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City's 'hands tied' in water-rate hike

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

Customers receiving water from the city of Post will see an increase in their monthly utility bill beginning with their October statements.

The City Council earlier this month approved a rate increase for every 1,000 gallons of water consumed by all residents and businesses that use upward

of 3,000 gallons per month.

In addition, all customers will see an additional \$2.50 fee tacked onto their bills that will go directly to help pay for the city's portion of debt incurred by agreeing to allow White River Municipal Water District to borrow \$6 million for much-needed repairs to its 50-year-old facility and infrastructure.

Mayor Archie Gill said the new rates, which are based on an incremen-

tal-fee structure, on average would only raise rates by about 60 cents per 1,000 units and would help make up the loss of funds incurred since the city has implemented its drought-contingency measures — a loss that's seen city revenue drop by at least 30 percent.

"I think we've all seen this coming for the last several months, but we've held off on raising those rates as long as we could," Gill said. "Now, faced with

a rate increase from the share of water we receive from Slaton and an expected increase from White River in addition to the debt service and loss of revenue due to the drought, we didn't have another choice. Our hands are tied."

City officials for months have awaited an increase in the wholesale purchase price of water it receives from the White River Municipal Water

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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.

Adopt an Antelope

The Post Booster Club is sponsoring an Adopt an Antelope fundraiser to encourage support of Bold Gold football players throughout the team's district run. For information, call Jona Jones at 806-782-6296 or email jonarenea@yahoo.com.

Quarterback club

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

Prayer breakfast

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual Communitywide Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. Sept. 24 in the Community Room at Centennial Bank in conjunction with the local See You At The Pole event. Event is free, and the community is invited to attend and pray for local schools, government and residents. For information, call Janice Plummer at the Chamber at 495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcity-texas.com.

Cottage food workshop

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a cottage food law workshop from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Garza County Extension Office, 215 W. Main St., Post. Cost is \$10 and limited to 15 people. Call 806-495-4400 for information. New laws take effect Sept. 1 and Jan. 1.

Photo workshop

The third annual Wyman Meiner Photography Workshop will be at 5 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Heritage House in Post. Event is sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association for \$100 per participant. To reserve your place, call 806-495-4148 or email ccarts@poka.com.

Corrections

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Drop in oil revenue means county tax increase

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

Garza County commissioners are expected to approve a slight increase in the millage rate for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

At their regular meeting at 9 a.m. this coming Monday, commissioners will likely approve an increase of 0.44 mills — from 3.55 to 3.99 mills — per \$1,000 of the assessed value of real property in the county.

County Judge Lee Norman said the increase was due in large part to a loss of expected revenue in the oil and gas industry and in part to rising costs of everyday services the county provides.

"Our biggest concern when setting this year's tax rate was what is expected to be a nearly \$52 million loss in revenue from taxes generated by oil and gas interests throughout the county," Norman said. "In order to make up for that loss of revenue — not only to meet what was needed to even match the current budget, but also to provide for the

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Neugebauer expected to make Garza County stop next week

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, is expected to visit with local residents and other officials here in Post next week.

However, Heather Vaughan, the congressman's spokeswoman, said that visit depends on the House leadership's plan for action on calling for a vote to fund the federal government.

"Our visit to Post will depend largely on whether members of Congress will be required to be in Washington to vote on the CR," Vaughan said Tuesday from her office in the nation's capital. "We're hoping to know more by Thursday."

Despite a report released Tuesday by the Congressional Budget Office that stated the federal deficit has shrunk to its lowest level since 2008, House Republicans are battling this week with a vote that



Neugebauer

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High School groundbreaking



Tammy Maxfield Ayala/The Post Dispatch

Members of the Post ISD board of trustees and others participate in a ceremonial groundbreaking Sept. 10 for the construction of a new high school. The state-of-the-art facility will be built as part of a nearly \$30 million bond-improvement project for campus buildings. Included in the project is the razing of the current middle school, formerly the high school, and a complete renovation of the current high school, which will become the new middle school facility. Other improvements outlined for under the bond issue included the construction of a new bus barn and renovations to the football and track fields.

Post 34, Slaton 27 Lopes stretch streak with Slaton win

By Jerry Pyles
For the Dispatch

The Post Antelopes at home in the newly renovated Jimmie Redman Memorial Stadium defeated the Slaton Tigers for the second-consecutive year last Friday night, 34-27, in what was the 80th meeting between the two teams.

The Antelopes improved to 3-0 on the season. D.J. Brown rushed for two touchdowns; Pake Jones and Bryan Smith had one each. Aron Lopez kicked field goals of 24 and 33 yards.

The Bold Gold defense forced a three-and-out on Slaton's first offensive possession. A short punt gave the Lopes excellent field position. On first down, Jones gained 13 yards to the Tiger 5. The next play Brown raced untouched five yards to the end zone for the touchdown. An offside penalty on the extra-point attempt would move the ball to the 1.5-yard line.



William Price/For the Dispatch

During last week's home game with Slaton, Quarterback Pake Jones (2) finds the end zone to score the Lopes' second touchdown of the game and the last one of the first quarter to extend the Post lead to 15-7. Post would

The Lopes would bring on the offense, and Jones would add the two-point play to give Post an early 8-0 lead. On the ensuing kickoff, David Hernandez stuck the Tiger returner, and on the next play Paden Babb would knock the ball loose only to be recovered by Alejo Rodriguez.

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Letters to the Editor



Submitted photo
For an entire year before her ninth birthday, Evangelina Zubia, right, asked for and collected items such as treats and toys for the Post Animal Refuge Center. The day of her ninth birthday, Evangelina donated all those items to the shelter and was welcomed by ARC volunteer Christy Tadlock.

The heart of a child

The dogs at the Post Animal Refuge Center were recently blessed by the heart of a child. Evangelina Zubia saw a television program about a girl asking for tennis shoes for children in need instead of birthday presents for herself. Evangelina wanted to help and make a difference too.

She planned to ask for donations for the shelter for her ninth birthday for almost a year and never faltered when her parents asked what she wanted for her birthday.

Her plan became reality when she turned over boxes of treats and toys for the shelter dogs at Post Animal Refuge

Center.

Afterward, Evangelina was gushing about how good it felt to help out those in need. Her mother, Diana, said her heart was also filled with happiness and pride.

The shelter dogs may not be fully aware of what an unusual act of kindness they have received, but they are certainly putting a smile on the faces of the volunteers watching them play with their new toys.

We can all learn from this selfless act of generosity and compassion from the heart of a child.

JANICE PLUMMER
Post Animal Refuge Center

PUBLIC NOTICE

Garza County is advertising for bids on new air-conditioner units and installation for the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

Specifications can be picked up at Judge Lee Norman's office on the second floor in the Garza County Courthouse, 300 W. Main St., Post, Texas 79356.

Garza County may accept or reject all or any part of bids, or any exceptions or variances you may submit, and to accept the offer most advantageous to Garza County.

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Menus: Week of Sept. 23-27

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- Tuesday:** Chicken and biscuit with syrup, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk
- Wednesday:** Breakfast parfait, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk
- Thursday:** Sunrise sandwich, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk
- Friday:** Cereal variety with Texas toast, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk

Lunch

- Monday:** Chicken and broccoli penne, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadstick, milk
- Tuesday:** Ultimate taco salad, Spanish rice, romaine and tomato, salsa, seasoned corn, snowball salad, milk
- Wednesday:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, apple-pineapple delight, milk
- Thursday:** Barbecue on bun, black beans, baby carrots, salsa, orange smiles, milk
- Friday:** Cheeseburger, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk

Southland ISD

Breakfast

- Monday:** French toast, sausage, fruit, juice, milk
- Tuesday:** Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk
- Wednesday:** Apple and cherry strudel, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk
- Thursday:** Muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk
- Friday:** Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday:** Hamburgers, baked fries, chili beans, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, fruit, milk
- Tuesday:** Tangerine chicken, noodles, carrots, broccoli, fruit, pudding, milk
- Wednesday:** Tex-Mex stack, pinto beans, garden salad, salsa, fruit, milk
- Thursday:** Chicken fajita salad, garden salad, beans, tortilla chips, fruit, milk
- Friday:** Chicken Parmesan, peas, garden salad, breadsticks, fruit, cookie, milk

Garza County Trailblazers

Lunch

- Monday:** Oven-fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, pineapple tidbits, roll
- Tuesday:** Hamburger steak, mac and cheese, English peas, dry Jell-O salad, roll
- Wednesday:** Enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, beans, fruit cup, chips
- Thursday:** Polish sausage, sauerkraut, potato salad, banana pudding, cornbread
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Thanks for reading!

City imposes stricter drought measures Southland schools

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

Members of the Post City Council have voted to increase the city's drought level status in order to be eligible for a state grant to be used to develop a well field near Southland.

At its meeting earlier this month, the City Council voted to move from stage 2 to stage 3 in its drought-contingency plan in order to qualify to apply to the Texas Department of Agriculture for funds administered to communities suffering from the continued drought.

The grant, if awarded, would be in the amount of \$350,000.

City Manager Deana Watson said the money would be used to help the city continue to develop a well field near Southland that would broaden the availability of underground water to municipal customers.

Over the last several weeks, the City Council has held three public hearings on the issue in order for officials to hear from the public regarding the move.

Watson said once the drought level is increased, it must remain at that level for at least 60 days in order for the city to remain eligible for the grant, which would be administered through the South Plains As-

sociation of Governments in Lubbock.

"Municipalities all around us are already doing this in order to qualify for state grant money," Watson said. "The money is there for towns like ours to utilize. We feel like it's an opportune time to take advantage of it."

Post municipal water customers historically get their water from White River Lake. However, over the last several years as the water supply at White River continues to dwindle, Post officials have been actively searching for alternative sources of water to not only ensure an ongoing supply for residents but also to lessen its impact on White River and the municipalities it serves that rely solely on one source.

The water supplied to Post residents now is a blend of water from White River and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, which is purchased from the city of Slaton.

The Southland well field has been in the possession of the city of Post for a number of years, but because of the water's high level of nitrates is not potable unless the water is blended to bring it up to public drinking-water standards.

"The city purchased that land with an eye on the future drinking water needs for our residents," Watson said. "It would be a

shame just to let it sit there without putting it to good use."

Under the stricter water measures, Post would strive for a 15 percent reduction in water use. In addition, water would be prohibited for nonessential use, including washing of windows, siding, eaves and roofs; vehicles; landscape, including yards, parks, athletic fields; and filling pools, among others.

Commercial and industrial use would be controlled to the extent dictated by the city manager. Businesses requiring the use of water as a basic function of operation would need written consent from the city manager.

Watson said council members feel the off-peak season for water consumption would be the best time to move forward with the measure.

"We want to make sure this is as less intrusive on our residents as possible, so we're looking at doing this during a time of year when less water is being used by our residents," Watson said. "The fall and winter months typically do not call for the amount of water usage as is required of our residents in the spring and summer months. So we feel like imposing these restrictions on residents in the time of year they're less likely to use as much water would be the best time."

Miller named region's Superintendent of the Year

SOUTHLAND — Toby Miller of the Southland Independent School District was recently recognized as Superintendent of the Year for the Region 17 educational service area.

The award, sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards, has recognized exemplary superintendents for excellence and achievement in educational leadership since 1984.

Candidates are chosen for their strong leadership skills, dedication to improving educational quality, ability to build effective employee relations, student performance, and commitment to public involvement in education.

Superintendents from any of Texas' 1,031 local school districts are eligible for nomination by their school boards. Local nominees are submitted to a regional selection committee, which chooses one nominee to send to the state selection committee.

The state committee interviewed regional winners in Austin on Aug. 23-24 and selected five state finalists. The Superintendent of the Year will be announced Sept. 28 at the Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards annual convention in Dallas.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local public school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 5 million students.



Miller

Garza officials remind voters that photo ID is required

The Post Dispatch

Garza County Elections Supervisor Jim Plummer wants to remind voters that photo identification will now be required for voting in person.

"In Garza County we are working to make sure our voters understand the new ID requirements and have all the information they need to cast their ballots in November's constitutional amendment election and next year's primary and general elections," Plummer said.

A voter will be required to show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location before the voter will be permitted to cast a vote:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- U.S. military identification card containing the person's photograph

- U.S. citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- U.S. passport

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented at the polling place.

This photo ID requirement is for voters casting a ballot in person, not by mail. Voters age 65 and older may vote by mail.

Nancy Wallace, Garza County voter registrar, encourages voters to update their voter registration to reflect the name on their photo ID they plan to use for voting purposes.

Voters may use IDs that do not exactly match the name on their voter registration if the names are substantially similar but will have to sign an affidavit stating they are the same person.

Voters may look up their registration information at VoteTexas.gov, and if their name is not an exact match they can update their voter registration at that time.

"By preparing now, voters can help make sure voting goes smoothly when it comes time for the election," Wallace said. "Voter registration changes must be made at least

30 days before an election."

Changes can be made online at the VoteTexas.org website or at the county courthouse through Oct. 7, which is the deadline to register or change your voter registration information for the Nov. 5 election.

Local residents who do not have one of the listed forms of acceptable photo identification may apply for an Election Identification Certificate — or voter photo ID card — issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety's driver license division at no charge. Applications for the EIC will be accepted at DPS driver license offices across Texas. The EIC, however, can only be used for voting is not an acceptable form of identification for any other purpose.

More information on voter registration can be found at sos.texas.gov or the VoteTexas.org website, also powered by the Texas Secretary of State's office.

For information on the Elections Identification Certificate, or voter photo ID card, visit dps.texas.gov or the nearest driver license office.

Local residents also may call the Garza County Elections Office at 495-4440.

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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

For almost 100 years a Collier Drug Store has been part of the retail landscape in Post. After more than 55 years, Bob Collier retired this week, closing the doors to the store.

Johnny Davenport was inducted into the Texas Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame.

PHS 2002 Band Sweetheart was Breann Heckaman and Football Sweetheart was Eileen Gomez. Sweetheart candidates included Taylor Starkey, Britney Courtney, Ebony Gonzales, Tana Starkey, and Lisa Soto.

The Post Lady Lopes won the team championship and the Post Middle School girls earned 1st place at the Wilson Cross Country Meet.

On their Homecoming night everything went right. Bold Gold dominated the Friona Chieftains 39-7. The offensive line surged across the line of scrimmage, opening up running lanes for the backs. The Lopes lined up in the swinging gate formation Kris Hernandez, Kyle Gunn, Jett Lott, Mark Norman, Ryan Babb, Jace Pollard, Mark McCallister, Wilson Cash, David Lee Rivera, Randon Blacklock, Russell Merritt, Omar Medina, and Mitchell Mills all had key plays.

20 Years Ago

Seventh grade Lopes dominate Slaton. Coach Chili Black praised the blocking efforts of the Lopes Linemen Josh Loper, J.C. Stelzer, Joe Don Schoonover, Matt Cooper, Roy Soto, Frank Reyna, Jeremy Aguilar, Andrew Martinez, Michael Collazo, Chris Dawson, T.J. Gaddos, and Joseph Abraham.

Linebackers were Ramon Perez and Daniel Fluitt, defensive backs Charlie Bell Tim Quintana, Brent Justice, Terry Foster, Adrian Marin, Javier Ramos, and Colt McCook.

With October 15th quickly approaching, the Founder's Day Black Tie and Boots dance has been moved to The Post Mill. Historically the dinner dance has been hosted by one of the numerous ranches in the area and attended by folks far and wide. "The very first Founder's Day dinner and dance was held at the Macy Ranch and attended by some of the Post Cereal Representatives", explains Patty Kirkpatrick, owner of Danish Imports.

Lorry Ledbetter wins 5th in state competition for her 4-H Dairy Foods Record Book. She is the daughter of Bruce and Debbie Ledbetter and a member of Graham 4-H.

Post Varsity and J V Antelopes stamped the Stanton Buffaloes.

Marine Lance Cpl. Clifford Walls, son of Donald R. and Annie R. Walls of Post, returned from a 2-month Australian deployment with a Marine Detachment embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bush will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary September 25, 1993.

30 Years Ago

Post ISD Auditorium architect Duane McQueen was questioned for over an hour at the school board meeting, concerning delayed completion and quality of the project.

This year's big O.S. Ranch weekend will be in Post. The O.S. Saddle Bronc Riding and the Art Exhibit and Sale will headline the events.

Bold Gold Varsity Antelopes dug in for a 28-0 win against the Ralls Jackrabbits. Sophomore quarterback, Joel Kirkpatrick threw 3 touchdown passes.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary on Sep. 25th in the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Post J V remains undefeated with a 25-6 win over Colorado City. Linebackers-Donny Payne and Tony Angerer, tightend-Rodney George, backs- Keith Hart, Benny Hair, Greg Adams, Simon Salinas, Anthony Perez, defensive fumble recovery- Rodney Oden, Russell Graves, Scotty Clinesmith and kicker-Sam Binford were all given praise.

The Post 8th Grade Antelopes edged Colorado City. Coach Darrell Radle gave recognition to Lex Dunn for his interception, linebackers Ben Kirkpatrick and Bobby Gonzales for their hard hitting, tailback Mike Bartlett and Blair Didway for their yardage, Mike Ayala for his 2 pass completions, and Eric Reese for doing well and getting better.

40 Years Ago...

Southland school district voters decided to keep their school, 128 - 93.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the entrance to the new Gibson's Discount Center on North Broadway (across from United).

Durward Bartlett has won the Class B Championship Checker Tournament in

Houston. Durward is also manager of the Caprock Golf Course here.

Harold Lucas will stage the biggest new car show in the history of Post today.

Mrs. Ruth Martin hems the 1st cotton polyester sheet ever manufactured at the Postex Plant.

Corner Grocery and Market, 121 E. Main, is selling chili for \$0.75 a quart, corn dogs \$0.20, bbq beef ribs \$1.98 a lb.

50 Years Ago...

The new White River Dam piled up its 1st "water runoff" when a 3 1/2 inch downpour soaked the Crosbyton area. Water in the lake is now 18 feet deep, it had only been 6 feet before the downpour.

Sinners moving to California. Bob Sinner sold his interest in the Post Pharmacy and will move to Bakersfield, Calif. to represent the nation's largest pharmaceutical firm.

The Post Antelopes struck like lightning to defeat the Plains Cowboys, 9-0. Great key defensive plays were made by Benny Owen, Danny Pierce, Danny Odom, Billy Mitchell, Tom Clark, Pat Sullivan, Butch Cross, and Charlie Brown. Recognized offensive plays were made by Owen, Cornell, and Teddy Scott.

Hustle and hard work- lots of it- have paid off for the Jackson brothers, Jim and Bo, who this month are celebrating their 4th birthday in business in Post as Jackson Brothers Food Locker

Compiled by Tammy Maxfield Ayala

The Paperboy

New apps read BAC levels and hail taxis

Today's technology is incredible, and smartphones and what they can do is very impressive.

Now, there is an application that can be downloaded onto the phone and a piece of hardware that can connect to the phone — both of which can save lives.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Let's say you attend a party and you have a few drinks. Are you OK to drive? Now you can breathe into the device connected to your smartphone, and the phone will test your blood-alcohol level before you get behind the wheel and endanger lives.

Not only can it tell you how much you've had to drink, but it also can automatically call you a cab (assuming you live in a city).

Breathometer, for both the Apple- and Android-based platforms, and the iPhone-exclusive BACtrack display your blood-alcohol

level within seconds through a smartphone-connected breathing apparatus.

"People think, 'Oh, I'm driving around the corner,' but it's not until they get pulled over that they realize they're over the limit," said Charles Michael Yim, chief executive of Breathometer.

More than 1.2 million people were arrested in the United States in 2011 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

The Breathometer plugs into the smartphone's headphone jack while the BACtrack connects to the iPhone via Bluetooth technology.

According to their respective companies, both use sensors that meet U.S. Food and Drug Administration standards and can detect blood-alcohol levels to within an accuracy of 0.01 percent.

Breathometer's breathing device is about the size of a car key. The app can detect a user's GPS location, order a cab and estimate how long it will take for the user to become sober.

"Just checking blood-alcohol levels can help you be more aware of your body. If you blow 0.02 percent or 0.04 percent, you might think, I

better stop drinking," Yim said.

More than 10,000 people died in drunk-driving accidents in the United States in 2010, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. A blood-alcohol level above 0.08 percent is considered over the legal limit in all 50 states. The National Transportation Safety Board is recommending the limit be reduced to 0.05 percent.

The Breathometer app reads signals after the user has blown into the breathing device. An ethanol sensor embedded in the device detects alcohol on the breath and converts this into a signal, which the app processes.

The app, which will cost \$49, will be released worldwide in October.

BACtrack, founded in 2001, was the first company to receive U.S. government clearance to sell blood-alcohol breathing tests for personal use. The handheld device retails for about \$150.

The company's new mobile app can also track a user's drinking habits in a graph and can estimate when a user's blood-alcohol level will return to zero. Users can also share their blood-alcohol levels through text message, Facebook or Twitter.

I don't know who in the world would want to do that, but it's an option.

"It's not about whether you're at 0.05 or 0.08 percent. If you even have 0.01 percent, you should not be driving," said Yim.

Of course with all of this technology, it makes you wonder if your phone can tell the authorities on you. I can see this device being recorded by the government as they track our habits — or lack there of. But overall, it's a device that should save lives.

If you really let your imagination run wild, there is no telling what's in store for future apps on smartphones. Heck, one day they might be able to tell you that you're getting ready to have a stroke or heart attack.

For better or worse, there really is no end in sight in technological development.

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Bold Gold Football



William Price/For the Dispatch

Post's Campbell Kirkpatrick (10) goes for a fumble during last Friday's home win over the Tigers. Slaton (2-1) hardly had a chance to recover after getting off to a slow start during the first half. Post (3-0) tonight faces the Tahoka Bulldogs for the first of two back-to-back road games.

LOPES

From Page 1

Post again would fumble two plays later.

The Tigers (2-1) would cut the lead to 8-7 on a pass play from Whaley to Richardson, and Post would add points on the Lopes' next possession.

On a nine-play drive, the biggest play of the night would come with a 24-yard pass to Bryan Smith on 3rd and 8. Two plays later, Jones would score from two yards out. Lopez would boot the extra point giving the Lopes a 15-7 advantage after the first quarter.

The Lopes would stop the Tigers on 4th and 2. T.J. Basquez would smash Whaley in the Tiger backfield, giving the ball to Post.

Four plays later, Post extended its lead. Smith would race around the left end from 23 yards out. Once again Lopez booted the extra point. After a Whaley scramble, the Tigers had a first down inside the Lopes' red zone. The drive would end as Brown stepped in front of the intended receiver for the interception.

After Brown's interception on second down, the senior running back would take the pitch from Jones and race 94

yards to the end zone, but the official called a penalty on the Lopes bringing back the impressive run.

This would lead to a 14-point change in the score.

Instead of a touchdown the Antelopes would have to punt from their own end zone, and the punt was blocked and recovered by the Tigers. The Lopes would still lead 22-13. Post would add three more points to the board as Lopez would kick a 24-yard field goal. The Antelopes would take the 25-13 lead into the half.

Post would receive the opening kickoff of the second half. The Tigers would force an Antelope punt. The Tiger QB Whaley was scramble for a 44-yard touchdown run cutting the lead to 25-21. The two teams were forced to punt on their next possessions.

Cambry Gilbert would return the Tiger punt from mid-field to the Tiger 19 yard line. On first down, Brown would out run the Tiger defense to pay dirt. The kick failed and the Bold Gold lead by 10. Paden Babb's sack on the Tiger quarterback would force another punt. After the short punt and a run by Brown, Gilbert would run an 18 yard sweep giving Post a first and goal at the Tiger 8 yard line.

The Tiger defense toughened and forced the Bold

Gold to attempt a 33-yard field goal to begin the fourth quarter. Lopez would nail the kick extending the lead to 34-21 with more than 11 minutes remaining in the game. The Bold Defense would force a Tiger punt with 9 minutes left in the game.

Post would take possession at their own 26-yard line. Good runs by Jones, Smith, and Brown and a 16-yard catch from Campbell Kirkpatrick gave Post a first down at the Tiger 27 yard line. The Lopes would fumble and give the Tigers possession.

The Tigers would score a touchdown with 3:56 left in the game make the score 34-27. The Lopes' offense would make and first down then with Slaton out of time outs would run out the clock to improve to 3-0 on the season.

The Antelopes will take to the road the next two weeks — tonight in Tahoka and the Sept. 27 at Denver City.

Led by Ke'shawn Hood, Tristan Hilger and Kordell Baker, Tahoka will enter the game 2-1 with wins over Crosbyton and Ralls and a loss to Roosevelt. Tonight's game will be the 70th meeting between the Antelopes and the Bulldogs.

Post leads the Tahoka series 39-30-1. Last year Post beat Tahoka, 22-13.

Sports Roundup

Post JV team drops Slaton contest

SLATON — The Post JV (2-1) lost, 26-24, to Slaton on Thursday night. The Lopes dug a hole of 26-8 in the second half only to come up a little short at the end.

Post took took an 8-6 lead in the second quarter, but ended up trailing at the half 18-8. The Tigers returned the second-half kickoff for a touchdown, putting the Lopes down 26-8. The Antelope defense put them back in the contest.

A.J. Esecbedo took the ball from the Tiger running back and raced 42 yards to the end zone. Jarred Curtis ran in the two-point play making the score 26-16. The Lopes would move the ball on offense but could not put points on the board.

The last score of the night, Shandon Wiley would pick off the Tiger pass and return it for the Antelope touchdown. A.J. Reed would add the two-point play bringing the Lopes within two.

The Lopes ran a Hail Mary at the end of the game, but the ball fell incomplete.

The JV team spent the week preparing for its next two games at home, including Tahoka and Denver City.

Post Gold 14, Slaton 6

Post Gold's first touchdown came from Alex Alvarado's 70-yard kickoff return in the first half. In the second half, Alvarado scored again on an outside running play, and Nathan Walls added the two-point conversion with a QB keep. Slaton had a late touchdown in the fourth

Post 8th 34, Slaton 6

The Post eighth-grade team played its first game of the year against Slaton at Jimmie Redman Stadium and came away with a 34-6 victory. Mike Pherguson scored three touchdowns rushing, and Damian Garcia added two on the ground. Aric Garza had two conversions through the air, the first to Chance Courtney and the other to Brandon Brittan. The offensive line did a good job all night of opening holes for the backs. On defense the Lopes played well, and held Slaton to only one score. The eighth-grade team's next game was slated last night at Tahoka.

Post 7th 36, Slaton 0

The Post seventh-grade team blew past rival Slaton on Sept. 12 at Jimmie Redman Memorial Stadium with a score of 36-0. Quarterback Zach Smith contributed well in the game, running for two touchdowns and throwing a two-point conversion to Dylan Cimental and also running in a two-point conversion. FB Ben Justice scored a Post TD to help extend the lead. RB Damontre Curtis scored two touchdowns to put the score away.

"Our defense did well all night, and we didn't let them score a point," coach Joshua Reese said. "All around defensively, we were flying to the football and executing our game plan." The seventh-grade team was set to play at Tahoka last night.

Staff reports

Catch the Next Varsity Game:
Sept. 20 at Tahoka at 7:30!

Puzzle of the Week

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

POST DISPATCH

CLUES ACROSS

- Color lightly
- Female parents
- Present covering
- Feathered scarf
- Positive pole
- British Air Aces
- Alo ____: loss of hair
- Broadway's Hook, Ritchard
- Lime painting on dry plaster
- Machinery lubricant
- Smallest U.S. coins
- Resembling an angel in goodness
- Metric linear unit
- ____kus: commotion
- Angkor ____, temple
- Radioactivity unit
- Rebuilt
- Slandered
- Pla ____: blood parts
- Classic style or image
- 1/2 of a German spa
- Search and rescue exercise (acr.)
- Weight unit
- Claim (abbr.)
- Soup noodles
- Similar (suffix)
- Washing receptacle
- Larceny
- Ringtail monkey genus

CLUES DOWN

- Drew an outline
- Farm state (abbr.)
- House speaker initials
- Licensed bean counter
- Atomic #50, SN
- Million gallons per day (abbr.)
- A non-human primate
- Mom
- Associated Press
- Bread knife edge
- Sufferings
- Yes opposite
- Grower
- Int'l. fuel co.
- In a way, left
- ____ng: cake topping
- ____e: apex
- One who weeps
- Yiddish gossip
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- Leg (slang)
- Stitched
- Lots
- Iron Man Ripkin
- Change pagination
- Inh ____: cruel
- Funny books
- Revoke

CLUES ACROSS

11. Present covering
14. Feathered scarf
15. Positive pole
16. British Air Aces
18. Alo ____: loss of hair
21. Broadway's Hook, Ritchard
23. Lime painting on dry plaster
25. Machinery lubricant
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48. Weight unit
50. Claim (abbr.)
51. Soup noodles
56. Similar (suffix)
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62. Larceny
63. Ringtail monkey genus

CLUES DOWN

37. Last month (abbr.)
38. Pat lightly
39. Phonograph record
41. A waterproof raincoat
42. Dentist group
43. A set of TV programs
46. "Conde __ Traveler" magazine
49. Atomic #90
51. Radio direction finder (abbr.)
52. Honeymooner actor Carney
53. Belonging to me
54. Basics
55. No (Scottish)
58. Expression of uncertainty
59. Point midway between N and E
60. Atomic #51
61. S ____: store barcode

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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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 Barbara Streisand

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
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Aug. 23	Sudan-scrimmage	Post	6:00
Aug. 30	Morton	Post	7:30
Sept. 6	Lamesa	Lamesa	7:30
Sept. 13	Slaton	Post	7:30
Sept. 20	Tahoka	Tahoka	7:30
Sept. 27	Denver City	Denver City	7:30
Oct. 4	Open		
Oct. 11	*Roosevelt	Post	7:30
Oct. 18	*Tulia	Post	7:30
Oct. 25	*Floydada	Floydada	7:30
Nov. 1	*Olton (Homecoming)	Post	7:30
Nov. 8	*Abernathy	Abernathy	7:30

JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM

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

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Sept. 12	Slaton	5:00	6:00	7:00
Sept. 5	Lamesa	6:00		
Sept. 19	@Tahoka	TBA	5:00	6:00
Sept. 26	@Denver City	4:30	6:00	7:30
Oct. 3	@Brownfield	4:30	6:00	7:30
Oct. 10	Roosevelt*	4:30	6:00	7:30
Oct. 17	Tulia*	TBA	6:00	7:30
Oct. 24	@Floydada*	TBA	6:00	7:30
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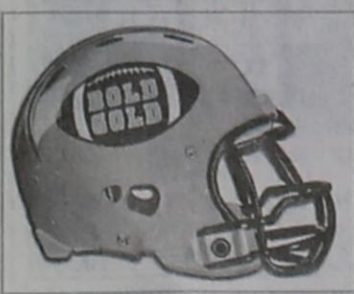
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The Idle American Goose-Googling children miss out on the Mother of all tales

Perhaps it is a trivial thing, this business of "Goose" and "Google" beginning with the same three letters — or maybe not. The former — with "Mother" in front of her name — is a remnant from centuries past. For hundreds of years, printed words — and those from the lips of loving parents and others putting children to bed — provided stories that activated vivid imaginations. On the winds of what was, what is and what might yet be whirled



DON NEWBURY

thoughts of young minds swept up in play-like worlds of make believe. The latter, "Google" — a word so often attached at the hip to "it" — may play a more critical role than we realize. We may eventually count greatly on Google for details of the Mother

Goose who used to be during glory days of youthful innocence. Here lately, she's flown the coop, with absences ever lengthening. Mother Goose was the property of no one — and everyone. A feathery grandmother of make believe, she was at home on many continents, her verses unquantifiable, a compilation of the thoughts of many minds.

Her fables, verses and rhymes were born in minds of many generations. Their words — some clever, or ridiculous or even absurd — seemed worth writing down, repeating and remembering. They're collected in that big memory repository so tenderly guarded by Mother Goose. Somehow, they've survived the

centuries. Her words were handy when we spent more time putting children to bed. The old bird was on good terms with the Good Book, lovingly linked for bedtime application. Today, bedtime rituals more likely call for technicians. Buttons are pushed to access sounds, and pages — formerly turned — slide silently across the touchscreens of tablets as children drift off to dreamland.

Those still in footed PJs are more likely today to recognize the AFLAC duck than the goose offering nursery rhymes. Mother Goose, never pushy, was more of a go along to get along type. She'd be saddened today in a world where fear dominates. Children furrow brows now like their elders, rarely breaking into robust laughter like they used to. Circumstances — something we've always lived under — are authors of fear. They grow ever more ominous, and we're afraid far more often than we're joyful.

Children learn early on take too much too seriously. The other day, I heard a quiet conversation by a couple of youngsters, perhaps second-graders. I was surprised at their leisurely conversational pace, as well as the topic, "Humpty-Dumpty."

As I was waiting in the mall for my wife to finish shopping, I resisted the impulse to mention to them that this is one of the hundreds of "Mother Goose" poems. Besides, these youngsters already had a grandfather in tow. Alas, the conversation grew serious. "I've heard that Humpty-Dumpty was pushed," one said.

"Maybe so," said the other. "And I'm sad for the first-responders. Don't you know they felt like they were walking on eggshells?"

"Wow", thought I. Here was a kid who imagined, just as the old goose would hope.

My wife and I walked to our car, clicking to unlock the door a few feet away, then drove home, cruise control on and radio news blaring.

My mind hearkened back to simpler days and to my long-departed grandfather, a man ever proud of his Hamilton pocket watch. It was chained to a belt loop, lifted dozens of times daily from its pouched resting place.

It was done methodically. Poppa stared at the timepiece, usually saying nothing. It didn't even have a second hand, nor was one needed. He had seconds to spare, this man whose activities rarely involved "punching in." Quite simply, he worked from early 'til late, usually six full days a week.

He always seemed happy. Though uneducated, he learned life's hardships early on.

Widowed at age 45, he was left with nine children, three of elementary-school age. He had reason to be pensive, this man so very much at home in the cotton fields and on land dotted by cedar trees.

It was his to pick the bolls of cotton, and, with his ax, turn the trees into cedar posts. As he stared at his watch, he was in deep thought.

And we thought he was checking the time.

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

The 501 The Gopher Complex

Gophers are the poor man's prairie dogs. That's what I thought as a child. Gophers, it seemed, were second-rate burrowers that didn't have what it took to break into great literature or the movies. So, growing up with gophers, I grew up with a bit of a gopher complex.

It still gnaws at me. Prairie dogs once lived on my grandmother's half of the farm, but they had faded into legend by the time I was old enough to roam the far pasture to look for the remains of their colony. I found nothing.

I wished for prairie dogs, icons of the Old West. They had enough nerve to get out of their holes and scurry around and stand up in the sunshine and, what's more, bark. I'm not sure how I knew they did all that since we didn't have any. We just had gophers. Their mounds and tunnels scarred our yard.

The gophers might have been likeable if they'd ever emerged. I was 30-plus when I first saw one. Haven't seen one since.

My childhood dog Spot dug furiously into every fresh gopher mound, burying his nose deep in pursuit of whatever gopher he no doubt could smell just fine. Spot never saw one either.

Mother Barn Cat showed greater patience. Her tactic was to sit on a gopher mound waiting for the unsuspecting creature to sidle out his front door. I don't know if she ever nabbed one. I didn't have the patience to watch her.

If only the gophers had been moles instead. Moles showed up in cartoons — Elmer Fudd and Bugs Bunny, for example. Moles also appeared in children's books from time to time.

But nobody wrote about gophers. I grew up thinking moles lived only in the yards and gardens of people who had basements with furnaces — Yankees, in other words. We folks who lived on the western edge of the Old South were stuck with gophers. Nobody wrote about us.

I'm out of touch with children's literature, but I'm guessing that's pretty much still the case. Unless an author comes up with something like "The Armadillo from Amarillo," children's books revolve around stereotypical people in stereotypical places where the stereotypical burrower is a mole, albeit with nods to political correctness per the inclusion of more ethnicities as far as the human characters are concerned.

Gophers, meanwhile, continue to be marginalized. Am I right? RESEARCH PAUSE.

If you search via Google for "moles in children's literature," the first thing that pops up (pun intended) is "Hedgehogs, Porcupines & Moles," compliments of Barnes & Noble. There you have it. Moles find themselves in good company with exotic hedgehogs and fascinating porcupines. Gophers aren't even mentioned.

Search for "gophers in children's literature," and the first thing you get is a book about a gopher tortoise. The second search result is "Greasy Grimy Gopher Guts." No kidding.

If I never amount to anything, I guess I can blame it on the gophers.

Or the prairie dogs for leaving town.

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Raised on a cotton farm near Meadow, Coleman is a 1994 graduate of Texas A&M University where he received his bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in Texas and serves as an officer in the Texas Section of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers.

Coleman and his wife, Kristi, live on a cotton farm near Ropesville. Kristi teaches fourth and fifth grade math at Ropesville ISD. Their daughters attend Ropesville High School.

"The High Plains Water District Board of Directors is pleased and excited about Jason Coleman accepting the general manager position. His expertise in agriculture engineering, water research, and his 13 years of experience as a water district manager will be invaluable to our district," said Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo.

Board Member Brad Heffington of Littlefield said Coleman's upbringing in

the South Plains region will be helpful in dealing with groundwater issues.

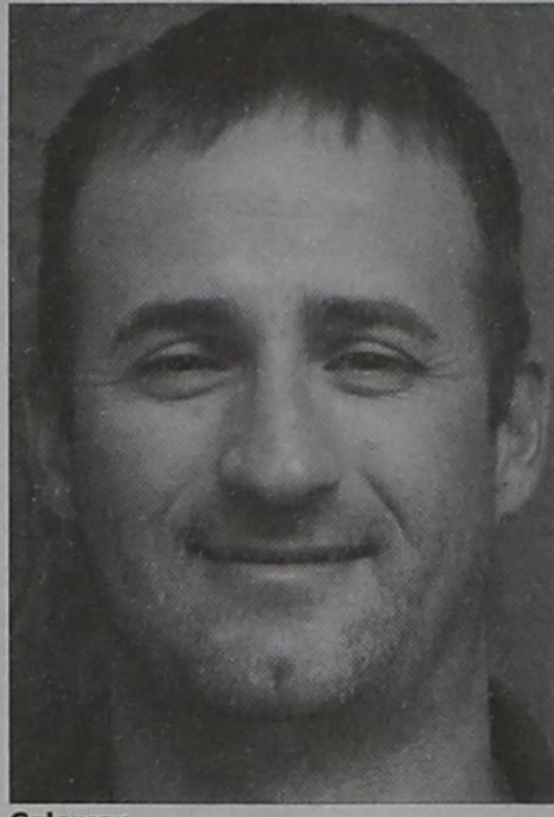
"Jason shares our West Texas values. He understands that the High Plains Water District is here to protect landowners' rights, while at the same time developing policy to help landowners conserve groundwater and use it as efficiently as possible for generations to come. We look forward to his work with the district," Heffington said.

Coleman said he is honored to be able to work with district residents, board members, county advisory committees and staff.

"The purpose of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District is to help residents conserve and preserve groundwater within its 16-county service area. I'm very pleased to be part of a dedicated staff that will be instrumental in achieving the water conservation goals established by the district's Board of Directors," Coleman said.

Carmon McCain served as interim general manager following the June 30 retirement of Jim Conkwright. McCain has resumed his regular duties as the district's Information/Education Group Supervisor.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District — first groundwater conservation district created in Texas — is charged with



Coleman

the responsibility of conserving, preserving, protecting, and preventing waste of groundwater within its 16-county service area.

The district's service area consists of Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, and Swisher Counties, as well as portions of Armstrong, Castro, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hockley, Potter and Randall counties.

The district is a part of the state's Groundwater Management Area 2, which also includes the Garza County Underground Water Conservation District.

Farm Briefs

FSA announces new acreage-reporting dates

Staff reports

Garza-Borden County USDA Farm Service Agency Executive Director Victor Ashley has announced deadlines for producers to file acreage reports.

"In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Garza-Borden County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline," Ashley said.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for both Garza and Borden counties:

- Nov. 15: Perennial forage (alfalfa/grasses).
- Dec. 15: Small-grain crops (barley, rye, triticale and wheat) except oats.
- Jan. 15: Fall oats
- May 15: Spring oats; pecans
- July 15: Cotton, CRP, peanuts, haygrazer, peas, sorghum, sunflowers.

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.
- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure," "left standing," or "seed," then the acreage must be reported by July 15.

Ashley said Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program policyholders should note the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Additionally, producers can purchase both NAP and RMA coverage for 2014 annual forage crops. NAP coverage will not be available for 2015 annual forage crops.

Late-file fees will be assessed for any producer who didn't file 2013 and 2014 acreage reports prior to this past Sunday.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, contact the Garza-Borden County FSA office at 806-495-2801.

The family of Tooter Ammons would like to thank those who express their sympathy during our loss. A special thank-you to Golden Plains and Covenant for their great care. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Toni Ammons, Tonie M. Ammons, Jimmy Ammons, Bobby and Karen Ammons, Ronny and Christy Ammons

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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 634

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPLACING PRIOR ORDINANCE PROVISIONS RELATED TO WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF POST, TEXAS, ADDING PROVISIONS FOR LATE FEES, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Post, Texas has previously passed ordinance provisions regarding the water and sewer rates within the city limits;

WHEREAS, the periodic evaluation and revision of utility rates and charges is necessary to provide sufficient revenue to operate and maintain a utility system;

WHEREAS, it has become necessary and desirable to amend the billing and collection procedures and administrative fees charged for delinquent payments and non-payment of residential water and sewer accounts, to clarify the collection procedures and to provide reasonable compensation to the City of Post for services necessitate by a customer's late payment and/or non-payment of an account; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Post, Texas now wishes to amend such ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Post, Texas that the Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

1. FINDINGS OF FACT

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

2. ENACTMENT

The Code of Ordinances, City of Post, Texas, is hereby amended to read in accordance with Attachment A, which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes. Sections of the Code shall be renumbered as necessary.

3. REPEALER

All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated herein.

4. SEVERABILITY

Should any of the clauses, sentences, para-

graphs, sections or parts of this Ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance.

5. CODIFICATION

The City Secretary is hereby directed to record and publish the attached rules, regulations and policies as authorized by Section 52.001 of the Texas Local Government Code.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication.

7. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Passed and approved this ____ day of September, 2013.

Archie Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deana Watson, City Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

ARTICLE 1 WATER RATES

Section 1-1. Water Rates Within the City

The following rates per month shall be the rates charged for water services furnished to residential customers and commercial customers within the corporate limits of the City of Post, until revised by the City Council of the City of Post by subsequent ordinance:

(a) Residential/Commercial:	
Base Rate (Up to 3,000 gallons)	\$32.45
3,000 to 10,000 gallons	\$4.85 per 1,000 gallons
11,000 to 25,000 gallons	\$5.08 per 1,000 gallons
26,000 to 50,000 gallons	\$5.52 per 1,000 gallons
51,000 to 100,000 gallons	\$6.24 per 1,000 gallons
101,000 gallons and up	\$6.61 per 1,000 gallons

Section 1-2. Water Rates Outside the City

The following rates per month shall be the rates charged for water services furnished to residential customers and commercial customers outside the corporate limits of the City of Post, until revised by the City Council of the City of Post by subsequent ordinance:

(a) Residential/Commercial:	
Base Rate (Up to 3,000 gallons)	\$40.00
3,000 to 10,000 gallons	\$4.98 per 1,000 gallons
11,000 to 25,000 gallons	\$5.28 per 1,000 gallons
26,000 to 50,000 gallons	\$5.73 per 1,000 gallons
51,000 to 100,000 gallons	\$6.45 per 1,000 gallons
101,000 gallons and up	\$6.82 per 1,000 gallons

Section 1-3. Debt Service Charge

Every residential customer and commercial customer shall be charged a monthly debt service charge of \$2.50.

ARTICLE 2 SEWER RATES

Section 2-1. Sewer Rates Within the City

The following rates per month shall be the rates charged for sewer services furnished to customers within the corporate limits of the City of Post, until revised by the City Council of the City of Post by subsequent ordinance. All such charges for sewer services are based on the customer's average water consumption during the previous November through January, to be calculated annually in March, as follows:

(a) Residential	
Monthly Base Rate	\$17.60 plus \$2.25 per 1,000.00 gallons
(b) Commercial	
Monthly Base Rate	\$17.60 plus \$2.80 per 1,000.00 gallons

ARTICLE 3 BILLING AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES

Section 3-1. Billing and Collection Procedures for Residential and Commercial Accounts

(a) All City utility bills shall be sent to residential and commercial customers on the first business day of each month (the "Billing Date") for services provided in the prior month. Payment on all residential accounts shall be due on the 15th day of the month (the "Due Date").

(b) All bills for which payment has not been received by the City on or before the Due Date shall be assessed a late charge penalty of 10% of the amount due.

(c) On the 16th day of each month, the City will send a courtesy notice ("Notice") on each residential and commercial account that is past due. The Notice shall include the balance due, and

the date and time scheduled for disconnection and termination of city services. However, the failure by the City to send a courtesy notice of the failure of a customer to receive a courtesy notice shall not alter the City's right to disconnect service for nonpayment as provided herein.

(d) If payment on a residential or commercial account is not received by the City before the day specified in the Notice, then all water and sewer services shall be scheduled to be disconnected and shall be disconnected if payment is not received before the service is actually disconnected. When a customer's utilities services are scheduled to be disconnected for non-payment by being listed on the monthly disconnect list prepared by the City, an administrative reconnect fee of \$40.00 shall be charged to the customer's account each time the water or sewer service is scheduled to be disconnected for non-payment. The administrative fee shall be charged regardless whether service is disconnected.

(e) If service is disconnected for nonpayment then service shall be re-connected on the same business day that payment is received in full by the City, provided payment is received by the City no later than 3:00 p.m. If payment is received by the City after 3:00 p.m. then service will be reconnected on the next business day.

Section 3-2. Returned Payments and Charges

- (a) Any payment that is subsequently returned does not constitute a payment.
- (b) A \$25.00 fee shall be charged to a customer's account for each returned check or returned bank draft. Customers with returned checks or bank draft will no longer be able to pay their bill with check or draft for one year from date of last returned check.

Section 3-3. Payment Agreement

A payment agreement is offered to an account holder with a remaining unpaid balance after the cut-off/termination process. Terms of the payment agreement are negotiable based on the account balance and customer history.

Section 3-4. Theft of Services

Any person who turns on the water service or takes water from the City water supply without the approval of the City may be turned over to the proper authority for prosecution. The City reserves the right to prosecute any utility customer for theft of services, including costs and fees, in the appropriate jurisdiction.

Section 3-5 - 3-10. Reserved

Nancy's Notions

Supply vs. demand vs. affordability

For years, Chipotle restaurateurs touted naturally raised beef, promising its customers that the beef in their burritos would "never, ever" have been treated with antibiotics. Not for growth promotion, nor for disease prevention, control or treatment — all of which are FDA-approved uses of antibiotics in animals raised for food.



NANCY MCDONALD

In August, Chris Arnold, a spokesman for the national chain of restaurants, said the burrito-seller will now begin using meat from cattle treated with antibiotics for an illness. Why the switch from a social issue and marketing angle to a practical stance?

Perhaps because the U.S. beef production is projected to drop to a 21-year low, or maybe because the U.S. beef herd is at its all-time low in 40 years.

These factors, coupled with Chipotle's ever-increasing number of restaurants, just could not meet the supply demands of what the restaurant originally said they would serve.

"Every year we need 20 to 25 percent more of everything than we did the year before, and the beef supply isn't keeping up as well," Arnold said.

This is the situation worldwide. The world's population is growing, especially its middle class. Is the production of meat and poultry as a source of protein keeping pace to prevent food insecurity?

When the supply of food is unlimited, and when our resources to purchase food are unlimited, then we can have "social consciences" that allow us to dictate that our food is organically raised, hormone-free, raised without antibiotics, cage-free, gestational-crate free, all-natural, locally grown, yada yada.

But when our food supplies are limited, and we are hungry, as is the case in many parts of the world, or when our fiscal resources to purchase food are limited, as they are for 14 percent of Americans, then should our main concern be whether our produce is a GMO product or not? Should we be concerned with whether our beef came from another country or not, or whether our meat animal received an antibiotic or not.

Chipotle's announcement was simply recognition of the reality of supply and demand versus affordability.

"Never, ever" is a nice concept, but if the burrito competitor across the street is less expensive than Chipotle, where will you go? Maybe the "never, ever" previous position recognized that fact and made an exception to their social statement to keep their bottom line intact? Or maybe their new stance keeps them just a little bit more mainstream as we try to feed a hungry world?

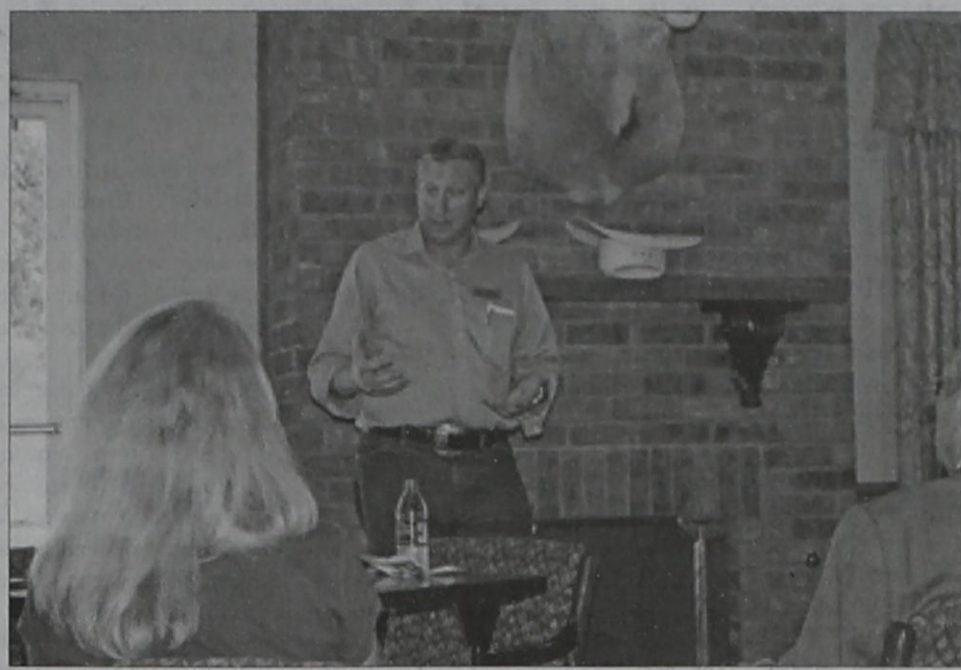
I hope so. We have too many groups trying to undermine American agriculture's efforts to produce more with less and its efforts to feed a very hungry world.

The source of this thought provoking information is "Meatingplace." While working on my master's in animal science, this was a recommended source for many assignments. "Meatingplace" is the premier multimedia information source for the red meat and poultry processing industry. Focused on the U.S. and Canadian markets, but read worldwide, "Meatingplace" delivers news, technical information and strategic insights through a monthly print publication, website and events.

You might want to reference them at some point.

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

Springer stops by



Tammy Maxfield Ayala/The Post Dispatch
Rep. Drew Springer, R-Muenster, speaks to local residents and others Sept. 11 in the Community Room at Centennial Bank during a planned stop in Post during which he discussed highlights from this past state legislative session, including the three subsequent special sessions. Springer is making his way through the vast District 68 touching base with many of his constituents and gathering ideas for the next biennial session.

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Announcement of the Application Period for the HOME Rehabilitation Assistance to Reconstruction/Rehabilitation of Homes for Low - Moderate Income Homeowners

Garza County has received funds through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to administer a HOME Investment Partnership Program Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance within the Garza County. This program is designed to assist homes for eligible low - moderate income homeowners who own their homes.

Applications will be available for pick up on September 25, 2013 starting at 9:00 a.m. The deadline for returning applications will be October 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. The application period will be open from 9:00 a.m. September 25 - 5:00 pm October 11 Monday thru Friday. The first ten households to (1) complete and return the application information, (2) provide all requested information to verify eligibility, (3) meet all eligibility requirements and (4) agree to participate in the program will be served.

The applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis. Each application will be timed and dated upon return to Garza County Courthouse. After the applications have been reviewed, an appointment will be scheduled with the qualifying homeowners. Program information and assistance completing additional paperwork will be provided at that scheduled time.

The county will host an Application Workshop to provide program information. Applicants are encouraged to attend this workshop, but are not required to participate in this workshop as an eligibility requirement.

October 2, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.
Garza County Courthouse
300 West Main

Special advance arrangements can be made for persons with special needs, language interpretation needs or for persons needing alternative time or locations by calling Billie Williams at 806.495.4405.

Application packets will be available for pick up at the Garza County Courthouse starting on September 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.



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Governor goes on business-luring trip

By Ed Sterling
Special to the Dispatch

AUSTIN — Maryland is the next state in Gov. Rick Perry's sights. He's already been to California, Connecticut, Missouri and New York to court businesses, hoping they will pull up stakes and head to the Lone Star State.

Perry announced on Sept. 12 that he would be in Maryland on Sept. 18 to make his pitch. To prepare Maryland for his arrival, a 60-second radio ad and 30-second TV ad are running in several markets. "The ads showcase the opportunities and freedom available to families and businesses thanks to Texas' smart fiscal policies," the governor's office stated, adding, the nearly \$500,000 television and radio ad buys and the governor's trip are paid for by "TexasOne" and "no state tax dollars were to be used for his travel and accommodations, or for the ad buy."

TexasOne, according to information at texasone.com, raises money to fund "special events, outreach programs, and other exciting and highly visible marketing and communications programs. These programs are directed at a targeted audience of corporate decision makers and site selectors."

An excerpt of what Perry says in one advertisement is this: "Unfortunately, your governor has made Maryland the tax and fee state, where businesses and families are paying some of the highest taxes in America. Since taking office in 2007, he's approved 40 new taxes and fees, projected to cost you \$9.5 billion more through 2014. That's a job killer..."

The Baltimore Sun, in a Sept. 12 news article about Perry's planned visit, quoted a spokes-

woman for Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley. She referred to the visit as a "job-poaching expedition."

Justice Hecht gets promoted

Gov. Perry on Sept. 10 announced the appointment of Justice Nathan L. Hecht of Austin as chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, effective Oct. 1.

Hecht, set to serve as the court's 27th chief justice, succeeds Wallace B. Jefferson, who announced his resignation earlier this month.

Hecht was first elected to the Supreme Court of Texas in 1988 and is the senior justice on the court. He has won re-election four times. He previously served as a justice of the Texas 5th Court of Appeals and as judge of the 95th Judicial District Court in Dallas County.

Tax revenue trend continues

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Sept. 11 announced the state sales tax revenue in August was \$2.39 billion, up 2.1 percent compared to August 2012.

"The latest monthly gains were led by sectors such as construction and the restaurant industry," Combs said. "For the recently ended fiscal year, state sales tax revenue totaled \$25.8 billion, an increase of 7.2 percent from fiscal 2012. Both business and consumer spending contributed to the gains for the year."

Combs said she would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their September local sales tax allocations totaling \$575 million, up 2.8 percent compared to September 2012.

Election ID obtainable

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 5, and election identification certificates are now available, only for voters who do not already have a required form of photo identification. There is no fee for the certificate.

On Sept. 13, opportunities to obtain a certificate were expanded when the Texas Department of Public Safety announced that a select group of 50 Texas Department of Public Safety offices will be open to accept applications for an election ID certificate from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays until Nov. 2. For more information, go to dps.texas.gov or call (512) 424-2600.

Robotic tuna checks hull

A six-foot-long robotic fish designed to detect contraband hidden on a ship's hull is being tested on the hull of the Battleship Texas, the museum ship docked at the San Jacinto State Historic site in La Porte.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Sept. 11 reported that the fish, going by the name of BIOSwimmer, "is a highly maneuverable, unmanned underwater vehicle that is equipped with a sophisticated suite of sensors and embodies the natural shape of a tuna."

A test team, the agency said, planted packages "of mock contraband of varying sizes in tight, hard-to-reach spaces on the battleship's hull and putting the BIOSwimmer through the paces to see if it can successfully detect them."

A heavy-gunned dreadnought class vessel that served in World War I and World War II, the Battleship Texas "is showing us that you're never too old to be of service to your country," said Andy Smith, the ship manager for Texas Parks & Wildlife.

INCREASE

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expected increases in services — we will need to raise the rate to be able to meet the needs of our county."

Total valuations for FY 2013 in Garza County were \$969.6 million. For FY 2014, that number has dropped by nearly \$52 million to \$917.8 million due largely to a loss of revenue from oil and gas interests that is expected and calculated based on a five-year average of historical data from county mineral interests.

Norman said the county's budget largely depends on the revenue generated by oil and gas interests.

"It's no secret that the majority of the collective wealth in Garza County is due largely to the vast amounts of mineral interests we have," he said. "About 75 percent of the total valuations in Garza County are from oil and gas property."

"Oil and gas prices are subject to the ebb and flow of the world's financial markets —

that's something none of us has any control over."

Although the county's financial crutch lies in the vast wealth of its residents' mineral holdings, the average value of a home in Garza County last year was only \$37,259. Applying the proposed tax rate to that value, the average home-owning taxpayer will see his or her tax bill increase \$18.57 for that home from \$132.27 to \$150.84, or about 14 percent.

Tax Assessor Nancy Wallace noted the FY 2014 effective tax rate — or the rate needed to keep revenue at the same level as this year when accounting for the projected loss — would have to be raised from 3.55 mills to 3.77 mills.

"The burden to make up for that \$52 million loss is in effect being passed from the mineral owner to the home and land owner," Wallace said.

The difference from 3.77 to 3.99 mills, Norman said, will go toward paying for the expected increases in daily services provided by the county to its residents.

"For the last decade, Garza County has seen a decrease in

its tax rates while providing quality services that meet the needs of our residents," he said. "This year is just one of those years that we've been expecting since even before the recession."

The county's proposed balanced budget for FY 2014 is \$8.6 million, which is about \$700,000 more than the current year's budget of \$7.9 million.

Looking at a handful of expected increases in expenses: the county is expected to spend about \$91,000 for a 3 percent cost of living increase on salaries for county employees; \$144,000 increase in general administration expenses; \$101,000 to fund state-mandated requirements for additional health coverage for inmates; and \$101,000 in additional funds for the sheriff's office — have of which will be funded by the city of Post.

Offsetting those expenses is an expected additional revenue of \$416,000 that should be generated from a variety of means within the county's legal system, including increases from fines and fees associated with court costs.

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District, which also supplies water to the cities of Crosbyton, Ralls and Spur.

While keeping its wholesale water rates stagnant for those municipalities, in June the White River MWD board of directors voted to re-structure its fee system and increase the rate it bills its 307 customers.

The former rate was \$29.55 for the first 2,500 gallons used with anything over that billed at \$4.05 per 1,000. The new tiered fee system includes a \$4.05 base with stepped rates of \$4.05 to \$6.05 billed in 1,000-gallon increments at different levels of usage above a 2,000-gallon minimum benchmark.

White River MWD charges \$3.30 per 1,000 gallons consumed by the cities of Post, Crosbyton, Ralls and Spur. Post is the water district's largest municipal consumer at roughly 1 million gallons of water per day.

In explaining the rationale

for the rate increase, Post City Manager Deana Watson said the city's base rate for customers inside the city limits would remain unchanged.

"In looking at what we already are charging our customers and the difference in the revenue we need to generate in order to balance our budget for the fiscal year, we felt like the base rate could sustain any increase or expected increase the city of Post would incur from any of the two entities we buy water from," Watson said.

"Our customers are paying rates far below what the surrounding areas are paying already. So in effect we're passing the increase onto that customer that uses huge amounts of water each month. That's the fairest way, I think, to do this."

The base rate for in-town customers will remain at \$32.45 for the first 3,000 gallons of water used with stepped fees of \$4.85 to \$6.61 per 1,000 units in tiers of usage from that 3,000 benchmark to 101,000 gallons and upward.

For those customers who

are supplied water by the city of Post yet reside outside of the city limits, the base rate has been increased to \$40 per month for customers consuming up to 3,000 gallons of water with stepped fees of \$4.98 to \$6.82 per 1,000 units in tiers of usage from 3,000 gallons to upward of 101,000 gallons.

The base charge for sewer service will remain unchanged for both residential and commercial customers using up to 3,000 gallons per month. For those customers using more than that amount, fees of \$1.65 for residential customers and \$2.20 for commercial customers per 1,000 units will be assessed.

Sewer rates are based on the customer's average water consumption during the previous months of November through January and are calculated annually each March.

Watson said notices regarding the increase would be mailed out to municipal water customers within the next few days to alert customers prior to the city's next billing cycle.

STOP

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threatens to shut down the federal government unless President Obama agrees to halt his healthcare law.

House leadership, including Speaker John Boehner and Majority Leader Eric Cantor, were expected to announce plans after a closed-door Republican conference meeting Wednesday.

According to reports, Republicans were devising a way

to fund the federal government while simultaneously defunding the Democratically backed Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare, President Obama's plan to overhaul the country's financially drowning healthcare system.

In the likelihood the continuing resolution does pass the House, it would still need to be approved by the Senate and signed into law. A Senate vote swaying to the GOP's favor will depend largely on Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and

his conservative allies in the Democratic Senate.

Congress has until Sept. 30 to keep the government funded or face a possible shutdown.

If Neugebauer is allowed to leave Washington, he is expected to be in Post at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Community Room at Centennial Bank. Expected topics of conversation the congressman likely will touch on include the economy, federal regulations, healthcare and the farm bill, among others, Vaughan said.



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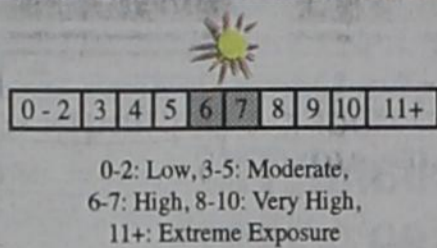
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Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Isolated T-storms 80 / 60	Saturday Sunny 85 / 61	Sunday Sunny 87 / 63	Monday Mostly Sunny 88 / 64	Tuesday Sunny 89 / 68	Wednesday Mostly Sunny 90 / 68	Thursday Mostly Sunny 88 / 69

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

In weather terms, "La Nina" refers to?

Answer: A cooling of coastal waters off of Pacific Peru and Ecuador.

Weather History

Sept. 20, 1967 - Hurricane Beulah moved into south Texas and its torrential rains turned the rich agricultural areas of south Texas into a large lake. Hurricane Beulah also spawned a record 115 tornadoes.

Sept. 21, 1988 - Thunderstorms produced high winds and locally heavy rain in the southwestern United States. One thunderstorm in west Texas produced wind gusts to 86 mph at Dell City, destroying an airport hangar. One aircraft in the hangar was flipped over and snapped in two.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 80°, humidity of 65%. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 96° set in 2002. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 60°. North northeast wind 5 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 43° set in 1971. Saturday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 85°, humidity of 34%. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	11:47-1:47	11:17-1:17	Tue	2:34-4:34	3:04-5:04
Sat	12:07-2:07	12:37-2:37	Wed	3:23-5:23	3:53-5:53
Sun	12:56-2:56	1:26-3:26	Thu	4:12-6:12	4:42-6:42
Mon	1:45-3:45	2:15-4:15	www.WhatsOurWeather.com		

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 9/26	7:33 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	8:27 p.m.	8:45 a.m.
Sat	7:33 a.m.	7:42 p.m.	9:06 p.m.	9:46 a.m.
Sun	7:34 a.m.	7:41 p.m.	9:46 p.m.	10:45 a.m.
Mon	7:35 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	10:28 p.m.	11:42 a.m.
Tue	7:35 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	11:13 p.m.	12:36 p.m.
Wed	7:36 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	No Rise	1:28 p.m.
Thu	7:37 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	12:01 a.m.	2:15 p.m.
New 10/4				
First 10/11				
Full 10/18				

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
					Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
9/10	86	64	85/60	0.00"	9/10	25	9/14	26
9/11	84	68	85/60	0.00"	9/11	25	9/15	29
9/12	88	63	84/60	0.00"	9/12	26	9/16	28
9/13	89	66	84/59	0.04"	9/13	28		
9/14	90	63	84/59	0.00"				
9/15	90	68	84/59	0.00"				
9/16	89	66	83/58	0.01"				

Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.

Dixie Divas Where Charlie Tinker lies buried

(Editor's note: The following is the first of a second series of three columns written by the author about her husband's great-great-grandfather, who became a confidant of President Lincoln. The first three-part installment published March 15, April 5 and April 12. Back issues are available at the newspaper office.)

It was during mid-flight, perhaps somewhere over Virginia, that a thought hit me, and I turned suddenly, excitedly toward Tink.

"Let's visit Charlie Tinker's grave while we are in New York!" I exclaimed.

The notion sank into his brain and washed slowly across his face. Silently, he nodded in agreement.

For all of the hundreds of columns I have written, nothing has struck the fancy of readers as did the three-part series I wrote from the diaries of my husband's great-great-grandfather, Charlie Tinker, who worked closely with Abraham Lincoln in the White House.

I was surprised, even stunned by the reaction of readers who wanted to know more about this man who had touched the black cloth of history and had been diligent enough to record what he saw and heard.

As one of four telegram dispatchers in the War Department, Charlie had a front-row seat to a war that devastated our nation and a shoulder-to-shoulder friendship with the president. In our safe deposit box are two handwritten notes from Lincoln to Charlie proving the closeness of their friendship.

So it was that on a cold, rainy winter's day, we took a cab from Manhattan to the historic cemetery where Charlie is interred. The cab driver dropped us at the grand stone entrance, a place that looks like it would sit most comfortably among England's ancient buildings. As the cab drove out of sight and the rain gained intensity, the guard searched the directory of Green-Wood Cemetery, a place where famous men like Samuel Morse (ironically, the inventor of the telegraph that gave Charlie a place in history) are buried.

"Follow this road," the guard began, proceeding to give us the names of streets we were to follow. "It's a 45-minute walk."

Thunderstruck and chilled, Tink and I gaped at each other. Forty-five minutes? There was no choice, though. Like the children of Israel, we had come too far to turn back now. I pulled my hat closer to my ears, Tink drew his jacket hood over his head, and, together, we carried forth. Had anyone ever told me I would walk in the cold winter's rain for one and a half hours to visit a dead Yankee, I would have retorted, "Right. And Sherman never owned a pack of matches either."

But there I was. Journeying to see the final resting place of a man whose 30 diaries have been entrusted to our care. The graveyard was filled with monuments of all types from simple markers to high-rising statues and grand, enormous tributes to those who there lie buried.

"What kind of grave stone do you think Charlie will have?" Tink asked.

Charlie, as I know him from his own words was man of class, dignity and humility so it made it easier to venture a guess. "He'll have a towering monument. One that will honor his family but not seem arrogant or overdone."

Lo and behold, that's exactly what we found. In the center of the section of Green-Wood where Charlie and his immediate family lie was a 12-foot high monument sitting beneath the shadow of towering oaks, some with limbs broken and scattered on his grave.

As I dragged them away, I thought of my own great-great-grandfather buried in the cemetery of a tiny church that is within hollering distance of where the Appalachian Trail begins in North Georgia. His plain stone is small and leans precariously to the side. It is smudged in black from 150 years of weather and now is hard to read. I am surprised my family was able to afford that much.

It is an interesting thing about a man's gravestone because it can tell so much yet leave so much more untold. What we read on his monument that day would drive us back to his diaries to learn more.

And, oh what we discovered.

Ronda Rich is a Southern humorist, storyteller and best-selling author. Her latest book, "There's A Better Day A-Comin'," is at rondarich.com, where you also can sign up for her weekly newsletter.

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