of the Meinzer Graves book "Goodbye to a River")?

Another time his comment was "Hey Wyman. I didn't even know you owned a suit."

"That's when I was proclaimed state photographer," Meinzer said.

Now Meinzer really doesn't own a suit — just period Western attire of the highest order that he wears with his trademark lace-up boots and his jeans.

"A typical business suit is just not Wyman," Sylinda Meinzer said.

If nothing else, Wyman Meinzer is just himself — a Benjamin, Texas photographer with no desire to be anyone else. It's taken him

6666 Supply House gets new edition

By Chris Blackburn
The Post Dispatch

GUTHRIE — For the first time since opening in the late 1800's the 6666 Supply House, built by Captain Samuel "Burk" Burnett, is getting an edition.

According to store manager Brenda Jones, the Supply House is gaining a storage room. The work is being done by Childress Construction, Inc.

For over a century, the Supply House has served Four Sixes employees with a variety of everyday items and some considered hard-to-get. It even served as a bank for ranch employees and those from nearby ranches.

"We've been here since the 1800s and we're still here," Jones said adding the edition should be complete within the next couple of months.

Jones encourages anyone and everyone to stop by the next time they're passing through Guthrie.

"Come visit ... we've got lots of stuff to look at and a lot of history," said Jones.

Captain Burnett maintained his office in the

Supply House his while at the ranch and even slept in the back room.

Today, the the Four Sixes Supply House operates as a general store and hardware store, serving the ranch as well as the general public.

Visitors can purchase many 6666 souvenirs along with snacks and supplies. The original cash register, safe and early account books are still kept there.

It was in the Four Sixes Supply House that Captain Burnett maintained his office while at the ranch, and, in fact, usually slept there in a back room. Today, the facility operates as a general store and hardware store, serving the ranch as well as the general public. Visitors can purchase many different 6666 souvenirs, from coffee mugs to jackets to books, along with snacks and supplies, and also can order directly through the 6666 Ranch website. The original cash register, safe and early account books are still kept there.

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AgriLife Extension names new entomologist for South Plains region

By Rob Williams
Special to the Dispatch

LUBBOCK — Texas A&M University's department of entomology and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service have named Apurba Barman as the new AgriLife Extension entomologist serving the South Plains.

Barman is headquartered at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. The center serves as the hub for the 20-county district Barman is responsible for.

"Dr. Barman is well trained for the AgriLife Extension entomology position, and he is excited about joining the very effective AgriLife Extension team on the South Plains," said Charles Allen, state integrated pest management coordinator at San Angelo.

Allen, Barman's supervisor, said the new district entomologist is no stranger to the area.

"During his time as a Ph.D. candidate at Texas A&M, Barman worked at the Lubbock center with Dr. Megha Parajulee on cotton fleahopper research," Allen said. "His Ph.D. work focused on the cotton pest and its relationship to various host plants in different eco-regions of Texas and the U.S. cotton belt."

"While studying fleahoppers here, he also developed several genetic markers and generated sequence data which was used to conduct population genetics studies. This work expanded to include work from 11 cotton growing states."

Allen said while Barman was earning a master's degree at Texas Tech University, he focused his research on various cotton pests with emphasis on *Lygus hesperus*. His work featured mass rearing lygus bugs — establishing damage levels in the field, the insects' biology from a landscape perspective and their impact on plant growth and the ability of the cotton plant to compensate for lygus damage.

Barman has also studied insecticide efficacy with lygus bugs, thrips and bollworms; evaluated Bt transgenic cultivars against bollworms, looked at the effects of irrigation regimes on crop production and monitored bollworms with pheromone traps.

"With his wealth of practical experience coupled with his teaching abilities, I look forward to years of successful entomology programming for cotton farmers, led by

Dr. Barman across the entire Texas South Plains region," Allen said.

Prior to accepting his new position on April 8, Barman was a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Georgia investigating the role insects play in transmitting bacterial and viral diseases of vegetables and peanuts.

Barman has served in many professional organizations, including the Entomological Society of America, the Texas Academy of Science and the Ecological Society of America. He also received several awards and scholarships at Texas A&M, including the department of entomology Student Enhancement and Endowment Scholarship and the Patricia Nemeec Scholarship from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Barman earned his bachelor's of science in agricultural sciences and master of science from the Assam Agricultural University in India. He then earned a second bachelor's in entomology from Texas Tech University in 2006 and a doctorate in entomology from Texas A&M in 2011.

Barman fills the position formerly held by David Kerns.

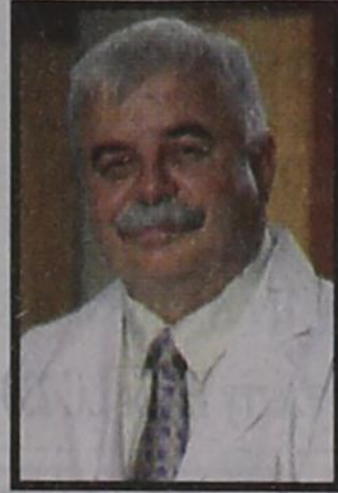


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Nancy's Notions

A daily question: What's for dinner?

It is one of the most asked questions, and one I ask myself and my family all the time. "What do you want for dinner?"

So I thought it was time for another article with a recipe or two. I was recently at a training and learned some very good information from the National Cattleman's Beef Association.



NANCY MCDONALD

Here are some facts about eating healthy with beef. A 3-ounce serving of lean beef (about the size of a deck of cards) has about 150 calories on average and is a good or excellent source of 10 essential nutrients like zinc, iron and B vitamins.

Also a single serving of beef provides nearly 50 percent of the daily value of protein most people need. Protein can help you feel full longer and satisfy cravings.

Lean beef goes great with favorite fruits, vegetables and whole grains so that families

can make well-balanced and nourishing meals. So what do you need to look for when purchasing beef: a bright cherry-red color. Choose beef that is firm to the touch. Make sure the package is cold with no holes or tears. And choose a package without excessive liquid. Here are some beef recipes for you to try from beefnutrition.org:

Southwest Beef Wraps

- 1 boneless beef chuck shoulder pot roast or bottom round rump roast (3 to 3-1/2 pounds)
- 1 medium onion, cut into quarters
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 jars (16 ounces each) prepared chunky salsa with cilantro
- 8 flour tortillas (10-inch diameter), warmed
- Fresh cilantro (optional)

Tomato-Corn Relish:

- 1 cup frozen corn, defrosted
- 1 cup chopped fresh tomato
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

Cut beef pot roast into four even pieces. Place onion and garlic in 4-1/2 to 5-1/2-quart slow cooker; top with beef.

Add water, salt and pepper. Cover and cook on high 5 to 5-1/2 hours, or on low 9 to 9-1/2 hours, or until beef is fork-tender. (No stirring is necessary during cooking.) Remove beef; cool slightly. Strain cooking liquid; skim fat. Shred beef with two forks. Place beef in 2-quart microwave-safe dish; add 1/2 cup cooking liquid.

Combine relish ingredients in medium bowl; stir in 1/4 cup salsa.

Add remaining salsa to beef; mix well. Cover and microwave on high 8 to 10 minutes or until heated through, stirring once.

Top each tortilla with 3/4 cup beef mixture, leaving 1-1/2-inch border around edge. Top beef with about 1/4 cup relish. Fold right and left sides of tortillas over filling; fold bottom edge over and roll up. Garnish with cilantro, if desired.

Southwest Marinated Beef Steak with Grilled Peppers

- 1 beef flank steak or top round steak cut 1 inch thick (about 1-1/2 pounds)
- 3 red, yellow or green bell peppers, quartered
- Marinade:
 - 1/2 cup prepared Italian dressing
 - 1/4 cup fresh lime juice

- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin (optional)

Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl. Place beef steak and 1/3 cup marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally. Refrigerate remaining marinade.

Remove steak; discard marinade. Brush bell peppers with some of remaining marinade. Place steak and peppers on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill flank steak, covered, 11 to 16 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 16 to 21 minutes) for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally. Grill peppers 12 to 15 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally. Brush steak and peppers occasionally with remaining marinade; do not brush during last 5 minutes.

Carve steak across the grain into thin slices. Season with salt. Serve with peppers. Hope you enjoy!

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Legends

O.D. Cardwell, part two

(Editor's note: My sincere apologies to Linda and her faithful readers for the omission of her column over the last several weeks. The following column is part two of a two-part series on the Cardwell family. Part one ran in our March 22 edition.)

Part two of the 1957 Post Dispatch article on the O.D. Cardwell family continues, recalling the local businesses back in 1912. Among the early stores were Collier Drug, Doughty Hardware, Ben Williams Barber Shop, Ed Myers Furniture Store and Carter Grocery.

Mrs. Carter recalled buying very few ready-made hats for sale. She would hire a hat trimmer, and when the ladies came in to purchase a hat, they would describe what they wanted to the milliner and she would fashion it.

In 1918 Mrs. Cardwell opened Post's first beauty shop, hiring an operator from Dallas, Jean Lowe, who would soon have all she could do. At first they didn't give permanents here, those who wanted them had to go to Dallas to get them.

"For the first few years we gave marcel, facials and finger waves," Mrs. Cardwell recalls. Henna packs were popular and dyed hair was pretty much the rage. Dyed hair really looked dyed to. What a mess!

In 1924 the Cardwells bought out the picture show and Mrs. Cardwell opened a beauty shop in it. She went to Dallas and took a course in beauty work, and then came back to Post and gave permanents. "It was all spiral waving at the time," she says. "Permanents bore no resemblance to naturally curly hair. People looked more like mops had been turned down over their heads. You couldn't even pull a comb through it but that's the way everybody wanted it."

She never gave permanents to those who had dyed hair, but sometimes those with hennaed hair would insist. It always frizzed and turned green, she said. It took at least four hours to give a permanent at that time—two a day was all she could manage. The cheapest was \$10, ranging up to \$15. The hair was never thinned or cut; the permanent was put in all of it and rolled tight in small rollers.

Mrs. Cardwell had little time for clubs, but she was a charter member of the first bridge club organized in Post. A Dance was held about once a week in the early days, she said. In the evening young people went out to nearby ranches for supper and dancing. Dancing schools were held.

Mrs. Cardwell remembers the first car here was owned by Dr. Ponton. Her dad had the next car, she recalls, it was a Cadillac; and then her brother Willis got a Buick. Her brother Willis also put on the first rodeo here in 1919. Tad Lucas, a woman, was the star of the rodeo.

Mrs. Cardwell called her ready-to-wear shop "The Fair." She sold, among other things, mercerized gingham (or as one customer expressed it, mesmerized gingham). Lisle hose were popular in those days and Mrs. Cardwell was amazed at the demand for "Lisse" hose.

Mrs. Cardwell retired from business in 1946. In the early '50s she and her husband built a home in west Post, moving out of what was formerly known downtown as the "Cardwell Apartments"

Well, that concludes our story on the Cardwells. It's fun looking back with these old stories, and a great history lesson as well. As I was typing the reference on Dr. A.R. Ponton owning the first car, I remembered Mr. Post ordering two Reo automobiles, shipped them to Big Spring in 1907. It was quite an undertaking just to get someone to drive them to Post City. Cars were very much a novelty at the time, chugging along the roadway and folks could hear them coming from miles away.

Well, that's all folks—see you next week.

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

Menus: Week of May 6-10

Southland ISD
Breakfast
 Monday: French toast sticks, sausage, fruit, juice, milk
 Tuesday: Sausage and egg biscuit, fruit, juice, milk
 Wednesday: Breakfast pizza, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk
 Thursday: Muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk
 Friday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch
 Monday: Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli bites, garden

salad, oranges, baked chips, milk
Tuesday: Crispy beef tacos, charro beans, garden salsa, cinnamon applesauce, milk
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes with gravy, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, hot roll, milk
Thursday: Spaghetti with meatballs, garden salad, savory green beans, sliced peaches, milk
Friday: hot dog, tater tots, cucumber dippers, fresh seasonal fruit, milk

Post ISD
Breakfast
 Monday: Pancake, sausage on a stick, syrup, fruit, milk
Tuesday: Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk
Wednesday: Oatmeal, bacon, fruit, milk
Thursday: Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk
Friday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch
 Monday: Hamburger and garnish, potato rounds, diced pears, Western beans, milk variety

Tuesday: Tangerine chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, snowball salad, milk variety
Wednesday: Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, milk variety
Thursday: Stuffed potato, baby carrots, Texas toast, fresh fruit bowl, milk variety
Friday: Chicken parmesan, green beans, garden salad, fresh apple slices, breadstick, milk variety

Trailblazers
Lunch
 Monday: Baked chicken, potatoes, corn, roll, fruit, milk
Tuesday: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread, chocolate chip cookie, milk
Wednesday: Meatloaf, potatoes, carrots, roll, peach short cake, milk
Thursday: Salisbury steak, potatoes, green peas, roll, bananas in orange juice, milk
Friday: Taco salad, beans, rice, Jell-O, milk

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

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

Church of God
 Church of God of Prophecy- 602 W. 14th, 495-3644
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Disciples of Christ
 First Christian Church- 812 W. 13th, 495-3716

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

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High School Softball Lady Lopes end season with 8-3 bi-district loss

By Wayne Hodgkin
The Post Dispatch

SNYDER — The Post Lady Lopes softball team lost 8-3 to Coahoma on Monday at the bi-district tournament in Snyder. The loss brings the Lady Lopes softball season to a close.

Head coach Toby Allen said a couple of bad innings cost the game for his girls. "We gave up four runs and three errors in one inning alone that put us in a really big hole that we just couldn't claw our way out of," he said. "But, I will say the girls never gave up, they played hard the whole time."

Freshman Quincey Quintana lead the Lady Lopes with offensive production. She had one hit in three at bats with one run scored and one run batted in.

Junior Sierra Isbell and sophomore Kelbie Oden also finished the game each with one hit on three at bats.

Shortstop Lauren Record and catcher Rebecca Taylor had outstanding defensive performances. Pitcher Callie Odom did an excellent job of pitching, allowing one two earned runs while striking out a batter and only allowing three walks.

Errors ending up being the major deciding factor in the game, Allen said. "We finished with four errors," he said. "It doesn't sound like many, but the timing of those errors was critical. They happened with runners in scoring position and extended the inning, allowing more runners to score."

Allen said he was already looking forward to next year. "We're only losing one senior this year — third baseman Kayla Comeaux," Allen said. "And we're returning everyone else. The district will look the same next year as it did this year with Slaton on top."

"We can only build on this year. I've already talked to the girls, and they know that just getting to the district round won't be enough next year. They'll need to win."

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Texas Tech set to open six-game series against No. 17

Special to the Dispatch

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech (20-24) opens a six-game homestand on Tuesday hosting No. 17 New Mexico (27-16) for a midweek contest at 6:37 p.m. at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park.

The game will be televised on FOX College Sports with Robert Giovannetti (play-by-play) and Mike Gustafson (analyst) calling the action.

Tech will play a pair of ranked opponents this week with No. 17 UNM in for a midweek game and No. 19 Oklahoma State heading to Lubbock for a Big 12 series this weekend, May 3-5, at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park.

The Red Raiders defeated the No. 11-ranked Oklahoma Sooners in their Big 12 series finale in Norman while Oklahoma won two of three games on the



Texas Tech Athletics

Jake Barrios is batting .429 (24-for-56) with 12 RBI in 14 games during the month of April.

weekend.

Tech has won three of its last five games while improving to 4-0 at home during midweek action last week with a 6-1 victory over New Mexico State.

Tech is 14-7 at home this season.

New Mexico enters on a 10-game win streak and has swept each of its last three Mountain West Conference series.

High School Baseball Antelopes muster four hits, drop 13-0 contest

POST — Despite four hits, the Post Antelopes lost 13-0 to Childress on April 23. Campbell Kirkpatrick was hot from the plate for the Antelopes as he went 1-2. He singled in the second inning.

Chris Martin got the win for Childress. He pitched five shutout innings. Martin struck out seven, walked two and gave up four hits.

Childress hammered the Antelopes pitching as eight hitters had a field day, combining for 16 hits, 11 RBIs and 13 runs scored.

Childress tacked on another five runs in the second. Martin kicked things off with a single, scoring Calor Cope. That was followed up with a steal of home by Matthew Eddins.

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Compiled by GameChanger

Lady Raiders earn fourth-straight NCAA regional selection

Special to the Dispatch

LUBBOCK — The Texas Tech women's golf team earned its fourth-straight postseason selection Monday evening as the Lady Raiders were picked to the Central Regional during the NCAA Selection Show.

The Lady Raiders will be the No. 7 seed in the regional that will be held May 9-11 at the Jimmie Austin OU Golf Club in Norman, Okla.

It is the highest seeding Tech has received in head coach JoJo Robertson's four seasons.

"We're obviously excited to be heading to the postseason for a fourth-straight year," Robertson said. "This team has done a great job in getting us to this point where we have another chance to make it to nationals which something we've been working towards all year. Hopefully we can put together three good days of solid golf."

After narrowly missing out on a trip to the NCAA Championships a year ago, the Lady Raiders will look to finish among the top eight advancing squads in the 24-team field that also features three other Big 12 Conference schools in No. 2 seed and host Oklahoma as well as 10th seeded Iowa State and 15th seeded TCU.

Duke highlights the regional as the Blue Devils earned the No. 1 seed af-

ter claiming the Atlantic Coast Conference title a few weeks ago. Florida, Washington and Arizona State rounded out the top-five seeds followed by UC Davis at No. 6 and then North Carolina State and Michigan State as the No. 9 and 10 seeds.

A trip to Norman and the Jimmie Austin OU Golf Club is a familiar one for the Lady Raiders, who have competed in the Suzie Maxwell Berning Classic hosted by Oklahoma in each of the past two seasons.

Tech finished the 2012 tournament held this past fall in fourth place after finishing second and just a few strokes back of the Sooners a year earlier.

"We're should be very familiar with the golf course having played there the last two years," Robertson said. "This is a course we've had success on in the past, so we were pretty thrilled to see we were heading to Norman. Regionals is a different type of golf tournament, but if we go out and play the way we're capable of then we should be fine."

Tech's four-straight trips to the postseason also mark the longest streak in program history, surpassing the previous high of three-consecutive NCAA Regional appearances from 1999-2001.

The Lady Raiders fell just shy of advancing to the NCAA Championships in each of the last

two seasons with a pair of ninth-place finishes.

Tech's only appearance at the national tournament came in 1996 when the Lady Raiders finished 12th in the 20-team field.

The NCAA Championships will be held May 21-24 at the University of Georgia Golf Course in Athens, Ga.

NCAA CENTRAL REGIONAL
Dates: May 9-11
Location: Norman, Okla.

Course: Jimmie Austin OU Golf Club
Host: University of Oklahoma

Participating Teams by seed (Golfweek Ranking): Duke (3), Oklahoma (4), Florida (12), Washington (10), Arizona State (13), UC Davis (25), Texas Tech (24), North Carolina State (20), Michigan State (26), Iowa State (22), SMU (36), Campbell (35), Coastal Carolina (42), Wake Forest (37), TCU (45), Gonzaga (46), Indiana (57), UTSA (51), Mississippi State (55), Wisconsin (58), Lamar (87), Illinois State (135), Detroit (170), Butler (179).

Individual Qualifiers: Fanny Cnops (UNC-Greensboro), Lori Beth Adams (UNC-Wilmington), Emma Henrikson (San Diego State), Julia Roth (Central Arkansas), Paige Spiranic (San Diego State), Christine Wong (San Diego State).

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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 Tiger Woods

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Idle American Life was simpler then

Keene, Texas, isn't today — nor was it ever — Mayberry, RFD. With a few decades peeled back, however, history suggests there were some parallels. Keene "town characters" also wound up in unlikely "fixes" of their own making.



DON NEWBURY

I'm talking about the kind Andy and Barney faced in weekly TV episodes where the duo usually showed up as "eventual responders."

Earlier arrival might have made a good plot bad. Arriving late — as they often did — allowed them to tie ribbons on cases that had already solved themselves.

One such Keene figure who invested most of her adult life teaching English at

KHS was Lilah Beth Hopps Creel. If local citizenry could vote on sainthood, she'd win on the first ballot.

She was beloved, an institution unto herself. Widowed at midlife and with no children of her own, she claimed students as hers, too. Her name, even today, is mentioned in hushed tones that drip in reverence.

All this being true, the fact remains she operated a motor vehicle several years past her prime. Everyone in town recognized her car, and in her twilight years, let her have whichever lane she chose, even on two-lane roads.

Perhaps the best-remembered "Lilah Beth" story involved her, a visitor at the nursing home and the Keene Police Department, circa 1990. That day, a "stolen car" and a "found car" puzzle was solved in warp speed.

"I parked there first," Lilah Beth might have maintained. When she returned to her "honker" of a car — a maroon, 1984 Buick Park Avenue — it was hemmed in by other visitors' vehicles, one of which was a Toyota.

It is important to mention the much smaller vehicle was parked behind Lilah Beth's Buick behemoth.

Always unflappable, the diminutive school marm maneuvered forward and back repeatedly, finally lurching forward for the quarter-mile trip home.

She pattered down Old Betsy Road, taking a right turn onto Fourth Street to her home.

What she didn't realize is that during one of her back-ups, her rear bumper engaged with the Toyota's front bumper.

Dennis Laursen, who operated a garage/service station at Old Betsy and Fourth for four decades, dropped a tool when he watched Lilah Beth — Toyota in tow — make the turn.

He wasn't sure she was the driver — no one ever was, since she was only five feet tall and peered out through the steering wheel.

To complete her homeward trip, she crossed a dip in front of her property. The bumpers disengaged, and the Toyota somehow rolled to a stop in the driveway before the Buick came alongside.

When she spotted the Toyota, Lilah Beth assumed she had a visitor. She "helloed" the place and got no response. So, she called the police about the extra car in her driveway.

A few minutes earlier, the owner of the Toyota had contacted the police to report a stolen car.

Things were righted in a few minutes; no charges were filed.

A few years earlier, when narrow-laned "Old Betsy" was being widened, a young flagman alerted motorists of caliche being dumped. Alas, Mrs. Creel didn't see the flagman. She forged on, almost hitting him as she brushed by.

Seconds later, she drove up, over and down one of the caliche piles. Soon, the foreman was giving the young flagman "what for." The boss wasn't buying the youngster's claim that someone had ignored the warning, taken on a pile of caliche and driven on.

A few minutes later, Lilah Beth came back down "Old Betsy." The boss saw enough caliche dripping from the car's grill to fill pavement holes in the road of the Johnson County community.

Old-timers with memories run back to the '50s confirm these accounts.

More important, though, were the many ways she instructed and befriended students, and made her hometown proud. She is remembered for unwavering commitment to teaching, hoping, caring, giving, nurturing and praying.

And if there's ever a ballot for sainthood in Keene, look for her name at or near the top. She was an institution, this grand educator who logged some 90 years of living — driving (herding?) cars most of the way. (I wouldn't have had the courage to take the car keys from her, either.)

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

Oil and gas statistics Texas accounts for half of active U.S. rigs

Special to the Dispatch

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of April 19 was 835, representing about 50 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 565 million barrels of oil and 7.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Railroad Commission's estimated final production for February 2013 is 50,757,801 barrels of crude oil and 462,106,302 MCF (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary February 2013 production totals of 43,692,693 barrels of crude oil and 405,463,106 MCF of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1617 for crude oil and 1.1397 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for March was 284,989,462 Mcf compared to 381,523,773 Mcf in March 2012. The April 2013 gas storage estimate is 286,702,776 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial May 2013 natural gas production allowances for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 8,316,435 MCF (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial May 2013 allowances, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, produc-

ers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowances will be adjusted after actual production for May 2013 is reported.

TEXAS MONTHLY OIL AND GAS STATISTICS MARCH PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 2,053 original drilling permits in March 2013 compared to 2,201 in March 2012. The March total included 1,856 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 29 to re-enter existing well bores, and 168 for re-completions. Permits issued in March 2013 included 844 oil, 103 gas, 1,039 oil and gas, 50 injection, two service and 15 other permits.

MARCH OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In March 2013, operators reported 1,391 oil, 574 gas, 61 injection and four other completions compared to 943 oil, 421 gas, 99 injection and five other completions in March 2012.

Total well completions for 2013 year to date are 4,955 up from 3,797 recorded during the same period in 2012.

Operators reported 121 holes plugged and zero dry holes in March 2013 compared to 659 holes plugged and one dry hole in March 2012.

MARCH TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT
RRC District: (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 516

Oil Completions: 282 Gas Completions: 70 RRC District: (2) REFUGIO AREA

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 156

Oil Completions: 93 Gas Completions: 99 RRC District: (3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 125

Oil Completions: 18 Gas Completions: 38 RRC District: (4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 48

Oil Completions: 19 Gas Completions: 29 RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 16

Oil Completions: 8 Gas Completions: 30 RRC District: (6) EAST TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 28

Oil Completions: 22 Gas Completions: 32

RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 90

Oil Completions: 104 Gas Completions: 2

RRC District: (9) NORTH TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 133

Oil Completions: 57 Gas Completions: 184

RRC District: (10) PANHANDLE

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 66

Oil Completions: 28 Gas Completions: 87

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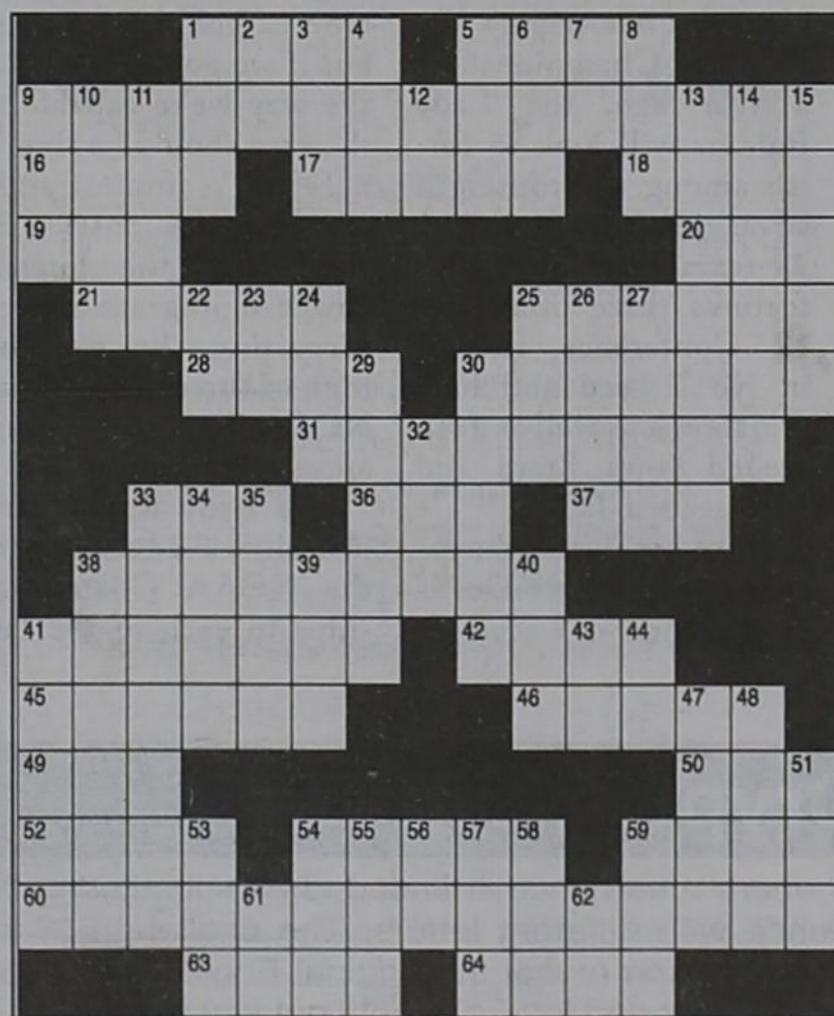
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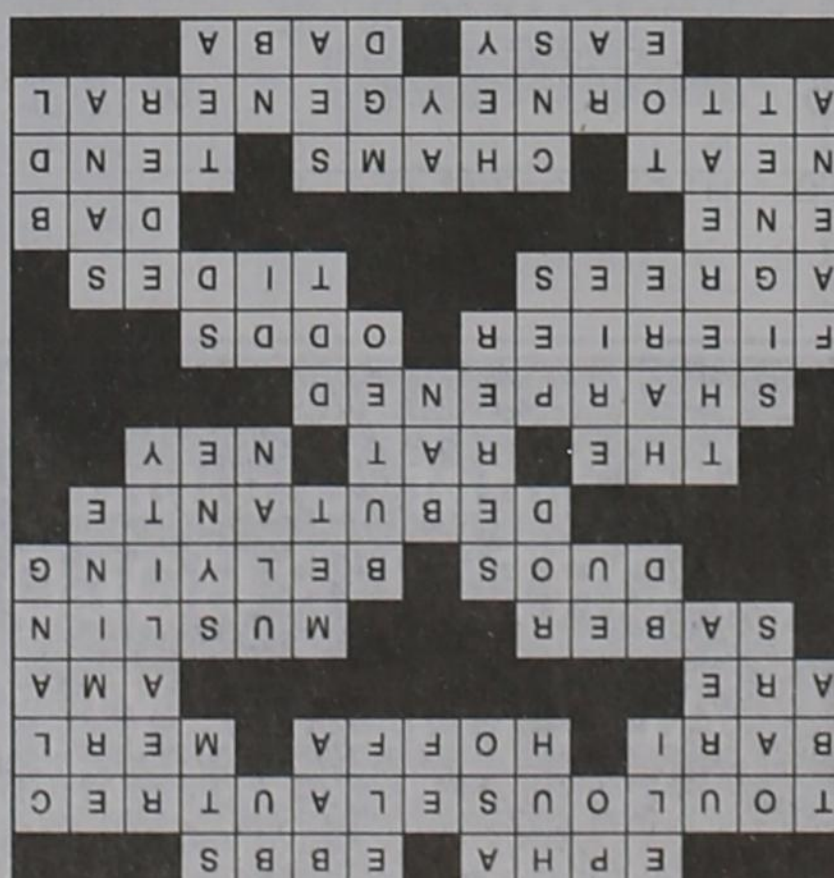
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- 9. Don't know when yet
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- 12. After E
- 13. Actual state of being
- 14. Winter weasel
- 15. Metallic sound
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- 23. I, Portuguese
- 24. Singer Stewart
- 25. Just introduced
- 26. ___ Bator, Mongolia
- 27. Auld lang ___
- 29. W. African language
- 30. Red-tailed hawk genus
- 32. Cast out
- 33. At that event
- 34. Larger than a rabbit
- 35. One of the Greats
- 38. Small seal ring
- 39. Foot (Latin)
- 40. Insecticide
- 41. Matador's final passes
- 43. Didymium
- 44. South Dakota
- 47. Central German river
- 48. Capital of Yemen
- 51. Windsor Locks, CT airport code
- 53. Drive obliquely, as of a nail
- 54. System consisting of the brain and spinal cord
- 55. Call to attract attention
- 56. ___ Canumbal'
- 57. Million gallons per day (abbr.)
- 58. A large body of water
- 59. Earl Grey or green
- 61. Egyptian sun god
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Freezes take their toll; but don't count Texas wheat out yet

By Kay Ledbetter
Special to the News-Courier

AMARILLO — A late March and three April freezes have hit wheat in its advanced growing stages. But some of the crop still has potential for moderate and good grain production, said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialists after canvassing three primary wheat-rowing regions.

"Much of what we saw through April 22 was still in fair to good condition," said Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist from Lubbock, after traveling throughout the South Plains and Panhandle on April 17-18. "Overall, many wheat fields may not be managed differently, but grain yields will drop in some and in others, a significant amount has been converted from grain-production intentions to hay."

But, he warned, the total picture will be revised yet again by May 1, as another hard freeze occurred April 23-24. "We are concerned as some wheat was in boot stage, and emerging heads in some cases."

Brad Easterling, AgriLife Extension agent in Sherman County, said, "Each week more heads develop, freeze and get killed. Our yield is dropping faster than the plants can compensate."

Some considerations producers will make to determine the final destination of the wheat will be hay prices and seed wheat needs.

Wheat hay prices appear

to be relatively good at this point, Trostle said, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Amarillo Hay Market Report reporting on April 19 that new wheat forage contracts were \$160 per large bale and \$8 per bale for small squares.

The report, however, does not reflect differences in forage stage of growth. This is important, he adds, because younger, boot-stage wheat hay may be several percentage points higher in crude protein than wheat that is headed out.

Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension small grains and oilseed specialist from College Station, and Trostle also noted concerns about the prospects of Texas High Plains' seed blocks that will produce planting seed for the fall 2013 crop.

"Early indications suggest that seed growers are going to try to hang on for grain even if grain yield prospects are greatly reduced, but the lure of 'bird-in-the-hand' forage yields and hay income could pinch seed supplies later this year," Trostle said.

He said producers who plan to continue with grain production need to continue monitoring fields.

"For starters, pick two areas of the field, opposite areas, and randomly select 20 stems. If there is dead leaf, no cutting required, the growing point is dead. If you find in the 20 stems that 18 are good and only two are dead, then you have an idea that things are largely okay. Repeat on

the other end of the field.

"Likewise, if four are good and 16 are bad, then you also know you likely now have a hay crop instead of a grain crop," he said. "If, however, you find 11 and nine, or eight and 12, then take another 20 stems and keep going until you have a good picture of the conditions. Don't get discouraged if this is what it takes to accurately assess a field. Patience will help, as will writing down notes to help remember observations."

Trostle and Neely said producers brought in wheat with growing points that were a mix of dead and healthy to meetings across the South Plains, Panhandle and Rolling Plains regions on April 17-18.

At the time, they estimated anywhere from 5 to 10 percent average grain loss in the central and lower South Plains to as high as 40 to 50 percent loss in the north central and northeast Panhandle due to the repeated freezes. This would be added to the 10 to 20 percent decrease in yields expected in Central Texas from a March freeze.

Neely said maturity ranged from mid-jointing to flowering at the first April freeze, sometimes within the same field. South Plains' wheat was in the boot stage, with a few fields beginning to flower. High Plains wheat was later, mid-jointing, but still far enough along to experience damage. Rolling Plains temperatures were not as severe, but much of the wheat was flowering and at the most vul-

nerable development stage.

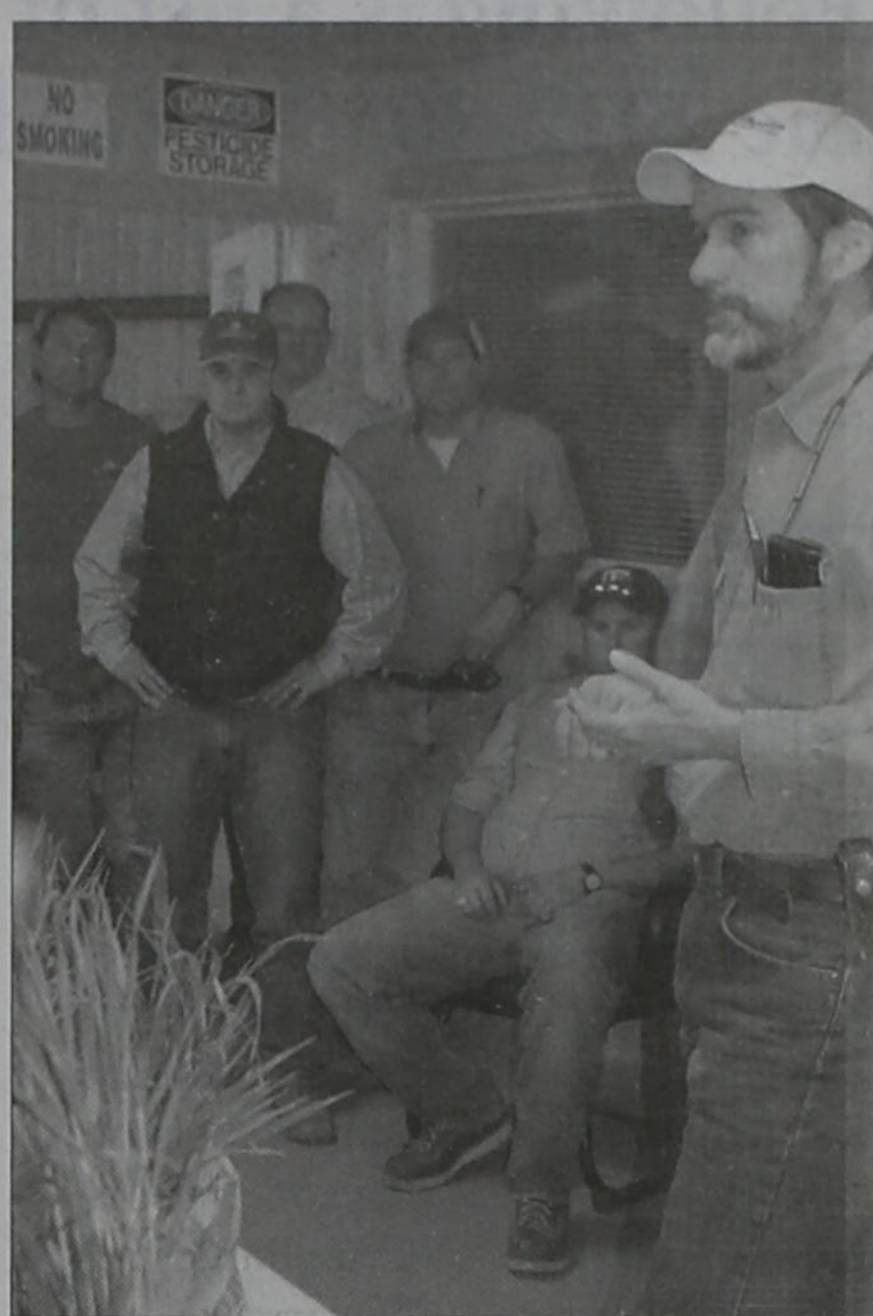
Wheat is generally more sensitive as it goes through the various stages, he said. At the jointing stage, damage can occur when temperatures drop to 22 degrees; at the boot stage, 28 degrees; and flowering, 32 degrees.

Normally, producers can anticipate potentially significant freeze damage after two hours of exposure to those temperatures, Neely said. However, temperatures and field conditions — moisture, wind and elevation and stage of growth — can vary between and within fields, which can and does impact the amount of freeze damage.

The hardest hit area during the April 17-18 scouting was in the Ochiltree County area, Trostle said. Samples and the drive-by observation of fields there were dominated by collapsed canopies and damaged stems, especially on younger wheat.

"We believe the issue of susceptibility in this case was the initial tenderness of young tillers that are potentially more susceptible to freeze damage," he said. "Stems were collapsed on many plants, and some just appeared ragged, especially on the bottom of the plant."

Wheat that went down after the April 10 freeze had not shown signs of standing back up, he said. This, combined with significant presence of dead growing points, compounds the reduced regrowth or recovery potential of yield or even harvestable forage.



Kay Ledbetter/Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Calvin Trostle, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist from Lubbock, explains how to assess wheat damage at a producer meeting in the South Plains.

"It is quite possible that half of the fields in the Peryton area may go to hay," Trostle said.

Scott Strawn, AgriLife Extension agent in Ochiltree County, said, "Before the last freeze, I expected 75 to 85 percent of the dryland (wheat) to be abandoned due to drought and freeze, and 25 to 30 percent of the irrigated to not be harvested for grain. After the April 24 freeze,

both those figures could be higher."

If there are no more freeze events, cooler, wetter weather may help wheat plants recover to a limited extent from freeze damage, Neely said. Unfortunately, much of the wheat-producing regions of Texas also are contending with drought, which can negatively impact yields and recovery from freeze damage.



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A Honor Roll	Espinoza Tucker Farris	Jakeb Morris Carter Rankin	Austin Britton Brandon Britton	10th grade Casie Eller Ricky Garza	Wyatt Benham Gilberto Flores Daniela Galindo
First grade	Maci Garcia Avory Gill	Jhonathan Rodriguez	Damian Amadeo Garcia Rodriguez	Erik Gomez Kelbie Oden	Melinda Hernandez
Alexandria Hernandez	Ximena Gonzalez Jesus Hernandez	Yasmine Rodriguez-	Aric Garza Isaac Gonzales	Callie Odom Alejo Rodriguez	Bryce Meurer Kaylei Schoonover
Samuel Hernandez	Gallegos Jarret Herzog	Martinez Zachary Sawyer	Marco Gonzales Hunter Graves	Bryan Smith Colton Stamey	Robbie Haney Richard Ramirez
Zaran Kirkpatrick Jadyn Martinez	Alyssa Lawson Jezreel Levario	Hannah Smith Haylee Smith	Caycee Holson Shailey Miller	11th grade David Hernandez	Allen Schniers Jaden Binford
Ashlyn Moore Zoey Pequeno	Jesus Montoya Jericho Moore	Braylee Thomas Jenifer Trinidad	Chloe Reiter Michaela Self	Brandon Hervey Matti Smith	Julia Kidd
Kaylen Perez Kristen Perez	Brailey Nelson Bryson Nelson	Mykaela Turner Addee Williams	Saidi Soliz Elizabeth Tanner	Jaycee Johnson Sarah Stinson	AB Honor Roll
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JaCoby Webster Reagan Workman	Malazia Pardue Christopher Perez	Fourth grade Clarissa Berkley	Armendariz Kally Comeaux	Julie Boren Juan Cabrera	Isaias Gallegos Madison Garcia
Second grade	Benjymin Price Maria Ramirez	Cole Boren Carolina Carrillo	Jose DeLuna Caiden Dugger	Ashley Collazo Caden Dean	Emily Hadderton Joshua Macias
Aneliz Alaniz Jose Cesillon	Faith Sanchez Diego Silvas	Mercedes Centeno Karla Cruz	Anthony Esparza Lauren Lynch	James Fannon Russel Graves	Claira Cravey Kalli Davis
Camryn Cowley Madison Gary	Payton Smith Natalia Soto	Cruz Delgado M'Kenzie Eidson	Russell Morris Paxton Nava	Patricia Lopez Mariah Morales	Dylan Gossett Kelson Lee
Landon Hair Javen Perez	Michael Tadlock	Fatima Esparza Leah Gonzales	Bryce Phelps Blaze Smith	Matthew Nava Alexis Perez	Trea Peterson Abigail
Kelby Short Logan Tidwell	Second grade Randall Bell	Jacob Isbell Izaiah Landa	Ericka Solis	Cassandra Perez David Ramirez	Hernandez Diana Rodriguez
Third grade	Raelea Blevins Sebastian Chapa	Dafne Lopez Kalista Pena	Post High School	Tavish Soto	Vikki Torres Lazaro Galino
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Javen Curtis Tristan Gomez	Jacob McClellan Leah Moreno	Joshua Smith Magdalena Soria	Lauren Record Kaitlyn Walden	Elementary school Dade Aguilar	Alvarado Vizcaino Zane Zarate
Damon Mauney Briley Miller	Keith Nowers Haley Perez	Emma Thompson	10th grade Dakoda Greer	Branson Harris Sylee Peterson	Secondary Kevin Cruse
Drew Porter D'Leagh Ramos	Jaylen Pittman Chelsy Rodriguez	Fifth grade J'Nia Brown	Kelsey Griffin Carson	Tommy Vizcaino Julian Basquez	Ryan Gossett Averi Graves
Kyleigh Shumard Kalem Soto	Jair Rodriguez Madeline Roman	Paulina Ceja Jacob Clay	Kirkpatrick	Rebecca Nino Matthew Short	M'keison Guerrero
Fourth grade	Zamora Raymond Salas	Michael Dean Chloe Dissinger	11th grade Katie Dunn	Elijah Abston Elizabeth Payton	Corbin Mason Dallyn Fogerson
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The Paperboy

No one can predict Mother Nature

How tough are you? A few weeks ago my wife and I took our boys to the local museum to see an exhibit on the Dust Bowl. Included in the exhibit was a documentary that provided detail about what our predecessors endured. After watching it, I was left wondering why anyone stayed.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Talk about having a tough constitution. Lord knows we've had it bad over the past two-and-a-half years. But thanks to conservation, a little rain and calmer winds than what were experienced in the 1930s, we've endured. One other factor is that our economies are not entirely based on farming and ranching.

The biggest issue we have is a lack of rain. While I know we are thankful for what we receive, the rain has not been adequate for us to thrive and our water supplies have dwindled.

Lately, in watching the weather on TV (which we get out of Amarillo), I'm now convinced those in the weather-predicting business may know much less than they want us to think. Likewise, my smart phone — complete with three weather apps — does not seem very smart.

Case in point: Friday evening; warm day with mild winds — until that evening when 30- to 40-mph winds roared, dropping the temperature dramatically.

Despite their computer models and decade after decade of keeping record of the weather, meteorologists really haven't progressed in predicting the typical swings we get in weather in this part of the country.

One leap their technology has made is the ability to let us know about tornadoes and give us warning of such events. That's wonderful unless the power goes out and the cell phones go down.

When I hear the experts tell us the drought will persist or we're expecting a hot summer, I take it with a grain of salt. Why? Track record.

Did anyone warn us about one of the worst droughts in history? No.

Did anyone forecast the bizarre cold fronts we've seen this spring? Sort of.

About 72 to 48 hours out, but not to the degree you would think.

Do you know why? The answer is simple really. We live on this thing called a planet. On a planet you have a huge variety of climates. You have oceans and mountains. You have plains and valleys. You have jungles and deserts. You also have enormous amounts of steel, glass and concrete.

Some call it climate change and want to use the money of people and businesses to try and change or control it. Impossible. As mentioned before, this is a planet and the forces at play are well beyond the comprehension of man or machine.

Former Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach probably said it best when he said the best way to predict the weather was to get up in the morning and go outside, extend your arms into the air, and get a feel for what it's like. That simple exercise can tell you if it is raining, windy, hot or cold.

Later today I will look at my phone to see what to expect the rest of this week. Sure as the sky is blue, the weather folk will blow it yet again and instead of calm, it will be windy or instead of dry, it will be wet.

I listened to a man tell me the other day that he doubted area reservoirs will ever be full again. While that would be tragic indeed, it almost caused me to laugh. Tell that to the people in Houston, who are now under water. They were swamped by a weather system that was probably five times larger than what was predicted.

Dear reader, it will rain again and it will flood. Our biggest question is when? And honestly, you just can't predict it.

The Dust Bowl lasted for years. For those of you who were around and those that heard firsthand accounts, you can attest to how severe it was. But guess what? It ended. The rains came and better farming practices helped heal the earth. Once again, the land produced crops.

Stay faithful and don't take too much stock in the experts' predictions. We live on a planet in which there has always been climate change. I predict that will last as long as we live and well beyond human existence.

Christopher Blackburn is publisher of The Post Dispatch and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.

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April 5, 2013

CORRECTED/RESCHEDULED 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 MAY 22, 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.

- Approval of the Corrected 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 Corrected Second Amendment is on file with the Docket Services office of the Railroad Commission of Texas at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701.
- Approval of the expanded Unit as a secondary recovery unit pursuant to Chapter 101 of the Texas Natural Resources Code;
- 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
- 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 Corrected 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.

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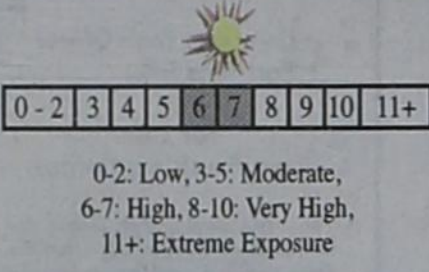


Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Sunny 66 / 39	Saturday Mostly Sunny 71 / 46	Sunday Mostly Sunny 74 / 50	Monday Partly Cloudy 79 / 56	Tuesday Partly Cloudy 78 / 56	Wednesday Mostly Cloudy 75 / 54	Thursday Partly Cloudy 76 / 52

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

Can lightning travel through phone lines?
Answer: Yes. Unless a phone is cordless, don't use it during thunderstorms.

Weather History

May 3, 1988 - Thunderstorms brought much needed rains to the drought-stricken central United States. Evening thunderstorms produced large hail in North Carolina. Hail the size of baseballs was reported just west of Mooresville, N.C.

May 4, 1977 - A tornado 500 yards in width struck Pleasant Hill, Mo. severely damaging the high school and grade school. Only minor injuries were reported among the more than 1,000 teachers and students, due to excellent warnings and prior tornado drills.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 66°, humidity of 19%. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1996. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a near record overnight low of 39°. Northwest wind 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 38° set in 1973. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 71°, humidity of 18%. North wind 15 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 46°. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	5:53-7:53	6:23-8:23	Tue	9:00-11:00	9:30-11:30
Sat	6:42-8:42	7:12-9:12	Wed	9:47-11:47	10:17-12:17
Sun	7:29-9:29	7:59-9:59	Thu	10:34-12:34	11:04-1:04
Mon	8:15-10:15	8:45-10:45	www.WhatsOurWeather.com		

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 5/9	Fri 6:54 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	3:02 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Sat 6:53 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	3:38 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	
Sun 6:52 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	4:12 a.m.	4:44 p.m.	
Mon 6:51 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	4:46 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	
First 5/17	Tue 6:50 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	5:20 a.m.	6:40 p.m.
Wed 6:50 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	5:56 a.m.	7:36 p.m.	
Thu 6:49 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	6:34 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
4/23	47	33	77/48	0.00"	Date	Degree	Date	Degree
4/24	63	25	77/48	0.00"	4/23	0	4/27	13
4/25	72	40	77/49	0.00"	4/24	0	4/28	20
4/26	87	54	78/49	0.00"	4/25	6	4/29	24
4/27	82	44	78/49	0.00"	4/26	20		
4/28	88	53	78/50	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.			
4/29	89	58	78/50	0.00"				

Dixie Divas The scolding

Boy, can people be mean. I'm thinking particularly of a reader named Samantha, whose scolding of me turned into a scalding.

By the time she was finished with her vicious tirade, I was skinned, boiled and overcooked. It didn't make me mad, though. It didn't even hurt my feelings. It made me sad. Real sad. She wrote to point out a factual error I had made in a column about the King James Bible when I said it was the first English translation. I was wrong, and I apologize for my misinformation. It was not the first English translation. The column, though, was not about that, it was about the commonality of phrases we use today that comes from the King James Bible and the beauty of the language. It mainly was a whimsical piece, entertaining more than anything. It was not a scholarly piece. Most of my columns aren't. Oh, but did she get riled up. She wrote two pages and the longer she wrote, the meaner she got. One of the kinder things she said was, "I pray that

people will stop worshipping a translation and start worshipping God."

A few sentences later, she continued, "God didn't send his son to die for the English-speaking people. He sent his son to die for all people of all tongues."

I understand. But I can't read Korean or Italian, so I have to read the English versions.

I certainly wasn't espousing the King James Bible to be the final word in international biblical translation. I even own a NIV and NLT and a couple of others, but I prefer King James.

But here's what makes me sad: This is how a "Christian" acts? Maybe it's just me, but it certainly didn't seem to be good public relations for Christianity.

If I weren't rooted deeply in the ancient principles and teachings of the Bible, if I didn't already have that commitment in my life, I wouldn't want any part of a religion where someone talks to another person like that over a mistake. A biblical mistake.

It made me think long and hard about the smart mouth I have sometimes. But my problem tends to come in one or two sentence tart comebacks or a tone that can be somewhat sharp. I don't do mean, lengthy, condescending sermons. And I especially would not do it when representing myself as a person of faith.

Here's the trouble with some Christians (I said "some," not "all") is they believe the authority of the word of God gives them the authority to annihilate those who do not share their exact same beliefs.

Wrong. The Word of God commissions those who believe to go forth with love and kindness to friends and enemies alike. It tells us to stand brave for what we believe, but "be ye kind one to another." We can disagree civilly.

As you might expect, the majority of my friends and family are people of faith and like-minded values.

But two of the best friends I have in the world are not Christians, yet they are two of the finest people I have ever met. I love and admire both greatly.

Both are men of integrity, ethics, moral uprightness, compassion and kindness.

One, particularly, has given away millions of dollars to help those less fortunate, and he has never turned his back on anyone in need. Once a man, who had double-crossed him in a business deal, was in financial dire straits.

My friend, the non-Christian, called up and asked, "How much do you need? I'll send you a check today."

Back to Samantha. I responded briefly to her to say what I said above. And you know what? She proved she truly is a Christian. She humbled herself and asked sincerely for forgiveness of her unkindness.

Now, if the rest of us could just practice the same thing.

RONDA RICH

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