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Tina Sims prepares to put up a window sign at the Main Street Mercantile promoting the iPad Mini giveaway this Saturday during the Small Business Saturday promotional event sponsored by the Main Street Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. All participating businesses will register shoppers no matter how much is spent for a chance at the prize.

## Post merchants tout Small Business Saturday

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Post Dispatch

First came Black Friday. Then came Cyber Monday. Now, it's all about Small Business Saturday.

Just like its predecessors, Small Business Saturday is a novel concept that seeks to aim the holiday gift-buying spotlight on a particular retail sector. But instead of big-box and online commerce, locally owned businesses, such as K&D's at Twins', Main Street Mercantile, Texas Treasures and

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## Lighting ceremony to kick off holidays

The Post Dispatch

The Christmas season will be ushered into downtown Post this Friday evening at the Community Lighting of Main Street.

The event will be at 5:30 p.m. on the east side of the Garza County Courthouse and will include holiday music by the Bell Choir of First United Methodist Church and the First Baptist Christian School Children's Choir.

The half-hour ceremony will conclude with the lighting of Main Street.

Members of the Main Street Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce have put together the event to bring a renewed interest to the downtown business corridor.

A television advertisement will begin airing next week in the Abilene, Amarillo, Midland-Odessa, Lubbock and San Angelo markets promoting the holiday shopping season in downtown Post, said Chamber director Janice Plummer.

"This Christmas will mark a number of firsts for us as we renew an effort to attract more people to downtown Post this year," Plummer said. "It'll also give our own residents a reason to boast that we have the best shopping and best-looking Christmas displays in the region."

## Sonora 28, Post 21

# Playoff road comes to heartbreaking end for Post seniors

By Jerry Pyles  
The Post Dispatch

BIG SPRING — The Post Antelopes ended the 2013 season Friday in a classic battle between two top programs in Class 2A, Division II at the area playoff at Memorial Stadium. In the end it was Sonora winning the game, 28-21.

Cambry Gilbert put the Antelopes on top with an 80-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to start the game. Aron Lopez nailed the extra point giving the Antelopes an early 7-0 lead. The Broncos would tie the score at 7 with a one-yard run by the quarterback.

The Antelopes' next score was set up by the defense. Sonora tried to run a bootleg pass but senior Paden Babb was waiting and tipped the pass and senior Marco Erives intercepted the ball given Post great field position.

Senior D.J. Brown had a 23-yard run, giving Post a first and goal at the 5 yard line. The drive was capped by a one-yard run by Bryan Smith. Lopez added the extra point.

The Broncos answered with a 65-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 14. The Lopes would take a 21-14 lead into the locker room at the half.

QB Jones found senior wide

receiver Campbell Kirkpatrick behind the Bronco secondary for a 22-yard touchdown. Lopez added the extra point.

Post would have several good drives in the second half, but was unable to put up any points. Sonora would add touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters to win the game.



Lance Dunn/For the Dispatch

Post senior wide receiver Carson Kirkpatrick catches a pass from quarterback Pake Jones for a 22-yard touchdown Friday against the Sonora Broncos for the area championship at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring. Kirkpatrick's touchdown would be the last for the Bold Gold.

The 2013 season was a good season for the Antelopes. The Lopes will be graduating 14 seniors from the program, many of whom are three-year starters. Their last two seasons they have a combined record of 18-5 with two district championships and district runner-up and bi-district titles.



Lance Dunn/For the Dispatch

Post returns a kickoff during Friday's game against Sonora for the area championship at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring.

## Post Notes

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

### Cookie Exchange

The Dispatch is asking for Christmas cookie recipes from our readers to be printed in an upcoming edition. Share your family's favorite recipe for shaped/molded/rolled/refrigerator/no-bake cookies or drop cookies or bar cookies. Three recipes per person — one per category — will be published. For information, contact Anna Gibson 806-495-2816 or by email at annamj89@gmail.com

### Main Street lighting

Welcome the Christmas season in Post by attending the Community Lighting of Main Street at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 29 on the east side of the courthouse. There will be holiday music by the FUMC Bell Choir and First Baptist Christian School Children's Choir. The ceremony will conclude with the lighting of Main Street with the city of Post Christmas lights in the medians. For information, call the Chamber office at 806-495-3461.

### Tablet drawing

Many businesses in Post are making Small Business Saturday special for local shoppers. On Nov. 30, any shopper who makes a purchase of any amount in a participating store can register to win an iPad Mini. The drawing will be at 4:30 p.m. at Texas Treasures, 207 E. Main St. You do not have to be present to win. For information, call the Chamber office at 806-495-3461.

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## Corrections

Les Fields' name was misspelled in a headline and a photo caption in his obituary last week. We've re-run it this week as a courtesy to his family and to our readers.

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

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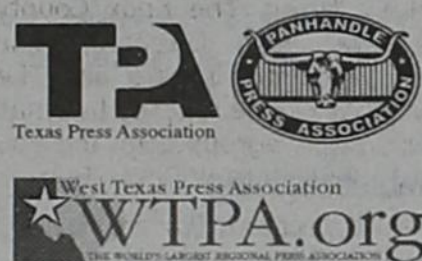
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**Deaths**

**Les Fields**

LUBBOCK — Les Fields, 63, of Lubbock and formerly of Post, died Monday Nov. 4, 2013, at his home. Services were Nov. 8 in Terrace Cemetery in Post with Mike Hair officiating. Military rites were performed by the Fort Hood Honor Guard. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice of Justice-Mason Funeral Home in Post.

Mr. Fields was born July 12, 1950, to John William and Emma Christianna (Krein) Fields in Belle Fourche, S.D. He attended school at Horse Creek Elementary in South Dakota before moving with



LES FIELDS

his family to Post in 1965.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and, after returning from the service, worked as heavy equipments operator for H&M Dirt

Construction for many years. For a time he also worked as a long-haul truck driver. His favorite interests were golfing, NASCAR and the Dallas Cowboys.

Mr. Fields was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jim Fields and Gary Fields.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law John David and Sonja Fields, Vincent Paul and Melissa Fields and Jason Lamont and Micah Fields; brothers Royal Fields, Chuck Lobban and John Lakson; sister Barbara Cornelius; grandchildren Austin Fields, Blake Fields, Dakota Fields, Shawn Fields and Madison Fields.

**Celebrations**

**Wedding shower honors Benham newlyweds**

Bradley and Debra Benham were honored with a wedding shower Nov. 16 at the Post Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

About 35 guests honored the couple, including the groom's parents Russel and Sandra Benham; grandmothers Lorena Benham and Janet Dean; aunt Tammy Self; cousins Jaycee Moore and Glenn and Traci Culver and children Eli and Ellie.

The couple were presented a cookware set by the hostesses.

Hostesses were Virginia Bevers, Judy Bush, Linda Collazo, Pat Cruse, Priscilla Cruse, Jaynie Dickson, Sonja Fields, Marianne Hart, Diane Josey, Dorothy McCook, LaGayluah McReynolds, Linda Richardson, Karla Schooler, Jeanne Sweet, Jody Whisenhunt, Orabeth White and Sandy Wilson.

**Daegan Kensley Moore honored with bridal shower**

The Post Church of Christ Fellowship Hall was the scene for a bridal shower Nov. 10 honoring Ms. Daegan Kensley Moore, bride-elect of Quintin Ray Benham. About 40 guests were registered.

Special guests for the occasion were the bride-elect's mother, Terry Payton; mother of the groom, Sandra Benham; grandmothers of the bride, Linda Allard and Breena Payton; grandmother of the groom, Janet Dean; sisters of the bride, Jessica and Elizabeth Payton, aunts of the

bride, Tammy Hooten, Diane Althanasious, Korren Payton; aunt of the groom, Tammy Self; cousins of the bride, Brooke Hooten, Lynde Longbine and Jenna Athanasious.

The bride was presented with cookware by hostesses Judy Bush, Virginia Bevers, Linda Collazo, Pat Cruse, Jaynie Dickson, Sonja Fields, Marianne Hart, Diane Josey, Patti Josey, Dorothy McCook, LaGayluah McReynolds, Linda Richardson, Karla Schooler, Jeanne Sweet, Jody Whisenhunt, Orabeth White and Sandy Wilson.

**Pet of the Week**

My name is Bessie and I'm about 6 years old. I thought I had it made in a loving home until several tumors appeared on my belly. I guess my family didn't want a "sick" dog so I was left out in the country to take care of myself. Luckily, after I had been living on my own for a couple of weeks, a nice lady picked me up and took me to the local no-kill shelter. Even at no-kill facilities old, sick dogs don't always make it. My medical bills are adding up, but I think I'm worth it. I have been treated for tick fever and had four



mammary tumors removed. They were all benign so I was given another chance. I still have a tumor on my tail and am currently being treated for heartworms. If you can help with my medical bills, it will give the shelter money to help another homeless animal. I've always known I was special and, sure enough, I have become one of the shelter "favorites"! Please help if you can. - See more at: <http://www.petcaring.com>

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**Lights for Gail**

The 20th annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain will be at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 29 at the Borden County Courthouse. Santa Claus and refreshments will be available. For information email lightsforgail@yahoo.com

**4-H meeting**

Members of the Garza County 4-H youth organization will meet at 1 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Extension Office for the group's annual Christmas party and scavenger hunt. Each member is asked to bring a tree ornament to donate to a family along with nonperishable food items. For information, call the Extension at 495-4400.

**Holiday sing-a-long**

First United Methodist Church, 216 W. 10th St., will host its annual communitywide Christmas singing event at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For information contact Pixie Grisham at 990-2942.

**Food drive**

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

**Christmas Parade**

Local businesses, organizations and residents are encouraged to enter the annual Lighted Christmas Parade. Entry forms are due Dec. 4 to the Chamber of Commerce office in order to be eligible for judging. For information, call Janice Plummer at 495-3461.

**O.S. Museum**

Beautiful and unusual Nativities and Crèches are the stars of the "Reflections of

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

**Ragtown Gospel Theater**

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

**GED classes**

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

**GED prep**

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

**Veterans benefits**

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

**City Council**

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

**County Commission**

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

**School board**

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

**Menus**

**Menus for December 2-6 Southland ISD**

**Breakfast**

Monday: Pancakes, sausage  
Tuesday: Sausage and egg biscuit  
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza or cereal, yogurt  
Thursday: Muffins, yogurt  
Friday: Biscuits, sausage gravy  
(Fruit, juice and milk served daily)

**Lunch**

Monday: Corn dogs, baked chips, baked beans, fruit  
Tuesday: Nachos Grande, refried beans, garden salad, oranges  
Wednesday: Chicken patty sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin  
Thursday: Spaghetti with meatballs, garden salad, carrots, breadstick, fruit  
Friday: Pizza choice, garden salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl  
(Milk served daily)

**Post ISD**

**Breakfast**

Monday: Waffles and syrup, sausage link  
Tuesday: Animal crackers with string cheese  
Wednesday: Cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt  
Thursday: Banana bread squares, cream of wheat  
Friday: Cereal, Texas

toast (100% fruit juice or fresh fruit and milk variety served daily)

**Lunch**

Monday: Chicken sandwich, salad garnish, potato rounds, western beans, diced pears  
Tuesday: Tangerine chicken with brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple tidbits  
Wednesday: Tex-mex tack with corn chips, Spanish rice, garden salad, salsa, hot cinnamon apples  
Thursday: Stuffed BBQ potato, Texas toast, baby carrots, fresh fruit bowl  
Friday: Cheese pizza, garden salad, savory green beans, fresh apple slices  
(Milk variety served daily)

**Trailblazers**

**Lunch**  
Monday: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges, roll  
Tuesday: Mac and beef, lima beans, fruit bar, cornbread  
Wednesday: Smothered steak, garlic potatoes, mixed greens, peach shortcake, wheat roll  
Thursday: BBQ chicken, baked beans, carrot and raisin salad, baked apples, roll  
Friday: Salmon patties, peas salad, corn, roll, cookies

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## Toys for Tots



Byron Garrison/Special to the Dispatch  
**Post Lions Club Vice President and veteran Chuck Ratiiff and Joe DonPadre, a veteran of the World War II, Korea and Vietnam, hold up a couple of toys that have been donated to the Post Lions Club annual Toys for Tots drive. New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the Toys for Tots barrels in Post at United Supermarket, Porter Hardware, Post Elementary, Post High School, Higginbotham Lumber Yard or donations can be made to the Post Lions Club, 211 W. 8th, Post.**

## Calvary Baptist calls new pastor

The Post Dispatch

Congregants of Calvary Baptist Church of Post recently voted to call a new pastor to its pulpit.

The Rev. Bobby Fortner began his tenure with the 75-year-old Southern Baptist congregation in mid-August.

Fortner began in the ministry in 2004 and has served other faith communities, including First Baptist in Lorenzo, South Park Baptist in Lubbock, Fritch First United Methodist and Northside Baptist in Plainview.

He is a graduate of South Plains College with an associate's in general studies; bachelor's in Christian ministry

and master's in historical studies, both from Wayland Baptist; and is acquiring a doctorate from Asbury Theological Seminary.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Fortner is employed full-time as a sales and finance associate at Scoggin Dickey Chevrolet in Lubbock.

Fortner and his wife, Bethany, have three sons, Evan, 6, Conner, 4, and Henry, 21 months. The couple is expecting a fourth child — another boy — in January.

### ABOUT CALVARY BAPTIST

Calvary Baptist Church, 315 S. Ave. H, Post, is a Bible-believing, Southern Baptist community of faith and welcomes worshippers



REV. BOBBY FORTNER

at any of a number of weekly meetings, including Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday services at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night prayer service at 6 p.m. Area residents searching for a church home are welcome anytime.

## FSA advises producers to plan for payment reductions

Special to the Dispatch

USDA's Farm Service Agency reminds farmers and ranchers who participate in FSA programs to plan accordingly in FY2014 for automatic pending reductions known as sequestration.

The Budget Control Act of 2011 mandates that federal agencies implement automatic, annual reductions to discretionary and mandatory spending limits.

For mandatory programs, the sequestration rate for FY2014 is 7.2 percent. Accordingly, FSA is implementing sequestration for the following programs:

- Dairy Indemnity Payment Program;
- Marketing Assistance Loans;
- Loan Deficiency Payments;
- Sugar Loans;
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program;
- Tobacco Transition Payment Program;
- 2013 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payments;
- 2013 Average Crop Revenue Election Program;
- 2011 and 2012 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program;
- Storage, handling; and Economic Adjustment Assistance for upland cotton Conservation Reserve Program payments are specifically exempt by statute

from sequestration, thus these payments will not be reduced.

These sequester percentages reflect current law estimates; however with the continuing budget uncertainty, Congress still may adjust the exact percentage reduction. Today's announcement intends to help producers plan for the impact of sequestration cuts in FY2014.

At this time, FSA is required to implement the

sequester reductions. Due to the expiration of the Farm Bill on September 30, FSA does not have the flexibility to cover these payment reductions in the same manner as in FY13. FSA will provide notification as early as practicable on the specific payment reductions.

For information about FSA programs, visit your county USDA Service Center or go to [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov).

## The Paperboy Walk a mile in rural America

Is there a Thanksgiving Day this year or did they change it to National Shopping Day?

I guess you've heard that amidst all of the shopping ads, there is actually a national holiday Thursday.

Don't forget to reflect and actually be thankful for life's blessings before suiting up and entering the shopping battlefield.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Speaking of shopping: Please try and keep it local.

Saturday is Small Business Saturday, but for us in small business, every day is small business day.

Our neighbors have plenty of goods and services for us to be able to keep as much of our money local as possible.

I understand we're oftentimes short of big ticket items, but there are plenty of things to be had in a small town.

Please be conscience of this fact when you shop. I know how much it will be appreciated.

One last statement on the current state the Federal Government:

I'd like for a handful of Congressmen to come live for a month in rural America.

I think the experience would likely change the way they look at our country. I also think being in touch with this segment of the population would help them govern.

Maybe it should be a requirement that all elected officials spend time in a town with a population under 7,000 people.

There are roughly 80 million rural Americans. For the most part, we don't

have a voice. That's a shame.

If you took a group of senators and they lived and worked in Memphis, Texas, or Hollis, Okla., for a month, they'd be exposed to a way of life that would most likely surprise them.

Try and imagine the lifestyle they have in Washington D.C. It's lavish. They have drivers and beautiful homes. They have gardeners. They have help for their children. Basically, they live like the aristocrats they are.

The saddest part about our elected officials' mindset regarding governing is they think we're the ones who are out of touch.

The only school choice we have is to home school our kids.

The vast majority of us are very comfortable around guns. Heck, most of our youth know how to correctly use firearms before they are teenagers.

Six figure jobs in small towns are few and far between.

Out here, we're not trying to climb the corporate ladder. We're busy growing the crops for food and clothing, providing land for lakes for drinking water, and providing fuel needed to make the world run. We're also supplying the soldiers which keep this country free.

Our government could be better. It should be better. But as long as those in Washington remain out of touch with Rural America, we're going to have a hard time getting on the same page.

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## The Idle American

### Breaking news: No end in sight

Biblical instruction is clear: We are not to grow weary in well-doing. Across generations, it's easier said than done. On life's landscape today, "bad-doing" holds the upper hand.

As to weariness, Americans are bone-tired of "breaking news" barrages. Such openings are common to virtually all electronic newscasts.

"Rocket surgery" — a term coined by a befuddled news guy — isn't necessary to predict that "breaking news" prepares us for an imposing list of "broken down" topics. Broken are dreams, spirits, hearts, contracts and promises, to name a few. Further, our national debt grimly reminds us that we are "broke" financially.

Oh, I left out at least one important topic — broken pocketbooks. They are inevitable results of indebtedness so easily incurred these days at all levels. We've learned to say "charge it" far too casually.

I am reminded of the man in a bank, his right arm extended, with index and little fingers stiffened upward. "I didn't know you went to UT," a friend said. "I didn't — this is simply a good way to declare Chapter XI."

Lord Byron, a British poet, stoutly supported the importance of truth. He's remembered for writing, "Without or with offense to friends or foes, I sketch your world exactly as it goes."

Today, some news folks place highest priority on "getting it first." Most of us settle for news "approximately as it goes."

Yearning, a frequent pastime in retirement, often centers on memories of yesteryear radio — when we listened on purpose. We dared not miss radio programs that would be topics of conversation the next morning on the school bus. Sometimes the volume was purposely kept low, hopeful to avoid parental warnings about "running the battery down." Yep, for the adults we knew, it was a two-syllabled word.

Before Nielsen Ratings, Arbitrons and other tools measuring media impact, two broadcast news personalities stood out.

They spanned some 75 years with daily commentaries that were balanced, accurate, hopeful and carefully prioritized.

One was Lowell Thomas — arguably the most versatile media personality

in the history of communications. The other who I feel was greatly influenced by Thomas — was the inimitable Paul Harvey. Both were gentle giants, humble by all measures. They had hope in their hearts that spilled out in their words. Rarely did they have "breaking news." Instead, they began — and ended — newscasts with gentle encouragement. Thomas began newscasts with, "Good evening, everybody," ending with, "So long, until tomorrow." With Harvey, it was "Hello, Americans" and "Good day!"

Their humility was obvious and their impact great as their followers quoted them across the U.S. — Thomas largely from the 1930s through the 1970s, Harvey from the 1950s into the 2000s.

Both were network regulars, and listeners felt cheated if they happened to miss a broadcast.

The humility thing — and their commitment to a healthy work ethic — began early for both men. Thomas washed dishes in a Colorado gold-mining town; Harvey swept the floors of a Tulsa radio station.

Both were multi-faceted, worthy of Googling. I revisit their web sites from time to time, if only to re-capture details of Thomas' on-the-air "bloopers." When he made them, he led the laughter.

I heard Thomas in the mid-1970s at a dinner in Fort Worth. He was the featured speaker. Even at age 85, his personality sparkled, and he was humble beyond belief.

I managed to scrunch into his crowded elevator at evening's end. Someone mentioned how gratified he must have been to be the world's foremost radio newsmen for many years.

"I never placed too much stock in that," Thomas responded. "My newscast came on immediately before 'Amos N' Andy,' and NOBODY was going to be late tuning in for them!"

During part of his career, he was employed by Sunoco; the company purchased network airtime for his broadcast. Later, Thomas himself was a network owner.

Harvey was "joined at the hip" with sponsors, too, joking about being happy to "put their money where his mouth is."

Thomas lived to be almost 90, dying in 1981; Harvey was 91 upon his death in 2009. Would that someone pick up their batons and win Americans' hearts the way they did. Archie Bunker said it well: "Those were the days!"

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



DON NEWBURY

## Author visits Post

Author and syndicated columnist, Glenn Dromgoole was at Ruby Lane Books & Gallery in Post on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. for a book signing and to discuss his work.

Dromgoole, former editor of the Abilene Reporter-News, is well known for his column, "Texas Reads," that appears in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, Abilene Reporter-News, Bryan-College Station Eagle, and San Angelo Standard-Times. In the weekly column, he reviews books about Texas and Texas authors.

Dromgoole doesn't only write about Texas books, he is the author/editor of twenty-six books including his latest, "West Texas Christmas Stories." The collection, published by Abilene Christian University Press, contains "more than 30



Ruby Lane bookstore owner Rosa Latimer, left, assists author and journalist Glenn Dromgoole as he signs a copy of one of his books for Peggy Ashley, librarian for the Post City Library, last week at the downtown shop and art gallery.

heart-warming and humorous Christmas stories — all set in West Texas or by West Texas writers" such as Elmer Kelton and John Erickson. Many of Glenn's book will be available for purchase during his visit to Ruby Lane Books & Gallery.

## Nancy's Notions

### Reinventing the Thanksgiving turkey

Thanksgiving is a time for reflecting on our blessings. It is also a time for family, fun, football and food but after planning, shopping, baking and preparing that annual Thanksgiving feast, do we really want to eat the same meal as leftovers the rest of the weekend? You can keep that feast going by turning those Thanksgiving extras into a whole new meal.



NANCY MCDONALD

By simply googling Thanksgiving leftovers you will find a web full of solutions for reinventing those leftovers. Following are two fun healthy options. Enjoy!

The following soup and salad recipes are from "Gatherings," a Girl Scouts-sponsored collection of recipes printed in the 1980s. The recipes in this book were generational recipes submitted by Girl Scouts. Those are always the best.

- Wildly Delicious Turkey Salad**  
 1 6-ounce package long grain and wild rice mix, cooked, chilled  
 2 cups chopped cooked turkey  
 1 cup packed sliced spinach leaves  
 2 sliced green onions, with tops  
 Combine in a bowl and mix well. Then blend the following and add to salad.  
 1/3 cups dry white wine  
 1/4 cup oil  
 2 Tablespoons sugar  
 3/4 teaspoon salt

- 1/4 teaspoon pepper  
 Gently mix in 10 cherry tomatoes, halved and top with one 11-ounce can mandarin oranges. Serves 6.

There are many versions of turkey chilis and soups available. This unique soup recipe was originally printed in the Lubbock A-J 30 years ago and is still being passed around.

#### Old-Fashioned Turkey and Dressing Soup

- Bring 10-12 cups of water to a boil. Add:  
 6 chicken bouillon cubes  
 4 potatoes, peeled and cubed  
 2 cups sliced carrots  
 1 turnip, peeled, cubed  
 6 stalks celery, sliced  
 1/4 head cabbage, sliced  
 Salt and pepper  
 1 bay leaf  
 1 tablespoon parsley  
 Simmer until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Add:  
 3 cups chopped cooked turkey  
 4 cups corn bread dressing  
 Simmer until heated through. Remove bay leaf before serving. Serves 12.

These recipes have healthy nutrients disguised in fun new meals, but more importantly you are utilizing those leftovers from that costly Thanksgiving feast.

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

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# Texas Tech University celebrates the 55th annual Carol of Lights

LUBBOCK — On Dec. 3 Texas Tech University will host the 55th annual Carol of Lights celebration "55 Years of Magical Memories." The outdoor ceremony, in the Science Quad and Memorial Circle, will begin with the carillon concert at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by the ceremony at 7 p.m.

Due to Thanksgiving being later in the month of November and final exams starting the week after Thanksgiving, Carol of Lights has been moved from Friday to Tuesday in order to support students' academic success.

The Residence Halls Association (RHA) sponsors Carol of Lights, which began in 1956. The ceremony now draws nearly 20,000 students, faculty, staff, and local residents as the Texas Tech choirs, Masked Rider and Raider Red help celebrate the ceremony. More than 25,000 red, white and orange lights illuminate the Texas Tech campus at the end of the annual ceremony and stay lit through the holiday season.

As Texas Tech and the RHA continue their commitment to sustainability, nearly all

of this year's lights will be transitioned to LED bulbs, which is projected to reduce energy consumption by 87 percent.

Immediately following the Carol of Lights ceremony, the Texas Tech School of Music will hold its annual Carols Concert in Hemmle Recital Hall beginning at 8 p.m.

Questions can be directed to the RHA at rha@ttu.edu.

Find Texas Tech news, experts and story ideas at [www.media.ttu.edu](http://www.media.ttu.edu) <<http://www.media.ttu.edu>> and on Twitter @TexasTechMedia.

# Chancellor Search Committee named for TTU System

By Randy Sanders  
Special to the Dispatch

The Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System today (Nov. 20) named a search committee to assist in selecting the fourth chancellor of the TTU System. The announcement was made at a specially called teleconference meeting.

"The Texas Tech University System is a dynamic force in higher education, and we are looking for a leader who will build upon our current progress," said Mickey Long, chairman of the Board of Regents. "The search committee for our next chancellor is an outstanding group of individuals. I am confident they will help identify top candidates to be the next leader of our system of universities."

Members of the search committee include:  
• Larry Anders (Committee Chairman) — vice chairman, Board of Regents (Dallas)  
• Debbie Montford — member, Board of Regents (San Antonio)  
• Nancy Neal — member, Board of Regents

(Lubbock)  
• John Walker — member, Board of Regents (Houston)

The committee will help identify potential candidates, assist with initial screenings and report its recommendations to the full board. The search committee has been authorized by the Board of Regents to select a search consultant to assist with the search, and candidate recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Regents, who will make the final decision.

In October, Chancellor Kent Hance announced plans to retire from his position in 2014. Upon retirement, Hance will become chancellor emeritus of the TTU System and serve in a teaching and advisory role.

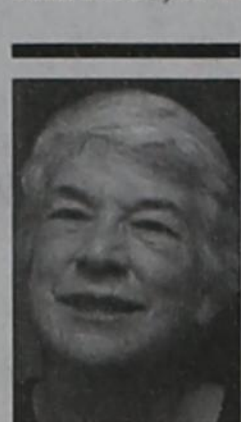
The Texas Tech University System consists of four component institutions and operating at 12 academic sites and centers. The system has an annual operating budget of \$1.7 billion and about 17,000 employees.

In 2012, total enrollment exceeded 43,700 students for the first time in the TTU System's history.

# The 501

## Bang-up bike helmet has potential

It's a good thing my friend Karen gave up her bicycle helmet for Mother Teresa. Clunky by today's standards, it was a plain vanilla white



HANABA MUNN WELCH

my head if I hadn't been wearing that homely helmet.

Now two fashion-conscious Swedes have invented a new type bicycle helmet that looks much like a fat turtleneck, except for the opening in front. It works like an airbag, and it doesn't mess up your hair — not until it deploys. The inventors are hair-conscious women. The collar-helmet was a project for their graduate studies in industrial design, or something like that. I just saw them and their nifty invention on TV. Pretty cool.

But "cool" is a key word. The new helmet may be perfect for Sweden, but it won't be de rigeur for Hotter 'n' Hell cyclists. Who wants to wear neckwear in the Texas heat? And only the most dedicated cyclists (not to mention the DWI crowd) keep cycling through fall and winter. Brrrr.

But what do I know? Those two clever Swedes will probably figure out a way to add some sort of keep-your-body-cool feature to their new

chic helmet. For cyclists who live in warmer climes, that's what it'll take to make the protective device worth the \$500-plus price tag.

Meanwhile, isn't it interesting how so many little things influence our lives by chance and change history? What if those inventors hadn't cared about their hair? Or what if my friend hadn't joined the order? No, Karen didn't stick with it, but she gave it her best shot for a couple of years. She learned much about how non-privileged people look at life. She, the consummate health food snob, learned that food is food to most of the world, meaning you do thank God for doughnuts. We digress.

We could stay with the retrospective "what-if" theme. Let's predict the future instead.

The airbag-style helmet will make its inventors rich (unless the university has all intellectual rights to their work), not just as a cyclist's helmet but also as protective wear for people who are prone to falling, more every day as Boomers age. Protective headgear already exists. But, off the gridiron or roller derby track, who wants to wear a conspicuous helmet? A fat collar looks less odd.

More predictions: The collar eventually will be trimmed down for the non-cycling world. You don't need quite as big a cushion inflating around your head if you just fall over. Quote me.

The current ado about concussions will spur interest in the device, both for cycling and other uses.

The patent process and liability concerns will complicate things. The collar-helmet, will survive. After all, it doesn't mess up your hair.

My predictions.

# Puzzle of the Week

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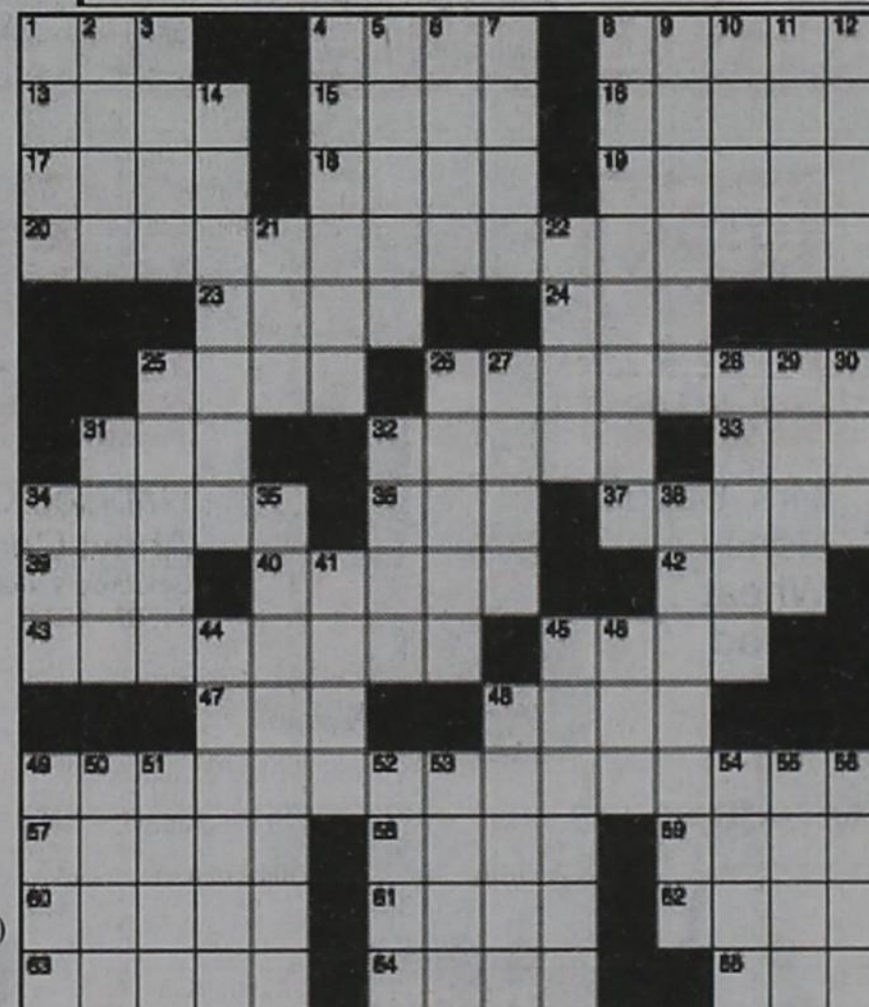
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- Millisecond (abbr.)
- Muddle
- Inner forearm bone
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- Dorsal finger plate
- Autonomic nervous system (abbr.)
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- Cranberry habitat
- Encouraged earnestly
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- Fortified wines
- Common organizations in schools
- Electromotive force (abbr.)
- Twinge
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- Double curves
- Federal drug agent
- A British peer
- Beach (French)
- South American Indian
- A skin lesion's crusty surface
- Flanks
- Afrikaans
- Electronic warfare-support measures (abbr.)

## CLUES DOWN

- Tough Asiatic grass
- Margarine
- Hymenopterous insects
- Five iron
- Frown with displeasure
- Largest Aussie lake
- Sheathed
- Used of syllables
- Snooze
- Exhibit a product's use
- Apollo's mother
- Barely made it
- Fatuous
- After Action Review (abbr.)
- Walking tempo
- Sergeant's nickname
- Walks through water
- With a tinge
- Apple centers
- W. Rumanian city
- Political action committee (abbr.)

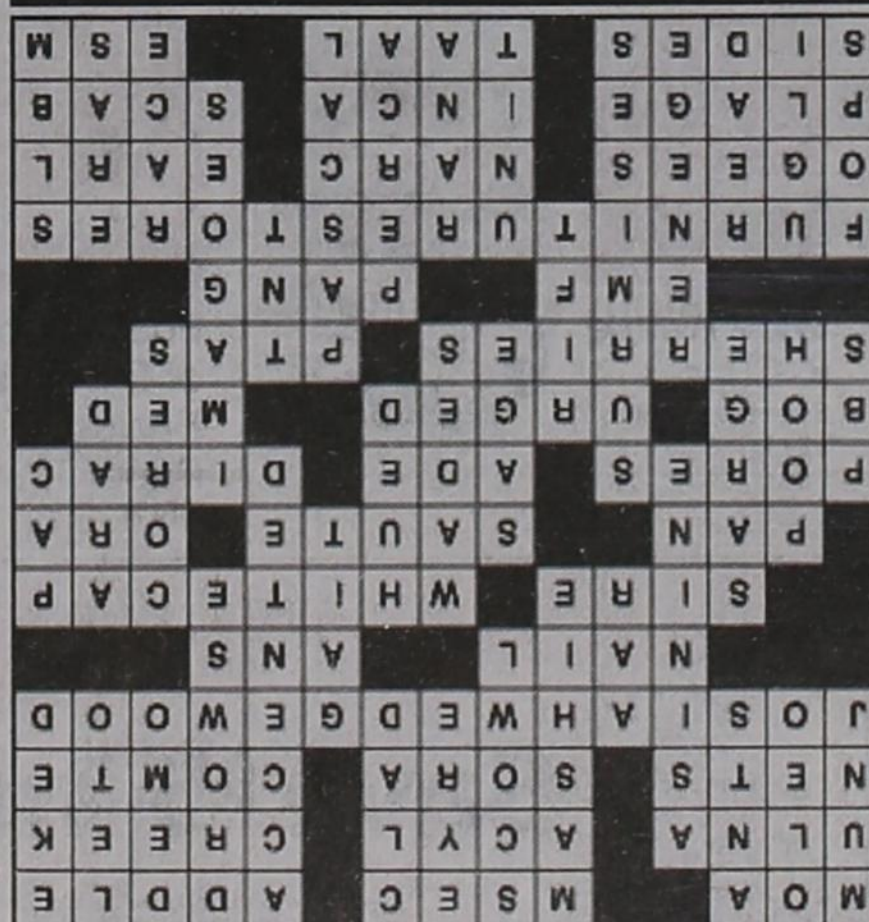
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- Children's tale bear
- Salvia
- KQED or WGBH
- Infers from evidence
- Insects after metamorphosis
- Breach
- Change mind
- Programming language
- Explosive
- Yellow perch genus
- Dandies
- Tangelo
- Del. senator 1789-93 George
- Component part
- Wood frog genus
- Running contest
- Periods of time
- Nuclear undersea weapon (abbr.)

## PUZZLE SOLUTION



## 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 Bill Clinton

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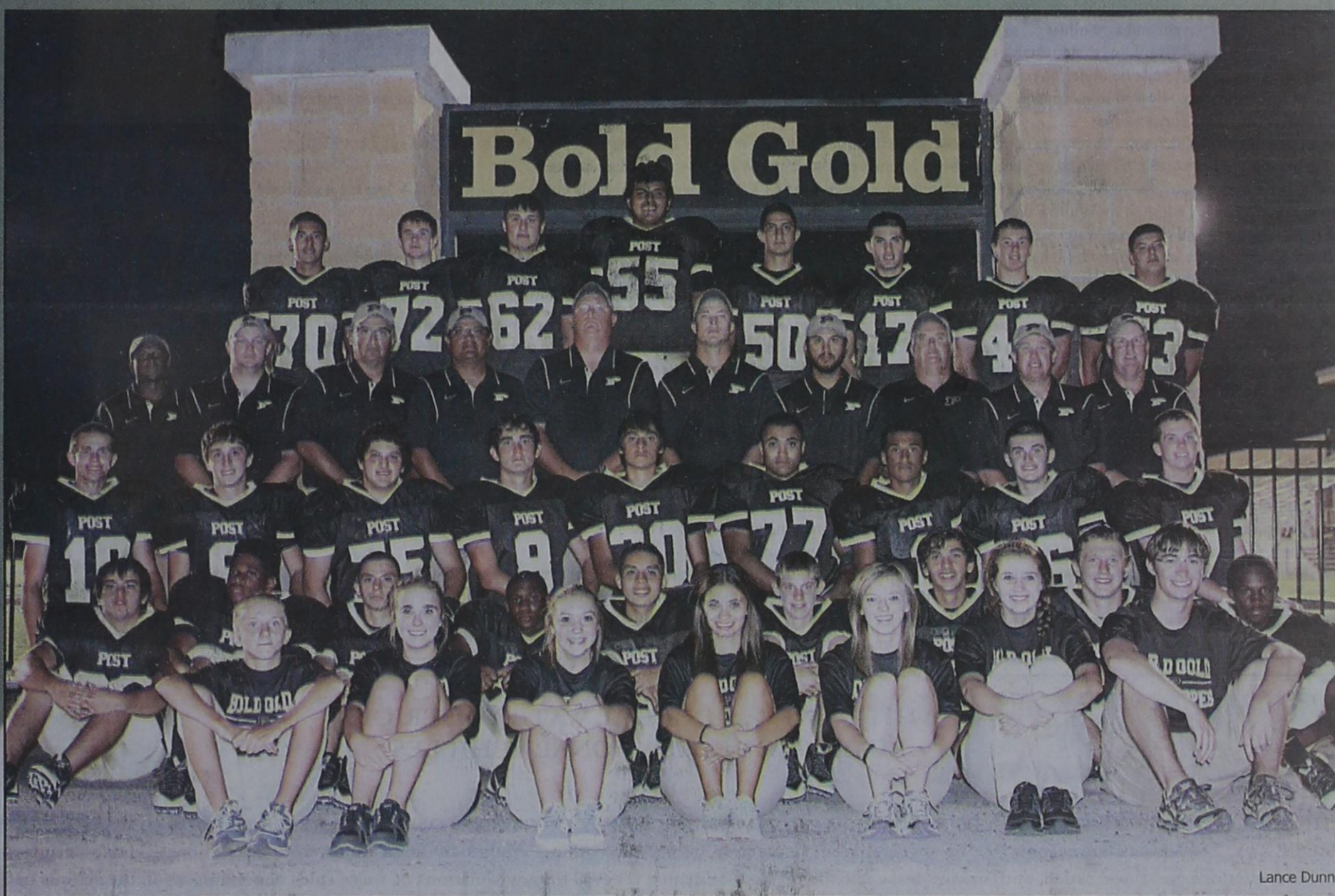


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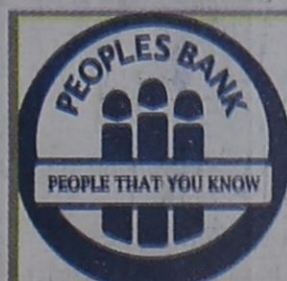
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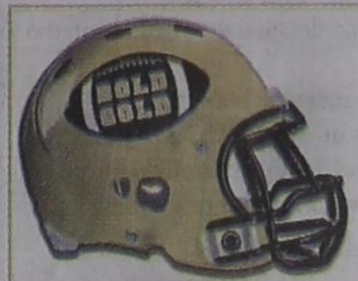
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WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the White River Municipal Water District (the District) has determined a need in the best interest of the District to adopt this ordinance regarding glass bottles and the open display of alcoholic beverages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the District that:

Glass bottles or beverage containers are not allowed in recreational areas;

and

No open display of alcoholic beverages is permitted on District property.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14 day of November, 2013.

### WHITE RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT GENERAL RULES

All activities at our Lake facilities are inherently dangerous. Visitors are advised that recreational activities undertaken on the premises may involve an inherent degree of risk due to natural conditions that exist on the premises.

**Please observe the following rules so that all visitors may enjoy their visit.**

**Emergency Contact: Crosby County Sheriff 806-675-7301 or 911. White River Lake Patrol Officer 806-263-4240 or 806-269-1239.**

- Entrance without a permit is considered trespassing. Permits may be purchased at the marina, White River Municipal Water District office, ticket booth (when open) or at the self-permitting station located at Campground #1 beside restrooms northeast of dam.
- All Visitors must post a valid White River Municipal Water District permit on the driver's front dash board window of vehicle. Pursuant to White River Municipal Water District rules for recreational vehicles, all recreational vehicle users, including ATV/UTV users, must post the ATV permit on their recreational vehicle on the front hood or windshield of the vehicle.
- Visitors, quiet hours are from midnight to 6 a.m. All visitors must be respectful and abide by quiet hours. Loud music, and other loud activity or behavior is prohibited during quiet hours.
- Pack-it-in/pack-it-out. Visitors must carry out all trash and debris they have brought into our recreational areas. Trash that is left on the District property poses a serious threat to our wildlife.
- No discharge, illegal dumping or draining of wastewater is permitted anywhere on the property of White River Municipal Water District.
- Please do not harm or disturb wild plants or animals.
- Wildlife, plants, terrain and all buildings, signs and tables and other structures are protected; removal or damage of any kind is prohibited. Any visitor or resident who damages any wildlife, plants, terrain, buildings, signs, tables, or structures is responsible for any repair and/or replacement damage.
- Pets are allowed, but must be under physical control at all times on a leash.
- Glass bottles are not allowed in recreational areas on White River Municipal Water District property. Any violations will result in immediate confiscation of the glass by WR staff and subject any violators to a fine.
- No open display of alcoholic beverages is permitted. Any violations will first result in a warning. Repeat violators will be subject to a fine.
- All Texas state laws are in effect and enforceable by White River Municipal Water District Police Officers.
- ATV/UTV use is restricted to leaseholders only. Permits are required for ATV/UTV use. Individuals engaging in ATV/UTV use must abide by these General Rules and any rules for recreational vehicles adopted by White River Municipal Water District.
- Visitors, Boaters and Personal Water Craft users must follow all Texas Parks & Wildlife rules and regulations.
- Boaters, lake levels vary within the lake; observe obstructions and obey marked buoys. All individuals are additionally required to stay away from restricted areas at all times. Some of our dangerous restricted areas are the water treatment plant, lagoons, Dam, and raw water intake. Restricted areas include any marked areas. Additionally, visitors your vehicle can easily get stuck in our lakebed and within 150 feet of our waters edge along our shorelines. For insurance purposes, the District is prohibited from assisting you with removing your vehicle. Wrecker fees in this region are expensive and damage to our shoreline and lakebed cause erosion problems. For this reason you may be ticketed, fined and found responsible for damages to these areas. For these reasons keep your vehicle off of our lakebed and 150 feet away from our waters edge of our shoreline.
- Boaters must park empty trailers in designated asphalt parking lots only. Trailers may be parked in designated parking lots only.
- Vehicles are allowed in designated parking areas only. Please keep all vehicles 150 feet from water's edge. No vehicles are allowed on lake shore line or lakebed. Vehicles must be kept on trails and/or roadways and/or designated parking areas at all times. Maximum speed limit is 25 mph on District property.
- Residential areas include homes, boat docks, driveways, etc., (private property) are restricted to lot lease holders and their guests only. Camping is only allowed in designated camping areas with a permit. Violations of this rule are considered trespassing.
- Campers are responsible for your camping area. Please be respectful of others, observe quiet hours, keep your camping area clean at all times, and follow burn ban requirements.
- No hunting is allowed at any time on White River Municipal Water District Property. No firearm may be discharged on White River Municipal Water District Property except to protect life or lessee's property. Discharge of firearms in any other case must be approved by Police or GM.
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1. Beginning JANUARY 1, 2014, all lot lessees must show proof of ATV / UTV ownership by prior permit, title, bill of sale, VIN or serial number.
2. ATV/UTV permits are for LOT LESSEES and their immediate family only. **THE PERMIT MUST BE DISPLAYED FRONT (HOOD/WINDSHIELD) OF ATV, UTV, DIRT BIKE, OR OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.**
3. Speeding, reckless driving or any action causing WRMWD property damage will result in revocation of the permit for use of a recreational vehicle, issuance of a citation, being charged for any repair to property damage, and/or Lease revocation.
4. White River Municipal Water District will only issue up to four (4) ATV/ UTV permits for each lot lease. Additional permits must be approved by the White River General Manager AND acting Police Officer.
5. Lot Lessees are responsible for any guests operating your ATV/ UTV. Any violations of these rules by a guest of a Lot Lessee will be charged and assessed against the Lot Lessee.
6. Recreational Vehicle Permits are required for all ATVS, UTV, dirt bikes, boats and golf carts. No exceptions. WRMWD Ordinance #5.
7. Pursuant to Texas law, anyone operating a recreational vehicle under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is at least 18 years of age.
8. Pursuant to Texas law, no passengers are allowed at any time on an ATV unless the ATV is designed to carry a passenger.
9. Anyone less than 16 years of age is required to wear a DOT approved helmet.
10. All recreational vehicle use, including ATV, UTV, dirt bikes, and golf carts, must be kept on existing roads and existing trails only. Creating new trails will result in the issuance of a citation and fines to repair any damage. Repeat violations of this provision may result in revocation of the recreational vehicle permit.
11. No permit holder may drive on or across the Dam or on FM 2880.
12. No permit holder may drive on or across the lake bed, or on shoreline within 150 feet of water's edge or any posted restricted area.
13. Vehicle speed limit is 25 MPH on all White River roads. This includes all recreational vehicles such as ATV / UTV's and dirt bikes.
14. The District has a sensitive ecosystem in our remote areas where wildlife, plants, and terrain can be damaged causing erosion and problems for our lake. No trail building allowed! Please stay on existing trails. No illegal dumping or littering. Camping allowed in campgrounds only.
15. Some of our dangerous restricted areas are the water treatment plant, lagoons, Dam, and raw water intake. Do not enter any of these restricted areas at any times.
16. Trespassers or anyone falsely representing someone will be charged with trespassing, citation may be issued, and/or trespassers may be subject to bans from the District property.
17. Any vehicles or equipment weighing more than 10,000 pounds is not permitted within the District without first obtaining a work permit with a detailed description of the activity and need for heavy vehicle or equipment.
18. Permit holders are responsible for following posted signs, know these rules and the general rules, and to stay away from known or marked restricted areas.
19. Lot lessee you are responsible for the operation of your recreational vehicle at all times. **Violations of these rules may result in fines of \$75 FIRST OFFENSE, \$150 SECOND OFFENSE, \$300 THIRD OFFENSE.** Citations may also be issued for violations of Texas state law even if not specifically referenced herein. Repeat violations may result in denials of permits with incremental increases up to a permanent ban. The District reserves the right to revoke or suspend any permit or lease permanently based on a violation, repeated violations or serious nature of the situation.



# Yesteryears

10 years ago  
December 4, 2003

The first week in December offers a flurry of holiday related activities shopping, entertainment, and socializing and even opportunity to give "the gift of life" for Post area residents. Old mill Trade days, the initial performances of the Garza Theater's latest production, the caprock cultural associations annual banquet, the grand opening of a new business and a handful of entertainment opportunities are on top beginning Friday.

For the past 15 years, the Post Lions Club have led the effort to ensure that local children have a happy holiday season. And this year is no different. The lions club, with the assistance from employees of the Dalby Correctional Facility, is coordinating this year's toys for tots campaign.

20 years ago  
December 8, 1993

Judith Hayley mason of post was one of 53 inductees into Alpha Chi National Honor Society at Abilene Christian University.

The Texas Interscholastic League Foundation has awarded James Michael Voss of Post a two year \$1,250 Houston Endowment. Voss is attending Abilene Christian University.

Incumbent County Commissioner from precinct two, Albert Stone, has announced he is seeking a re-election to another four year term as Garza County Commissioner.

30 years ago  
December 14, 1983

The City of Post was the recipient of a

\$94,000 grant recently for water and sewer improvements by the Texas Department of Community Affairs.

Derick Dunn and Curt Greer, both of Post, won the Mesa District FFA talent competition during the district banquet held recently. Dunn, a freshman at Post High School, plays a banjo, and Greer, a junior, plays guitar.

John Boren received a certificate for serving nine consecutive years on the Garza County ASC Committee, which administers farm programs for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

40 years ago  
December 6, 1973

The automatic Robo cart swings around the corner of Joe McCowen new robo automatic car wash preparatory to washing a car in two minutes this week. McCowen has a considerable investment in the new car wash and adjoining self-wash bays and drying areas.

50 years ago  
December 12, 1963

The sophomore class float won the most unique prize and the junior class float took the first prize in Saturday's Christmas Opening parade, sponsored by the city's merchants. Theme of the prize-winning junior class float had the theme "Santa's Work Shop" while the sophomore's second place theme was "Stone Age Santa". These were only two of the many floats entered in the parade, which thrilled hundreds of viewers lining the city's streets Saturday morning.

## BUSINESS

From Page 1

LaPosta, belly up for a plump piece of the palatable profitability pie.

Although this is the fourth yearly celebration of Small Business Saturday, which falls one day after Black Friday and two days before Cyber Monday, this will be the first year a collaborative effort has been made to promote the shopping day here in Post.

Spearheaded by the Main Street Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, a number of local retailers will offer special sales and team up to help promote a concerted effort to "Shop Small" this holiday season.

Janice Plummer, director of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, said she believes Small Business Saturday will continue to grow bigger each year and more communities such as Post catch on to the idea.

"Small businesses are and have always been the heartbeat of communities like Post," Plummer said. "These small, mom-and-pop corner stores create jobs, give high school students their first jobs and help build our economy and keep communities strong."

The idea caught hold in 2010 and was recognized officially by the U.S. Senate in 2011 after which, research shows, millions of people participated in Small Business Saturday. Last year, an estimated \$5.5 billion was spent at small, independently owned retailers.

In promoting the first Small Business Saturday of its own, Plummer said the Chamber's Main Street Division will conduct a drawing for an iPad Mini, one of Apple's newest generation tablets.

"Participating businesses will have the iPad Mini displayed in their window," she said. "Anyone who makes a purchase at any of those

participating businesses in any amount can register to win the device."

The drawing will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Texas Treasures, 207 E. Main St. Shoppers do not have to be present to win.

Plummer encourages Post residents to dedicate a portion of their holiday shopping to buying locally.

The National Consumer Foundation this year estimates consumer spending to be down slightly from last year at somewhere around \$737 per person, but that total holiday sales in America would increase at more than \$602 billion.

"There was a time when every Saturday in Post was Small Business Saturday," Plummer said. "We realize it's not feasible for everyone to do all their holiday shopping here, but we do encourage families to make a concerted effort to dedicate part of their spending here in Post."

# Veterans Profiles



**Eric Alaniz**

Active duty - staff sergeant, Eric E. Alaniz, member of U.S. Air Force 2002 stationed at Sheppard A.F.B. in Wichita Falls with wife Delynn and children Hailey and Jace. SSgt Alaniz has associates degree as an instructor of Technology military science, aviation maintenance Technology and Air Frame Power Plant Certification. Most recent deployments Guam and Alaska with landing gear issued leading a team for maintenance on B52 Aircrafts. Through the years he has been stationed in Minot N.D., Barksdale, Louisiana.

Sgt. Alaniz is the son of Tino and Linda Alaniz



**Douglas Arnold**

1915-1971

Served in World War II as a private first class in the U.S. Army. He was in the Philippines and in Italy, and served on the front lines under Gen. Douglas McArthur. During this time he was living in Lindsay, Okla. He was the father of Bob Arnold of Post.



**Reece Belongia**

Colin "Reece" Belongia is a 2010 graduate of the Texas Home School Coalition. He has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and is at boot camp in San Diego. He is the son of Chris Belongia and Robbie and Traci Freeman and the grandson of Geneva Belongia and Jerry and Judy Bush, all of Post.



**Luther Bilberry**

Luther "Luke" Bilberry served in the U.S. Navy in WWII from April 1943 to December 1945. He was in the South Pacific to include Saipan in 1944.

### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES THOMAS AMMONS, DECEASED

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Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the representative of the estate. The attorney's name and address for all claims is:

David Spiller, Esq.  
Spiller & Spiller  
P. O. Drawer 447  
122 E. Belknap Street  
Jacksboro, Texas 76458

All persons having claims against the estate being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated November 23, 2013.

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By: *David Spiller*  
David Spiller

Attorneys for Representative of the Estate

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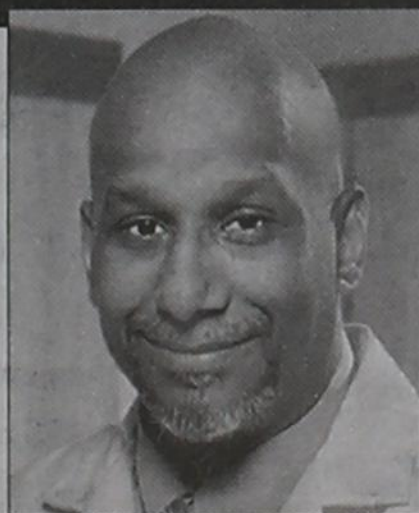
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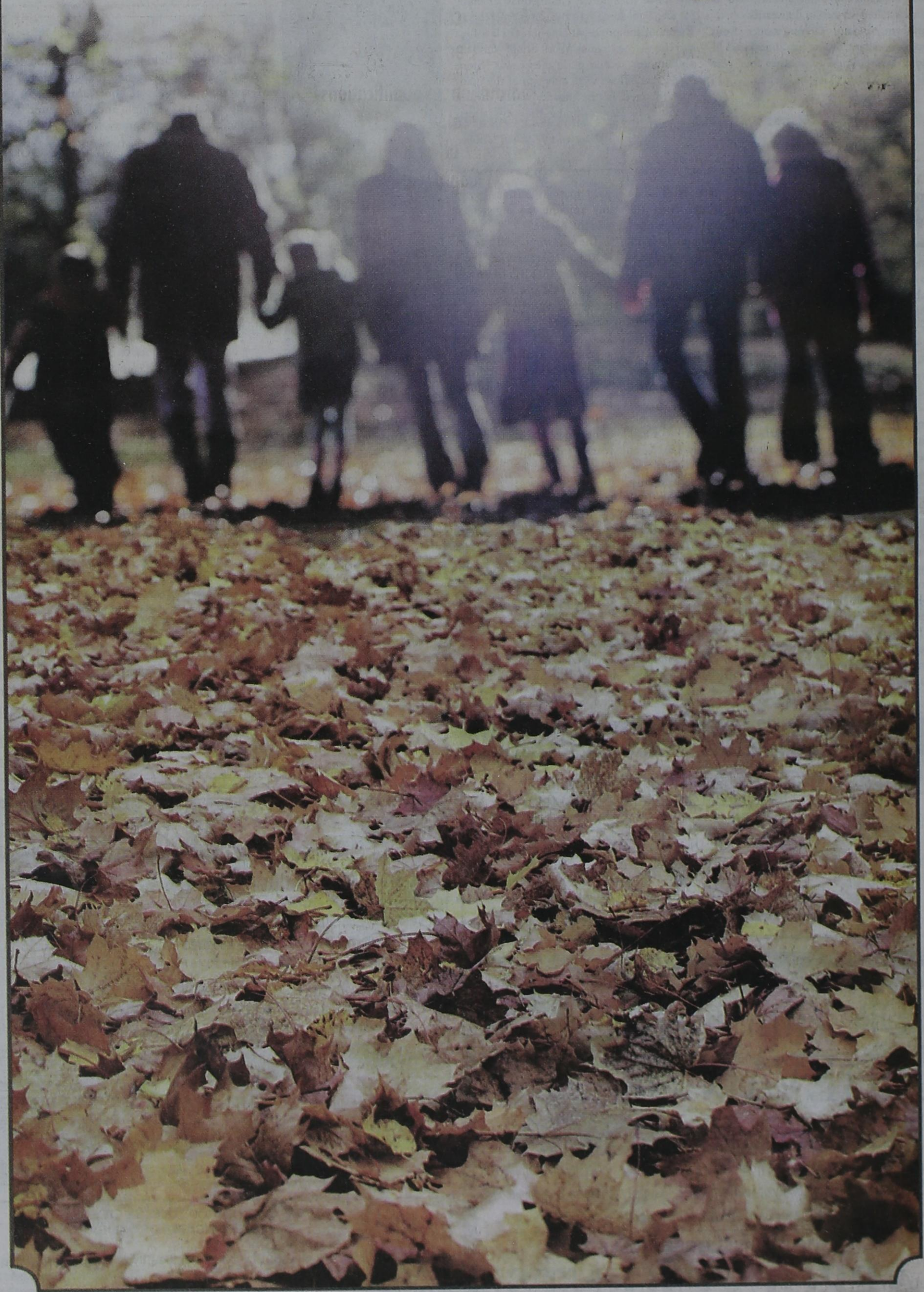
TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Post, Texas, shall convene at 6:00 p.m. on the 14th day of January, 2014, at the City Hall, 105 East Main Street., Post, Texas and, during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of an ordinance or ordinances authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) the construction of public works, to wit: improvements to the city waterworks and sewer system including three new water wells, construction of a water storage tank, construction of additional pipelines and the possible acquisition of sites, and (ii) professional services rendered in relation to such projects and purposes and the financing thereof, such certificates to be payable from ad valorem taxes and a limited pledge of the net revenues of the City's combined waterworks and sewer and systems. The certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

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### Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Friday</b> Sunny 59 / 38	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny 66 / 41	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny 65 / 38	<b>Monday</b> Sunny 64 / 38	<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Sunny 64 / 35	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Sunny 63 / 31	<b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy 65 / 34

#### Local UV Index

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

#### Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 59°, humidity of 41%. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 79° set in 1998. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 38°. South wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 9° set in 1976. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 66°, humidity of 48%. Southwest wind 10 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 41°. Expect mostly sunny skies Sunday with a high temperature of 65°.

#### Weather Trivia

What characteristic do thunderstorms possess to form a tornado?

Answer: Rotation.

#### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day		Peak Times		Day		Peak Times	
		AM	PM			AM	PM
Fri		7:37-9:37	8:07-10:07	Tue		11:27-1:27	11:57-1:57
Sat		8:29-10:29	8:59-10:59	Wed		12:59-2:59	12:29-2:29
Sun		9:25-11:25	9:55-11:55	Thu		1:59-3:59	1:29-3:29
Mon		10:25-12:25	10:55-12:55				

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#### Weather History

**Nov. 29, 1969** - Dense fog along the Jersey Turnpike resulted in a chain reaction of vehicle collisions during the morning rush hour. A propane truck jackknifed and was struck by a trailer truck. Other vehicles continued to pile into the fiery mass.

**Nov. 30, 1989** - Squalls produced heavy snow in the Lower Great Lakes region, with 15 inches reported at Chaffee, N.Y. and at Barnes Corners, N.Y. Tropical Storm Karen drenched parts of Cuba with heavy rain. Punta Del Este reported 14 inches of rain in 24 hours.

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>New 12/2</b>	Fri 7:30 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	3:46 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
	Sat 7:30 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	4:49 a.m.	3:58 p.m.
	Sun 7:31 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	5:55 a.m.	4:47 p.m.
	Mon 7:32 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	7:01 a.m.	5:42 p.m.
<b>First 12/9</b>	Tue 7:33 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	8:05 a.m.	6:43 p.m.
	Wed 7:34 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	9:05 a.m.	7:49 p.m.
	Thu 7:35 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	8:57 p.m.

#### Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
11/19	71	36	60/33	0.00"	Date	Degree Days
11/20	71	50	60/33	0.00"	11/19	4
11/21	74	29	59/32	0.00"	11/20	10
11/22	29	24	59/32	0.05"	11/21	2
11/23	31	25	59/32	0.17"	11/22	0
11/24	29	25	58/31	0.31"		
11/25	40	29	58/31	0.00"		

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These are the folks who toil in the hot sun, battle the rain storms and shiver through the freezing cold because work on the farm doesn't wait only for weather perfect days. It is perhaps most similar in demands to that of a labor and delivery doctor with one exception — that doctor will be well paid for his services while the poor farmer will make, at best, some kind of profit and, at worst, will lose all he has despite how hard he has labored or how often he has risen before dawn and faced another uncertain day.

In the 1930s, when the South raised up demigods as politicians, the most notable being Huey Long in Louisiana and Eugene Talmadge in Georgia, they worked hard to get the farmers on their sides. Both had farming childhoods and were well familiar with the rigors of fighting the elements to bring in a few dollars.

"The poor dirt farmer ain't got but three friends," Talmadge would declare at every political stop throughout his career, "the good Lord, the Sears and Roebuck catalog and ol' Gene."

Huey Long, the son of a poor farmer, never forgot from where he came, often traveling the back roads of Louisiana to shake the hand of one more farmer. And so they responded. Everyone likes to be appreciated so the farmers stood by Long and put him in every office he wanted until the day an assassin shot him down.

To this day, you can visit Long's grave on the front lawn of the state capitol in Baton Rouge and see flowers and tributes paid to him regularly. His legacy is not forgotten by the generations that have followed the ones he helped. Like him or not, debate if you like whether he was honest or shady, Long had strong respect for those who worked the dirt.

My brother-in-law Rodney was born to be a farmer. It is his calling in the same way that a man feels led to laid down the ways of the world, pick up his Bible and follow the Lord. It has always had its challenges, but the last decade has showered down new ones.

After two decades of raising chickens, he gave it up — my sister, the bookkeeper and frugal money manager, insisted — because it got to the point where the chickens made more money than he did. And all the chickens were doing were lounging, eating and clucking.

Rodney was labored down with the chicken houses. Every night before he went to bed, he had to pull himself up from his easy chair after a hard day's work, wipe the fatigue from his eyes and say, "I gotta go check on the chickens." It was a demanding job.

Now, he devotes his time to raising cattle and that, too, has its aggravations. It is the land, though, that has turned so furiously on him and the other farmers. Kudzu, always an enemy, still tangles and now thistle, that horrible thorny bush, is almost undefeatable. It costs a small ransom to groom the land so that cows can graze and hay can be raised.

Farming knows no boundaries. Cows are born on the rainiest days and get out, usually scattering into the road, in the darkest of nights, water lines burst on the coldest days and tractors break down in the field under the most scorching sun.

Yet, across this great country, farmers like Rodney still carry on so that our lives are sustained through the bounty they deliver.

Thank one of 'em today, won't you?

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