

HOME OF CHARLIE EVANS

# The Post Dispatch

A BUILDER IN GARZA COUNTY SINCE 1926

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2014

THEPOSTDISPATCHONLINE.COM

75 CENTS

## County gives final reprieve for 'hot checks'

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Post Dispatch

Garza County officials are giving a final reprieve to anyone who may have any unpaid debts at Post area businesses due to checks that have been returned for nonsufficient funds.

Any individual who might have an outstanding check to any local business has until Feb. 10 — this coming Monday — to make good on that debt with the county attorney's office. Otherwise, those cases will be turned over to the county's two justices of the peace who will issue arrest warrants for individuals whose debts remain unpaid.

Garza County Attorney Preston Poole said he has been working to rid his office of a number of "hot check" cases that have been pending as far back as 2010.

"There are as many as maybe 75 cases that we've tried to clear off our books, and it would be much easier on all parties involved if that were sooner rather than later," Poole said. "Anyone who believes they might have an outstanding check to one of our local businesses can contact

See CHECKS, Page 5

## UIL realignment pits Post with old, new foes

By Ryan Mills  
The Post Dispatch

The best-kept secret in the world was revealed at 9 a.m. Monday when the University Interscholastic League released the biennial realignment numbers.

Unlike previous years, the enrollment numbers and classifications were released three months ago, officials and coaches at Post High School knew they would be competing in Class 3A Division 2 for the next two years after the UIL added a 6A classification to its ranks.

But until Monday, local schools officials did not know what schools they would be competing against.

In football, the Antelopes will compete in District 3-3A Division 2 along with Ballinger, Coahoma, Coleman, Colorado City and Stanton.

In basketball, Post will compete in District 3-2A along with Brownfield, Denver City, Idalou, Lubbock Roosevelt and Slaton.

Borden County will play football in District 4-1A Division 1 along with Klondike, Lenora Grady and O'Donnell. The Coyotes will play basketball in District 12-1A with Hermleigh, Ira, Loraine, Roscoe Highland and Westbrook.

Southland will play football in District 4-1A Division 2 with Wellman-Union, Whitharral and Wilson and will play basketball in District 6-1A along with Meadow, New Home, Ropes, Wellman-Union and Wilson.

Ryan Mills is editor of The Childress Index, a publication of Blackburn Media Group.

## Fatality



Shaley Sanders/Special to the Dispatch

First-responders, state troopers and other emergency personnel respond to the scene of an accident early Tuesday morning north of Post that left a Snyder man dead and Garza County sheriff's deputy in critical condition with three other motorists who had stopped to render aid to the initial crash victim. Icy road conditions led to the deadly pileup, troopers say.

## Icy wreck leaves 1 dead; chief critical

Garza deputy moved to ICU as condition downgraded

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Post Dispatch

LUBBOCK — Garza County's chief sheriff's deputy was moved to the intensive-care unit of a Lubbock hospital early Wednesday morning after sustaining injuries at the scene of a fatal accident early the previous day on U.S. 84 just north of Post City.

Charlie Evans, officials say, had been listed in satisfactory condition Tuesday evening after being transported to University Medical Center earlier that day. A hospital spokesman on Wednesday, however, said Evans' condition had worsened during the overnight hours, and his status was downgraded to serious.

He had been moved to the hospital's intensive care center.

Evans was one of the first emergency responders at the scene of a truck accident on U.S. 84 about 4 miles north of Post around 8:15 a.m. Tuesday.

State troopers say icy road conditions lingering after Sunday's overnight winter storm caused the truck's driver to lose control, skid on the roadway and jackknife.

Sgt. Bryan Witt, spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said Evans,

along with three other motorists, stopped to render aid to the driver, identified as Dale Kocheer of Abilene, when a tractor-trailer, driven by Arnold Ukawilu of Dallas, skidded into the center median and struck them.

Witt said troopers believe Ukawilu may have been driving too fast for the road's condition.

"Morning fog and the already icy conditions combined with rapidly falling temperatures at a very busy time of the day — on a Monday — it was a dangerous situation all the way around," Witt said. "Those roads, you never know just how slick they are until you step on your brakes. Usually that's too late in that situation."

Donald Medley, 46, of Snyder, one of the motorists who had stopped to assist Kocheer, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Cecilio Gonzales of Fort Worth and Kevin Trauger of Lubbock, the two motorists also assisting at the scene, were injured as well.

UMC officials listed Kocheer and Gonzales in critical condition Wednesday.

Officials were unsure of Trauger's status or where he was taken.

It was unknown if charges against Ukawilu were pending.

Tuesday's accident follows another tragic one days before on Jan. 29 that left a 20-year-old Post woman dead.



CHARLIE EVANS

Sgt. Witt said Taylor Jordan Lewis was pronounced dead at the scene of an accident about 3:45 p.m. last Wednesday on U.S. 380 West.

Witt said Donald Lamar Griffin, 54, of Copperas Cove, was attempting a U-turn in his westbound 2013 Peterbilt tractor-trailer when Lewis' westbound 2006 Ford F-150 pickup struck the rear of the semi-truck.

"The truck driver was partially in the left-hand lane attempting to U-turn in the median's turnaround when the accident occurred," Witt said. "Unfortunately, the young woman also was traveling in the left-hand lane."

Lewis' body was pronounced shortly after 6 p.m. by Garza County Justice of the Peace Gordon Terry and transported to Hudman Funeral Home in Post.

## 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.

### Valentine's dinner

Reservations are being accepted for a Valentine's candlelit dinner Feb. 14 at the Heritage House in Post. The prix fixe catered meal will be served at your table beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$18 per person. The three-course menu will include green salad, sausage-stuffed pork loin, potatoes au gratin, green beans, roll and black forest chocolate delight. Seating is limited. RSVP by 5 p.m. Thursday by calling 806-495-4148 or email ccart@poka.com.

### Chili supper

The annual chili supper benefiting the Post Volunteer Fire Department will be Feb. 8.

### Chamber banquet

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet will be Feb. 22. Make plans to attend now. Business and Citizen of the Year ballots will be sent soon.

### Tabana Yuane

The annual sunrise wind ceremony predicting the upcoming crop season will be March 22 at City Park.

### Senior Citizens

The Stonewall County Senior Citizens will have a catfish buffet fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. All welcome. Plates cost \$8 per person and include drink, sides and dessert.

## Corrections

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

## News on the go



Use your smartphone to scan the quick response, or QR, code to visit us online.

The Post Dispatch  
Copyright 2014  
89th Year, No. 23  
USPS 439-620



# TELLMEICANTDOIT.COM



Centennial  
BANK

BMG BLACKBURN MEDIA GROUP

The Post Dispatch, 123 E. Main St., Post Texas, 79356, is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and is closed on Thursdays. Phone 806-495-2816 Fax 806-495-2059 Email thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com

**PUBLISHER**  
William C. Blackburn

**EDITOR/GENERAL MANAGER**  
Wayne Hodgins

The Post Dispatch (USPS 439-620) is published every Friday, including holidays, by Blackburn Media Group Inc., P.O. Box 1260, Childress, Texas, 79201-1260. Entered at U.S. Post Office, Post, Texas, for transmission through the mail as a Second-Class matter, according to an Act of Congress, March 3, 1879. Periodical Rate Postage Paid at Post, Texas, 79356. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Post Dispatch, 123 E. Main St., Post, Texas, 79356.

All material Copyright 2014 The Post Dispatch.

It is the mission of this newspaper to promote the rights of individualism in the American Declaration of Independence. The right of life, liberty and ownership of property are the cornerstone of freedom. Government's sole purpose is to enhance our liberty and freedom. Therefore, we hold every elected and appointed agent of government accountable to that standard.

**DEADLINES**  
Advertising: 5 p.m.  
Mondays  
Editorial: Noon Tuesdays

**SUBSCRIPTIONS**  
\$30 a year in the county  
\$35 a year outside the county

Call 806-495-2816



## Letters to the Editor Policy

The Post Dispatch welcomes letters from readers on topics of local, state, national and international importance. Email letters are preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com. All letters must include a first and last name, street address (no post office boxes), daytime phone number. Letters sent via U.S. mail may be sent to P.O. Box 426, Post, TX 79356.)

## Deaths

### Patsy Fumagalli

GALIANO ISLAND, British Columbia — Patsy Jean Exum Fumagalli, 83, passed away peacefully in her home on Galiano Island, British Columbia, Canada, on Monday, January 13, 2014.

Born April 20, 1930, to Archibald Dial Exum and Ida Lea Sargent Exum in Cone, Texas, Patsy was raised in Roswell, N.M. While attending Texas Tech University, she was introduced to the love of her life, J.C. (Bill) Fumagalli. The couple married June 6, 1950, in Roswell, N.M., and began their career in cattle ranching in Verbena, Texas, and later in Colorado and Canada, with the help of their four children.

After they moved from the ranch, Mrs. Fumagalli opened the Langley Art Gallery in Langley, British Columbia. She was an accomplished portrait artist and sold many pieces of her art. Her favorite subjects were family and friends.

Mrs. Fumagalli also was



PATSY FUMAGALLI

an avid reader, enthusiastic critic of national and international politics and steadfast supporter of many charities. She enjoyed nature, including her plants and flowers, and watching the whales occasionally pass in front of their home on Galiano Island. Some of her most memorable times were spent having coffee in the morning with Bill while viewing the sunrise over the Salish Sea.

Survivors include her husband, Bill, of Galiano Island, British Columbia; four children, Sharon Skonetski and Gene of Colton, Calif.; Debra Cullinane and Colleen Powell of

Mill Bay, British Columbia; Danny Fumagalli and Jenifer of Post, Texas; and Jim Fumagalli of Custer, Wash.; five grandchildren, Jeni Irato and Todd, Amberleigh Brownson and Adrian, Josh Fumagalli and Sarah, Will Fumagalli and Rhiannon and Andrew Fumagalli; also six great-grandchildren, Alexander, James and Olivia Irato, Aaliyah and Tristan Brownson, and Tessa Fumagalli. Also surviving is a sister, Tretha Don Goodnight, of Bellingham, Wash.

A private memorial honoring Mrs. Fumagalli's life and love of her family will be in Custer, Wash.

Patsy was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Her guestbook may be viewed at www.legacy.com.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Fumagalli's name to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation at pulmonaryfibrosis.org; or to The Salvation Army of Post, PO Box 574, Post, TX 79356.

### Bob Johnson

CANYON LAKE — Robert E. Johnson, age 67, passed away at his home in Canyon Lake, Texas, on Monday, January 27, 2014, following a long illness.

He was born August 31, 1946, to Willy Sexton Johnson and Bonnie B. Oden Johnson, lifelong residents of Post.

Following graduation from Post High School in 1964, Mr. Johnson attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock until he entered the military in 1964. He served honorably for four years as a cryptographer for U.S. Army Intelligence, deciphering enemy code in Vietnam. He received numerous awards for his service to his country.

Following his discharge from the Army, Mr. Johnson moved to Houston, where, in March 1970, he was employed by the Upjohn Chemical Co. in La Porte as an operator. Upjohn Chemicals later was acquired by Dow Chemical Co., and Mr. Johnson was promoted to plant manager. He was awarded the prestigious Snoopy Award from NASA for his service to the U.S. space flight program. Mr. Johnson worked for Dow for 30 years, retiring in August 2001.

Soon after he arrived in La Porte, Mr. Johnson met the love of his life, Marilyn Watson, and they married Oct. 23, 1970, in Pasadena.

Marilyn recalls their first date, which was set up by her roommate and her roommate's boyfriend, who wanted to go to the beach in Bob's hotrod Camaro Z-28, and convinced Marilyn to make it a double date. Always fit and muscular, Bob struck an imposing presence. Marilyn's first impression of Bob was that "he was a bit cocky, and I wasn't sure about his love of fast cars." Bob's charm soon won her over though, and they were inseparable for the next 44 years.

The couple made their home in La Porte and raised two wonderful children, Robert "Chris" Johnson, and Dona D. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Following the death of his father-in-law, Robert C. Manning, who loved Bob like a son, Bob served as a second dad to sisters-in-law, Melissa "Missy" Manning and Melinda "Mindy" Manning.

Mr. Johnson was a 32nd Degree Mason, serving in the La Porte-Bayshore Masonic Lodge 758 in La Porte.

An avid car fan, Mr. Johnson was known for his love of race cars. He usually drove a Chevrolet Camaro, but over the years he had numerous American muscle cars. His kids will tell you he babied his cars like they were part of his family.

Following his retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson moved to Canyon Lake, where they enjoyed their peaceful Hill Country retreat. Mr. Johnson spent many happy hours feeding the deer that roamed their property and enjoying the views of the lake from their deck.

In his final days, Bob was able to enjoy driving his truck around the lake, and he made a point of telling Marilyn she was the "love of his life," and that she lifted him up. He thanked her for her years of love and support, especially in the last few years, following his decline in health.

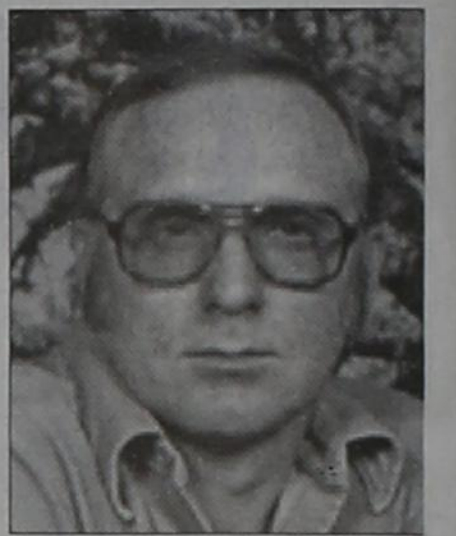
A man of honor, Mr. Johnson was truly a man of his word and a man of strong faith. He was a rarity in today's world, and his departure leaves a huge void in the family. He was a man of few words, but if he did speak what he had to say was worth hearing. He had a tremendous, wry sense of humor and loved to be with his children, grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Marilyn Watson Johnson; his son Chris and daughter-in-law Patti Johnson of Canyon Lake and their children, Kodie and Dylan Johnson of Magnolia and Luke and Alyssa Johnson; his daughter Dona Johnson of Portland, Ore.; brother, Allen Sexton and Leatrice Johnson of Lubbock; his mother-in-law, Nathalie "Dickie" Manning, of San Marcos; sisters-in-law Missy Manning and partner Kendra Gleason and their children Kelsey, Mackenzie and Kenley of Spring; sister-in-law Mindy Manning of Houston; brother-in-law, Bill and Linda Watson of Whitney; nieces and nephews Kristi and Aaron Scates and their children Macy and Isabelle of Coppell; Apryl and Steve Jordan and their children Garrett and Jackson of The Woodlands; Allen Shane and Gina Johnson and their children Allen Steven and Taylor Lynn, all of Lubbock; and Misty Michelle Johnson Phillips and husband, Brad, and their children Monique Leal and Miranda Leal of Lubbock. Also surviving are numerous cousins, including Don and Mary Jane Oden.

The family wishes to thank Kelly Best and Tammy Fregia for their friendship, care and assistance during the past few months.

Visitation was 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31, at Justice-Mason Funeral Home in Post. Services were at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014, at the First Baptist Church of Post. Burial with Military Rites was in Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

The family asks donations be made in Mr. Johnson's name to the Wounded Warrior Project, online at woundedwarrior.org; or the Lone Survivor Foundation at lonelivesurvivorfoundation.org.



BOB JOHNSON

### Ranell Rollins

LUBBOCK — Longtime Lubbock resident Ranell Lee Chaney Rollins, 94, passed away on Saturday, February 1, 2014.

Born June 30, 1919, near the Jud community in Haskell County, to Margerie Pearl Collier Chaney and John Calloway Chaney, the family moved to Post to allow Ranell and her sister to attend school. From then until she graduated from high school her father ran a number of businesses in Post, including a bakery.

Ranell graduated from Post High School in 1936 at the age of 17 and attended Texas Tech in the spring. By then her parents had purchased a farm near Littlefield. She graduated from Texas Tech in 1940 and began teaching school at Fieldton, just down the road from her parents' farm. While at Fieldton she taught English and was the girl's basketball coach. She then moved to teach in Littlefield in 1941 and accepted a job as a speech/English teacher in Fort Stockton in 1942. She always said she kept changing schools until she could teach the classes she wanted. She taught speech and English in Fort Stockton for four and a half years.

While in Fort Stockton, she met Jack Rollins, who



RANELL ROLLINS

had recently returned from the war after two combat tours in Europe. Jack had already agreed to take a job in the Philippines and reported there in August 1946. She accompanied Jack's sister and brother-in-law by ship to the Philippines, leaving San Francisco on February 19, 1947. The couple was married on March 12, 1947, at the Navy chapel in Manila.

While they were in the Philippines, their son John was born in May 1948. The family returned to Texas, settling in Lubbock, in 1950. A second son, David, was born in 1954.

Mrs. Rollins was an active member of First Baptist Church of Lubbock and in the Lubbock Woman's Club. She served as a den mother and supported her two boys in their scouting activities. She was a wonderful wife,

mother, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Her husband Jack preceded her in death in 2005, and Mrs. Rollins had been a resident at Carillon, an assisted-living facility, in Lubbock since 2006.

Survivors include her sons, John and Dee Rollins of Southlake and David and Christy Rollins of Denver City; grandchildren Paul Rollins of Austin, Julia Lewis of Culver City, Calif., Dana Rollins of Houston, Carly Rollins of College Station; three great-grandsons; nieces Judy Puckett of Arlington and Gail Layman of Mercer Island, Wash.; nephews Michael Shipman of Corpus Christi, Richard Laurence of San Rafael, Calif., Charles Freet of Spring and Tom Freet of Highland Village.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Sanders Funeral Home, 1420 Main St., Lubbock. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Neil Chapel at Carillon House, 1717 Norfolk Ave., Lubbock. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Boy Scouts of American at scouting.org or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in Amarillo at calfarley.org.

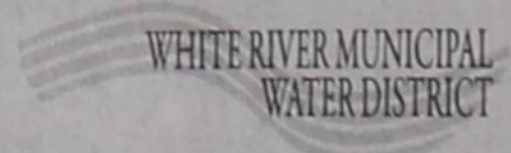
## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The White River Municipal Water District (WRMWD) will hold a public meeting at:

**7 p.m. Thursday, February 13, 2014  
at the Heritage House, 109 N. Ave. N, in Post**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information regarding the proposed master plan of park improvements on property adjacent to White River Lake. The proposed master plan, park and multi-use trail system improvements are being partially funded by an 80 percent grant through the Texas Recreation Trails Fund, administered by Texas Parks & Wildlife. Only comments relative to the proposal may be presented at the meeting. All interested parties are invited to attend this public meeting. Anyone who may need special accommodations are asked to contact Phil Elledge at 903-531-0131 at least seven (7) days prior to the Public Meeting. Every effort will be made to accommodate those needs.



2880 FM 2794 SPUR, TEXAS 79370 806-263-4240

# Good As Gold

Start Saving Today with GenGold!

Savings Available On:

- Identity Theft Featuring Restoration Rescue™
- Dining & Entertainment
- Retail Stores & Gifts
- Travel Services
- Family Fun

GenGold® can be added to any consumer checking account. GenGold® is available for a low monthly fee.

See www.peoplesbanktexas.com for details. Call your local Peoples Bank and ask how to sign up!

**PEOPLES BANK**  
www.peoplesbanktexas.com

615 N. Broadway • Post, Texas 806-495-0026  
Lobby Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. • Motor Bank Monday - Friday 8:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Saturday 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
LUBBOCK • LORENZO • NAZARETH • POST • SHALLOWATER • SLATON

Clay Miller

**AG TEXAS**  
FARM CREDIT SERVICES

P.O. Box 923  
Ralls, TX 79357  
Office (806)253-2506  
Fax (806)253-2060  
Cell (806)392-3920  
clay.miller@agtexas.com

LOANS FOR  
**Real Estate**

# The 501 Shades of Fibber McGee

Closets. The bigger they are, the more stuff we have we don't need.

The bigger they are, the harder they fall. Football terminology fits. Think how often you've heard someone say they're gonna tackle a closet.

Historically, one very famous American closet was quite the bruiser — the aggressive hall closet on the radio

show "Fibber McGee and Molly." All Fibber or Molly had to do was open that hall door for a cacophony of stuff to tumble disastrosly from the overstuffed space. Crash! Bang! Clatter! It was the proverbial kitchen junk drawer

on steroids (sticking to our sports theme). As far as I know, neither Fibber nor Molly ever tackled that closet. As important to the show as any regular character, it had its bluff in.

Maybe it was that very closet that inspired mid-century home designers to move the country into an era of bigger closets including (drum roll here) walk-ins! After all, television had eclipsed the world of Fibber and Molly and their timeworn closet. America was flexing post-war muscles and looking for more space. Station wagons came into their own with kids hanging out every window. Walk-in closets came next. That's how I remember it.

Not that anybody I knew actually had a walk-in closet.

But our family had the next-best thing. Call it a "walk-up." It was the attic.

The wire strung under the peak of the roof functioned originally as a

clothesline for days when the weather was too bad to hang the laundry outside. But once we got a dryer, the attic turned into one giant closet. I tackled it just last week.

Forget football. "Wrestle" is the operative word.

Closet wrestling:

Your strategy is clear as the starting bell. You're ready to get rid of stuff. Unexpectedly, an old floor-length formal gets you in a hammerlock. You beat your own head on the floor. Seconds go by and turn into minutes.

Then you notice the hem has unraveled and the bottom ruffle is disintegrating. Yea! The dress loses its hold. You toss it over the ropes. Victory!

Breaking one hold doesn't end the match. (My knowledge of wrestling is in black and white and dates from the days of vintage television; I'm guessing little has changed.) As soon as you vanquish one garment, another one sneaks up and gets you in a death grip. They tag team.

Sure enough, my burgundy velour bell-bottom pantsuit quickly put me in a choke hold and talked into my left ear, taunting me with the memory of a concert when I lived in New Orleans and forgot to tuck my house key into my little concert purse and therefore, clad in my beloved burgundy, I'd been forced to climb through the backdoor transom to get back into my house. Anyone watching would have thought me a circus performer.

Uncle! Calf rope! Lemme go! I'll keep you!

Score one for the attic closet.

Somewhere under the eave, that little purse waits its turn.

I'm no good at this.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and regular contributor to Blackburn Media Group newspapers.

# Celebrations Simpsons celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Robert L. Simpson and Jimella Wilson met on the Slaton tennis courts in 1952. After dating for two years they married on Valentine's Day of 1954. They took their vows in the parlor of the home Mr. Simpson built for their marriage, one mile west of Post. While the house has been remodeled and extended, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson made it their home for 59 years, only recently moving to Lubbock. They have never been apart more than a few days their entire 60 years of marriage.

Mr. Simpson worked for Merchants Freight, the Post-Tex Mill and eventually retired from the Texas Highway Department. During that time he maintained the family farm and ranch. He served in the 36th Infantry Division, 132nd Field Artillery from 1948 to 1956 achieving the rank of first sergeant.

Mrs. Simpson worked at the Slaton Bakery, which was owned by her father, until 1973, when she began teaching at Post ISD. She retired as an educator 25 years later. While teaching and after retiring she continued baking and made a many birthday and wedding cakes for Garza County residents over the years.

The Simpsons had two sons, Robert Troy and Lynn Aaron. Troy has worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 25 years. He married Darla Jenkins and they have two sons, Spencer and Sterling, both of whom attend South Plains College and are adored



Simpson family photo  
R.L. and Jimella Simpson are shown here recently with their wedding portrait in 1954 and keepsakes from that day framed below. The couple will celebrate the 60th anniversary of their wedding day on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

by their grandparents.

Lynn is a biology professor, having taught now for 25 years. He teaches at Navarro College's South Campus in Mexia.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are members of the First Baptist Church of Post. They have enjoyed serving and volunteering in the Post community throughout the years.

Upon retirement, the couple has enjoyed traveling and

tending to various hobbies.

However, their fondest memories remain of "get-togethers" with family and friends at their home in Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson now reside at Promiseland, a senior care community in Lubbock, where the couple will be honored at a small reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 15 at the facility, 3314 40th St.

Friends and family are invited to attend.

**BUSINESS LIQUIDATION AUCTION** March 1 - 9 AM  
**3 Commercial Properties & Equipment** Real Estate offered at 10 AM

**Aspen Air, LLC - HVAC Contractor**  
 Auction Location: 2710 Digby Dr, Belton, TX

- 3 buildings on 5.2 acres - Belton, TX
- Commercial warehouse & office space - Gatesville, TX
- Industrial office & warehouse space - Georgetown, TX
- 42 service trucks, 8 vans & 15 trailers
- Forklifts, backhoes & CAD system
- HVAC, fabrication equip & material handling
- Pallet rack & office assets

Real Estate Questions: Mike Jones, TX Broker #9002372, AUCTX #6756  
 816-420-6295

Equipment Questions: Trey Galloway, AUCTX #12798  
 254-493-9126

CTAS  
 United Country  
 Strategic Client Services  
 10% Buyer's Premium. Visit website for full terms.

TEXASCOMMERCIALAUCTION.COM

**Shop local!  
Shop Post!**

Live Entertainment by KEVIN SWANSON  
 Kids' Activities  
**Artwalk**  
 Sat., February 8 11 am-3 pm

2nd Saturday  
 Come visit historic downtown Pleasanton!

Featured Artist: Elizabeth George

Art • Dining  
 Shopping • Hotels

Vendors, Artists, Musicians needed!  
 www.discoverpleasantontx.com

Calcet® is designed to help stop low calcium leg cramps. Just ask your pharmacist.

Petite Tablet  
 More Calcium & Vitamin D3

Helps fight leg cramps  
 For those with milk allergies  
 Fights osteoporosis

Mission PHARMACAL

**Booth Brothers**

**Appearing Soon!**  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 300 AVENUE C NW • (940) 937-2594

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AT 7 P.M.

THE DOORS WILL OPEN AT 6 P.M. AND A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN.  
 WWW.BOOTHBROTHERS.COM

**f** Find us on Facebook!  
 The Post Dispatch

**Menu**

**Breakfast Menu for February 10-14**

**Monday**  
 Oatmeal, Blueberry Muffin, Fruit Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk Variety

**Tuesday**  
 Chicken & Biscuit w/Syrup, Fruit Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk Variety

**Wednesday**  
 Pancake Sausage on a Stick, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Fruit Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk Variety

**Thursday**  
 Sunrise Sandwich, Fruit Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk Variety

**Friday**  
 Cinnamon Breakfast Pastry w/Yogurt, Fruit Juice or Fresh Fruit, Milk Variety

**Lunch Menu for February 10-14**

**Monday**  
 BBQ Rib Sandwich, Corn Chips, Refried Beans, Garden Salad, Salsa, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk Variety

**Tuesday**  
 Hot Dog, Potato Rounds, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Milk Variety

**Wednesday**  
 Grilled Cheese or PBJ Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Baby Carrots, Fruit Cup, Milk Variety

**Thursday**  
 Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Garden Salad, Savory Green Beans, Apple Slices, Crispy Cereal Treat, Milk Variety

**Friday**  
 Cheese Burger, Hamburger Garnish, Seasoned Corn, Baby Carrots, Sliced Peaches, Milk Variety

**daily Express Inc.**  
**CONTRACTORS NEEDED!**

Daily Express, a leader in Heavy Haul and Specialized Transportation, is in need of safe & skilled Contractors to pull our step-deck and lowboy trailers! We now offer 3 fleets! **NEW Daily Expedited** - An open Deck High Mileage Division of Daily Express. **Daily Heavy Haul** - Oversize & Overweight, the standard for quality within the heavy haul and oversize industry. **Special Equipment** - 100% heavy & 100% oversized, an elite operation moving 7-13 axle combinations. Have your own Step-deck or RGN? Bring it on board or pull company trailers AT NO COST!

\*\*\*Best FSC in the Industry, No Agents or Brokers, Paid Permits/ Escorts, Advancement Opportunities, a CSA favorable company\*\*\*

Get on board with a proven leader today! Call Erik or Nicole at 1-800-669-6414 or apply at www.dailyrecruiting.com

**IT'S FISH DAY!**

To purchase 8"-11" catfish, you must bring your own trash can & water (too big to bag)

4"-6" Catfish \$45.00 .....per 100  
 6"-8" Catfish \$65.00 .....per 100  
 8"-11" Catfish \$100.00 .....per 100

Grass Carp, Bass, Crappie, Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Red Ear, Sun Perch, Minnows & Koi

**STOCK MY POND**  
 501-676-3768  
 www.stockmypond.com

Wednesday, February 12  
 NOON - 1 P.M.

**Matt Hamel Ag Products**  
 445 MICHIGAN, SOUTHLAND

No Pre-orders Necessary - Just Show Up!

Go Painlessly with THERA-GESIC.

**Maximum strength analgesic creme for temporary relief from:**

- Joint and Muscle soreness
- Arthritis
- Back aches

**STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

"In accordance with Federal law and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's policy, Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative Inc, Spur, Texas, is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

**Thanks For Reading!**

# Nominees listed for top business, citizen awards

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Post Dispatch

Post Area Chamber of Commerce officials have released the nominees for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year, awards for which will be announced during the organization's annual banquet Feb. 22.

Garza County residents are urged to vote on the nominees for the two awards and submit ballots to the Chamber office by Tuesday. A ballot was printed in this week's issue of the Dispatch.

Up for Business/Organization of the Year are the city of Post, Maurine's Flower Shop/Hudman Greenhouse, the Post Animal Rescue Center, PostSportsRadio.com and Xcel Energy.

The city of Post was nominated for its employees and officials showing concern on all levels for the community and its residents.

Maurine's Flower Shop and Hudman Greenhouses has been a Garza County mainstay for years and employs several people at any given time while operating on a successful business model.

The Post ARC is a nonprofit organization created and staffed by dedicated volunteers who have made finding new homes for the stray pet population in Post a top priority and, in doing so, creates a better quality of life for residents while making neighborhoods safer to live.

PostSportsRadio.com is a locally owned website that has expanded coverage of high local school sports to include football, basketball, baseball and softball.

Xcel Energy is one of the county's top

power suppliers and its employees and organization supports the Post community through charitable giving to various events and organizations.

### Citizen of the Year nominees

Peggy Ashley, a longtime Post resident and head librarian at Post Public Library, is a tremendous supporter of the community and exhibits an emphasis on public service through her work at the library. She has worked to expand the library's electronic footprint through private grants and funding while providing online access to residents.

Chris Atkinson is the director of the Community Recovery Center, a unique nonprofit facility dedicated to the treatment substance abuse issues and has expanded to include counseling services, life skills classes and other needs reflective of a growing community.

Patti Babb is a mother of three boys — all raised here in Post.

Brandi Fannon, administrator for the Garza County Health District, tirelessly and cheerfully volunteers in a number of capacities throughout the community.

Patty Kirkpatrick, a lifelong Post resident who has spent countless hours and resources supporting numerous activities and organizations in Post City while striving to create an increased quality of life for its residents.

For information about the awards and the Chamber banquet, contact Janice Plummer at the Chamber office at 806-495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcitytx.com.

# Nancy's Notions

## The 6 germiest items in your home

With the flu season roaring loudly around here lately, I read interesting research listing six household items most likely to harbor flu-carrying bacteria, viruses and other germs. Included are obviously just a few items, but as I read the article

I thought, to myself, "Hmmm. No wonder the flu made its way through our house." See if you can relate.



NANCY MCDONALD

### Kitchen sponge

The item used to "clean" dishes and countertops is still the filthiest thing in most homes.

Residential sponges and cloths routinely test positive for illness-causing bacteria, such as Salmonella, E. coli, and Staphylococcus, as well as the influenza virus. With every swipe, you could be spreading that gunk all over the place. No wonder the FDA has banned sponges from commercial kitchens. After each use, rinse the sponge or cloth in hot water, wring it out, and let it dry completely. At the end of each day, toss rags in the laundry. Clean countertops daily with a disinfecting spray and switch to a new sponge every couple of weeks. I don't use sponges and put my "scrubbies" in the dishwasher with every load.

### Kitchen sink

This area typically harbors more than 500,000 bacteria — 10 times the amount found on the average toilet seat. Blame the fact that most people clean the commode regularly, but the basin where raw produce is rinsed? Not so much. A couple of times a week, scour the sink with a scrub brush, paying particular attention to the drain and garbage disposal. Spray the faucet, basin, and your brush with a solution of ¼ cup of chlorine bleach and one quart of water or full-strength hydrogen peroxide.

### Toothbrushes

You deposit germs from your mouth onto your toothbrush daily. Then you leave it to dry in a damp bathroom, possibly across from the toilet, where the bristles can become contaminated with the airborne bacteria released with every flush. Heard enough? You can get sick from using your own toothbrush and you can keep re-infecting yourself. Allow toothbrushes to air-dry in an upright holder, away from the toilet. You can also

significantly reduce the number of germs wafting through the bathroom by closing the lid when you flush. Once a week, run toothbrushes and the holder through the dishwasher's sanitizing cycle to kill bacteria. Replace brushes every three months or after you've been ill.

### Electronics

Remote controls and computer keyboards are handled by the whole family and are rarely cleaned. Research indicates that a single device may contain thousands of bacteria, including the same varieties found on kitchen sponges. Swab remotes, keyboards, video game controllers, your mouse, and smartphone and tablet covers once a week with a disinfecting wipe.

### Family room carpet

The rug in the room where everyone hangs out may contain as much as 200,000 bacteria per square inch. The skin cells, food particles, pollen, and pet dander that collect in carpets serve as a smorgasbord for germs. When you walk on the rug, or your kids roll around on it, you disrupt the little buggers, bringing some closer to the surface. Vacuum weekly to draw grime out of the fibers then, spritz with a fabric sanitizing product. At least once a year, if possible, hire a company to do a deep steam-cleaning to zap residual germs.

### Your purse

Most handbags have tens of thousands of bacteria on the bottom alone, and some have millions. When you consider all the places your pocketbook has been — restaurant floors, the locker room, grocery carts — it's amazing the numbers aren't even higher. Mist purses, gym bags and backpacks weekly with a sanitizing spray or launder them if they are machine-washable. Clean vinyl with disinfecting wipes and leather with a specialty product. Try to hang bags on hooks whenever you can and, at the very least, avoid putting the purse that sat on the mall bathroom floor on your kitchen counter. Think about that! Gross!

Cleaning requires prioritization. Perhaps these tips will help you focus your energy and sanitizing spray. The research published by Kelly Reynolds, an environmental biologist at the University of Arizona focusing on public health.

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

# Voter ID cards being issued locally

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Post Dispatch

The Texas Department of Public Safety in advance of the upcoming primary election will be offering extended hours at select driver license offices throughout the state to issue Election Identification Cards.

A DPS mobile station has been available throughout the week to issue an EIC to registered voters in the county who need one and will continue to do so from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the former driver license office at the Garza County Courthouse.

The primary election in Texas is March 4, with early voting

from February 18-28.

Most residents already have an acceptable form of photo identification needed for voting and will not need or qualify for a photo card.

Registered voters with any of the following documents are not eligible to receive the EIC: Texas driver license, Texas personal identification card, U.S. Passport book or card, Texas concealed handgun license, U.S. Military identification with photo or U.S. Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization with photo.

To qualify for an EIC, an applicant must bring documentation to verify U.S. citizenship and identify, be eligible to vote in Texas.

The EIC receipt the individual receives will include his or her photo and can be used for voting until the permanent card is delivered by mail.

The EIC is free of charge to qualifying applicants and is valid for six years.

There is no expiration date for an EIC issued to residents 70 years of age or older.

The EIC can only be used for the purpose of voting in an election and may not be used for personal identification.

For more information, regarding EICs, including eligibility guidelines and necessary documentation, visit [txdps.state.tx.us](http://txdps.state.tx.us) and also [VoteTexas.org](http://VoteTexas.org).

**Watch Up For Power Lines**

**Lyntegar Electric Cooperative Inc.**

Tahoka • 998-4588  
Lamesa • 872-2632  
Sundown • 229-3741

## Church Directory

**Assembly of God**  
Bethel Assembly of God (Bi-Lingual)- 407 May street  
Lifeline Church- 108 N. Broadway

**Baptist**  
Calvary Baptist Church- 210 E. 6th Street, 990-2342  
First Baptist Church, Post- 402 W. Main Street, 495-3554  
First Baptist Church, Wilson- 806-628-6333  
Grace Baptist Church- 820 N. Avenue S- 990-3497  
Justiceburg Baptist Church- Justiceburg  
Pleasant Home Baptist Church- E. 14th & N Ave F  
Southland Baptist Church- Southland  
Temple Bautista- 315 W. Main  
Trinity Baptist Church- 915 N. Ave O, 990-3038

**Catholic**  
Holy Cross Catholic Church- Ave K and Main Street- 495-2791

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

**Church of God**  
Church of God of Prophecy- 602 W. 14th, 495-3644  
Power House Church of God and Christ, Pine Avenue

**Disciples of Christ**  
First Christian Church- 812 W. 13th, 495-3716

**Evangelical Methodist**  
Faith Chapel- 1105 Green Street, Wilson (806) 628-0018

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

**Nazarene**  
Post Church of Nazarene- (Pastor: Charles Gibson) 202 W. 10th, 495-3044  
Grassland Church of Nazarene- 327-5656

**Presbyterian**  
First Presbyterian Church- 910 W. 10th, 495-2135

**Nondenominational**  
Family Harvest Church- (806) 495-1400

**Office:**  
806-495-3521  
806-495-3503  
**Fax:**  
806-495-2985

**Hudman Funeral Home**  
615 W. Main • 495-2821

**Germania INSURANCE**  
113 N. Ave. H • 495-3330  
Locally Served by Jerry Taylor LC 230

# The Post Dispatch

A BUILDER IN GARZA COUNTY SINCE 1926

123 E MAIN STREET, POST, TX 79356  
1,080 HOMES EVERY THURSDAY

**Cogdell Memorial Hospital**  
Located at: 1700 Cogdell Blvd., Snyder, Texas 79549  
Phone: 325-573-6374

**LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**  
[www.lchdhealthcare.org](http://www.lchdhealthcare.org)  
Tahoka • 998-4533  
Physician & Wellness Clinic  
Swing Bed & Physical Therapy

God bless the  
**USA**

**POKALAMBRO**  
One Company ... Unlimited Possibilities  
115 W. Main • Post • 990-9901  
Local • Long Distance • Internet

# LIVE ANTELOPE AND LADY ANTELOPE ACTION!

## POSTSPORTSRADIO.COM

### Capital Highlights

## President's annual address draws reactions

By Ed Sterling  
For the Dispatch

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst posted similar takes President Obama's annual state of the union address, televised live on Jan. 28.

Perry said, "... Texas has shown that the way to economic prosperity and significant job growth is through individual freedoms and the free market. Tonight, we saw a president with the same old agenda and no real idea on how to govern."

Dewhurst suggested the president "should take a page out of the playbook for the Texas Miracle and cut taxes, slash spending, and reduce the regulations that kill jobs."

In contrast, freshman U.S. Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, on Jan. 29 posted his reaction, referring to the president's speech "a call to action" that "requires us to take steps forward, and we must do so together. Though trust is lacking, our courage must not fail us. If we fail today to grow the bipartisan momentum developed over recent weeks, we will miss a critical opportunity. To move the ball down the field, we all have to play on the same team. I will continue to play on the right team — America's team."

In other news, on Jan. 31, Perry reacted to the State Department's environmental impact study on the Keystone XL pipeline, a conduit being built to move petroleum-bearing tar sands from western Canada to terminals in Nederland, Texas, near Port Arthur.

"If, as the president said in his state of the union speech, he truly wants this to be a year of action, there would be no better way to kick it off than authorizing construction of this important project."

#### Entities reach agreement

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Jan. 29 announced it had reached an agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for approval of Texas' Flexible Permits Program for air pollution.

Under the federal Clean Air Act, the EPA was required to accept or reject Texas' air pollution rules within 18 months of the program's creation in 1994. The EPA, however, rejected the rules and disapproved the state's Flexible Permits Program in 2010, prompting Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott to file a legal challenge, asserting that the EPA failed to act within the allotted time period. In 2012, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the EPA's disapproval of the program.

TCEQ Chairman Bryan W. Shaw said the agreement, while conditional, "provides a resolution to implement both the court's opinion and the necessary legal requirements for EPA approval." Shaw added that at a Feb. 12 meeting TCEQ commissioners would consider proposing rule amendments to gain the EPA's full approval later in 2014.

#### Donor registry grows

The Glenda P. Dawson Donate Life Texas Registry is the state database of individuals who have officially indicated their decisions to donate organs and tissue to benefit thousands of people currently awaiting transplants.

Some 4.8 million Texans had registered as organ and tissue donors as of Dec. 31, Texas Department of Public Safety announced Jan. 30.

More than 11,000 individuals are awaiting organ or tissue transplants in Texas, the agency said.

### CHECKS

From Page 1

my office and make arrangements to pay that off now, and no questions will be asked."

After Monday, Poole said any unresolved cases will be sent to the JP Court, where they will be proceed through the justice system.

"A good deal of these cases are residents outside Post and Garza County, but there are a few local cases as well," Poole said. "These individuals have received a number of

notices regarding their case, so it should not come as a surprise to them."

Poole, who is serving a second stint as the county's top jurist after serving nearly 40 years in the seat, said a backlog was created over the course of several previous officeholders who elected to farm the cases out to collection agencies.

"That policy wasn't getting the job done," Poole said. "We have one or two businesses in town are consistently being taken advantage of."

Donna Degan, a longtime business owner

in downtown Post, said she, along with several other businesses along the Main Street corridor, rarely accepts checks from patrons anymore. She estimated a loss of about \$500 through the years.

"I just can't afford to give customers that option anymore," she said. "It's only for those customers whom I've known for many, many years I'll take a check from. Most everyone these days pays with cash or plastic. It's much simpler at the register and simpler when balancing your bank account."

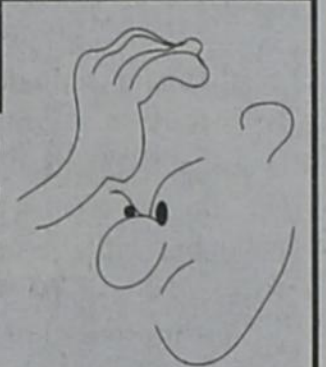
### Cryptogram

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 Robert Frost

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
			D										M												

" N E E N  
I M C F Y D D B X Y J K T E A M K L N L T  
E E N E E N E  
D U D Y W C F I M V T U D G D A Y M D J A O X L C  
E : E N  
G I H D T C V X D K X M



© Feature Exchange

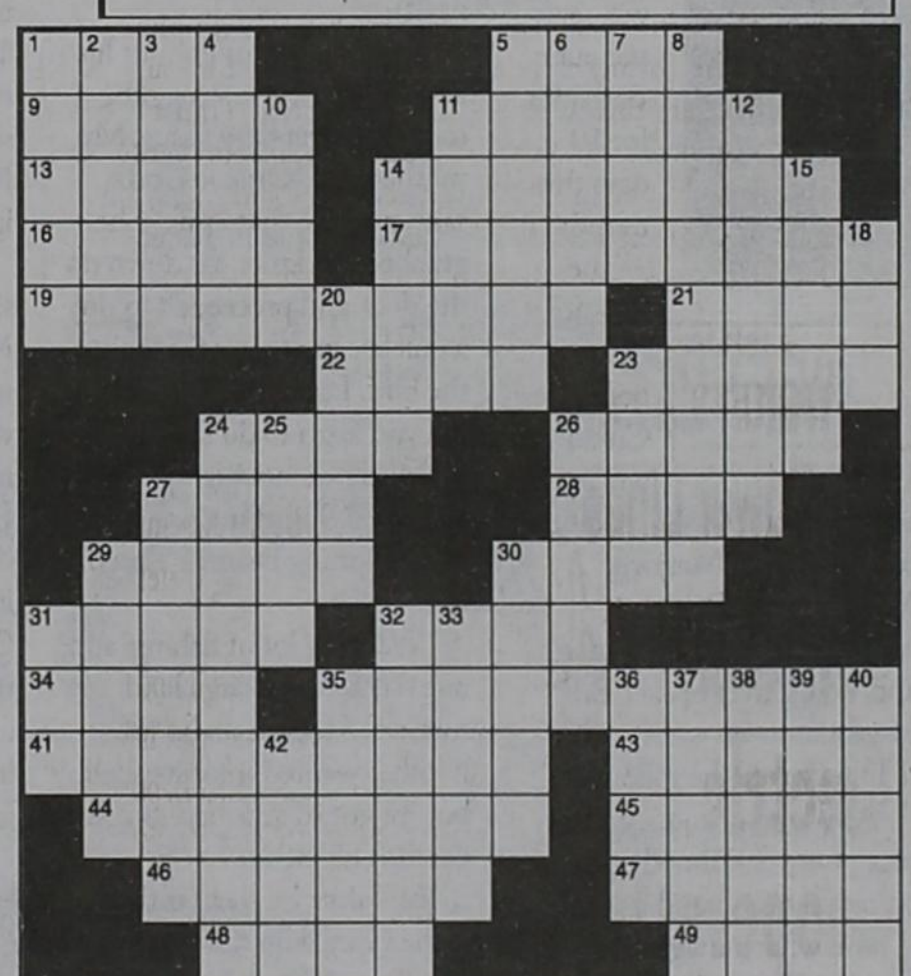
### Puzzle of the Week

#### CLUES ACROSS

- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Mama \_\_, rock singer
- Cures
- Pale and colorless
- Musical composition
- One after another
- Scottish sweater knit
- Uneven
- An endowment institution
- \_\_\_ wance: stipend
- Waistline accessory
- Vertical member in a window frame
- Runners used for gliding over snow
- Avoids: "\_\_\_ away from"
- Slide sideways
- \_\_\_ Christian Anderson
- 1910 Nobel in Literature: Paul
- Musical composition with words
- Wed
- A minute amount (Scot)
- Japanese wrestler
- Bill of fare
- Concentration camps
- Rings
- Ignite
- Act as a link between
- Couch
- Passover feast and ceremony
- 13-19
- Crimefighter Eliot

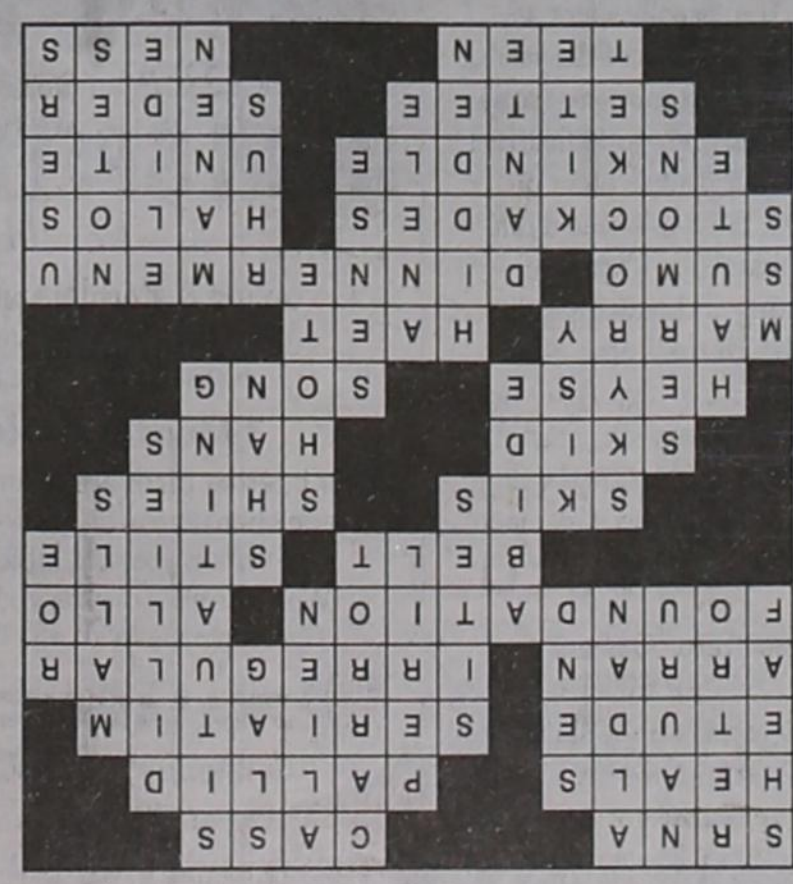
### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## POST DISPATCH



- Put up with unpleasantness
- Not accessible to view
- \_\_\_ tung: type of silk
- Sends off a firework display
- FM 100.7 in Boise, ID
- Piglet
- Sunday talks
- Couture
- Touch or taste
- Manuscripts (abbr.)
- Not accessible to view
- Anoint
- "Divine Comedy" author
- Sumac genus
- Per \_\_\_ t: lasting
- Leave or strike out
- Short letters
- Consumers
- Write bad checks

### PUZZLE SOLUTION



#### CLUES DOWN

- Wheat bundle
- Slang for backward
- Yaren is the capital
- 19018
- Root vegetable
- Not native
- Metal smelting by-product
- Finding the location of
- Transmit
- Danger
- Are remarkable (slang)
- Locations
- Shopping centers
- Fish eggs

**\$1.00**  
Any Size Soft Drink

## Meet The Life Of The Party!

### 40-Piece Chicken McNuggets

Step up the fun with your choice of our delectable dipping sauces.

Add 2-Med. Drinks & 2-Med Fries To Make It A Meal For Only **\$13.99**

**\$8.99**

The fun favorite.

**McDonald's®**  
605 College Ave.  
Levelland, TX

Clay Miller

## AG TEXAS

FARM CREDIT SERVICES

P.O. Box 923  
Ralls, TX 79357  
Office (806) 253-2506  
Fax (806) 253-2060  
Cell (806) 392-3920  
clay.miller@agtxexas.com

LOANS FOR  
Real Estate

## IMPACT!

CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Rodney Oden  
Account Representative

Mobile 806.201.1434  
roden@impactchemtech.com

1002 E. Main  
Post, TX 79356

Compliments of

## Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility

Management & Training Corporation

WE SUPPORT OUR BOLD GOLD ALL THE WAY!

HAVE A GREAT SEASON!

## Legends



The four-masted barque Sea Cloud is shown Sept. 10, 2007, near Porquerolles Harbour outside France.

## The seven lives of Sea Cloud

Several years ago I became "phone and email friends" with Dr. Dick Ellis of Fort Worth. Dr. Ellis was for many years, the ship's doctor aboard the beautiful sailing yacht, the Sea Cloud. One year he gifted me with a wonderful book, "Sea Cloud: A Living Legend," by Kurt Groeber and Peter Neumann. Dr. Ellis has since retired but still enjoys sailing; in fact he and Mrs. Ellis will set sail out of Barbados for 10 days this month.



LINDA PUCKETT

The forward of the book "Sea Cloud" was written by actress Dina Merrill, daughter of Post heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post and husband, American financier and Wall Street broker E.F. Hutton.

Dina wrote the following: "As you may know, a great part of my childhood was spent on board Sea Cloud.

And what a magical time it was. I've always felt she is the most graceful and beautiful of all the tall ships in the world — and certainly a strong and seaworthy lady! Long may she sail!"

The Sea Cloud originally carried the name Hussar II. Built in 1931 at their request, the Huttons designed the luxury yacht for one purpose — to sail in style wherever they desired, whether it be for business, pleasure or adventure. And that they did.

The ship usually spent at least nine months of the year at sea and at port in many exotic destinations. Marjorie first laid eyes on her private yacht on Nov. 30, 1931, as it sailed into Bermuda. After 10 days of furnishing and preparing the ship, the Huttons embarked on their first voyage. After her launch the last week of April, the largest, four-masted sailing yacht ever built was christened the Hussar.

### Excerpts from "Heiress"

Dina recalled the wonderful times she had on the ship. One of the best trips for her was sailing to Galapagos.

"The animals were so tame; they hadn't ever seen humans.

Mother adored animals, too, but she seemed a little cold-blooded, too, as she had a large collection of stuffed animals. One day she wanted a flamingo for her collection, so she said to my father, 'Ed go out there and shoot one of those things. I want to have it skinned and stuffed.'

Because the family was gone for long periods of time at sea, naturally, they had their own doctor-surgeon on board to tend to medical needs as needed.

"(As) the doctor got out his scalpel and began struggling to remove the fatty tissue. My mother said, 'Oh, for God's sake, give me that knife!' She grabbed the knife, sat down on the deck and proceeded to do a quick, expert job of skinning the bird. I said, 'Mom where did you learn to do that?'

"Without looking up, she answered, 'From my father, dear, skinning bears in Texas.'

"We did a lot of fishing, and one day found a large land turtle and took it on board. Mother wanted it for its shell, but we got so attached to it she couldn't kill it.

"In Tahiti we met (author) Zane Grey, who told us the turtle was 150 years old. I used

to ride his back, standing up doing a ballet number. I tried to get him to go left and right with a kick, but that didn't work too well. So I got a stick with a green banana hanging on the end, and tried to steer him with that. It worked when he was hungry.

"One day mother had a green dress on, and he took the whole back out of her skirt. We gave him to the zoo in Honolulu...."

Sadly, the Post-Hutton marriage ended in August 1935. It seems Ed had a sharp eye for pretty women and soon it was so apparent that Marjorie could no longer ignore his actions.

After the divorce, Hutton signed over the Hussar to Marjorie, who loved the ship more than anything. Marjorie would later have the yacht re-registered under a new name, christening it — Sea Cloud.

I hope you have enjoyed learning some facts about Sea Cloud. Stay tuned for part two next week, we have only approached two of the seven lives of the Sea Cloud. Have a great week.

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

## Wilder's Nature Journal



Pronghorns are the fastest mammals in North America. They live in open prairies where they can see predators and run from them. They can run 55 miles per hour, which is kind of hard to imagine, but it's true.

They are called pronghorns because they have long, sharp horns that curve backwards and have a small prong in the middle of the horn. They have the body of a deer with longer legs, a shorter tail and a longer nose.

They also have white stripes of fur on their face, neck, stomach and rump.

Pronghorns are very curious animals. Sometimes they will walk right up to you in a feed pickup or even just out walking. They stare at you as if to say, "What are you doing out here?" I suppose they know that if you tried to grab them, they can outrun you pretty easy.

S.J. Dahlstrom is a Garza County resident and author of the young adult fiction book series "The Adventures of Wilder Good," based on 12-year-old Wilder Good, who lives in southeastern Colorado where the plains meet the mountains. Wilder goes on outdoor adventures that include hunting, fishing, cowboying and just about everything else you can do outdoors.

## Poka Lambro Scholarships Available

Poka Lambro is now accepting applications for \$2500 scholarships. Area high school students whose parents are customers of Poka Lambro may apply. Recipients are selected based on the following criteria:

- Academic achievement
  - Involvement in extra-curricular activities
  - Educator Recommendations
- Eligibility requirements:
- Applicant must be graduating from an area high school

The parent or legal guardian with whom the applicant resides must be a customer of

Poka Lambro Scholarship Applications have been mailed to area schools and may also be picked up from any Poka Lambro store or printed from the Poka Lambro website — [www.poka.com](http://www.poka.com). Entry deadline is March 7, 2014. For additional information, please contact Amy Preston at 800-422-2387.

**POST, TEXAS**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Garza County residents are encouraged to help select the 2014 Post Area Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business and Citizen of the Year Award winners.

Please indicate your selection by choosing one nominee from each of the two categories below.

Please email ballots to [chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com](mailto:chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com); mail to P.O. Box 610; or hand deliver the Chamber offices at the Santa Fe Depot by Feb. 11.

### Outstanding Business/Organization

Must be a PACC Member

- City of Post
- Maurines Flower Shop/ Hudman Greenhouse
- Post Animal Refuge Center
- Post Sports Radio
- Xcel Energy

### Outstanding Citizen

- Peggy Ashley
- Chris Atkinson
- Patti Babb
- Brandy Fannon
- Patty Kirkpatrick

**Netflix for FREE!**

Another GREAT reason to get  
**HIGH SPEED INTERNET**  
... from Poka Lambro!

Go online & start streaming movies & TV shows.  
Watch what you want...when you want!  
Sign up by March 31st & you'll get

**3 Months of Netflix for FREE!\***

Our Internet plans are unlimited. No data caps or pricey overage charges to worry about! Enjoy unlimited streaming to your TV, tablet or other device.

Who knows ... maybe you can even ditch the cable!  
Free installation with 1 year service agreement.

**POKA LAMBRO**  
Call today! **800-422-2387**  
[www.poka.com](http://www.poka.com)

Post 806-990-9901 Tahoka 806-561-5600 Seagraves 806-387-3333

\*Offer good through 3/31/14. Must sign up for 4Mbps or faster. Subject to credit approval. Other restrictions may apply. See store for details.

# Post Classifieds

PHONE: 806-495-2816 • EMAIL: THEPOSTCITYDISPATCH@GMAIL.COM • 123 E. MAIN STREET, POST TEXAS

### HELP WANTED

**DRIVERS:** Average up to \$1,100 to \$1,500/wk! 5 Day Work Week, Dedicated WTX runs in Assigned Trucks! Excellent Benefits. CDL-A, X 1yr Exp & TWIC Req. Martin Transport: 1-855-206-6364. (0221c)

Brazos Valley Care Home is taking applications for Licensed Vocational Nurse. Apply in person at

605 S. Ave. F, Knox City. (0206c)

Knox County Hospital is accepting applications for a full-time Non-Certified X-Ray Technician. Weekends and on-call time required. Contact Kay Wright at 940.657.3535. Knox County Hospital is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 0213c

Knox County Hospital is accepting applications for full-time RN and LVN,

7pm - 7am. Benefits. 2 days on - 4 days off. Contact Sheila Kuehler at 940.657.3535. Knox County Hospital is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 0213c

### REAL ESTATE

**BORDEN COUNTY.** 4BR/3BA home in Gail within walking distance from school; 2,624 s.f. on approx. 3/4 acre. New metal roof; sheet metal fence. Call 806-790-4298. (0207c)

**STONEWALL COUNTY.** 3/2 house, double garage, 2 living areas, den, dining room and eat in kitchen, sunroom, fireplace, dishwasher, disposal, new oven, total electric, metal roof. 749 Smith, Aspermont. Call 940-989-3129 for appointment. (0227p)

**KNOX COUNTY.** 3BD

home in Benjamin, 12 miles north of Knox City; central A/C, 2 fenced lots, cellar, barn, new metal roof. Call 806-254-2210. (0227p)

**PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!**

**Advertise Here!!!**

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

### ELECTRICAL LINEMAN

South Plains Electric Cooperative is accepting applications for a lineman in Spur, TX. Performs diverse work erecting, repairing and operating distribution facilities. Works on energized lines, structures and equipment involving electricity distribution. Must have a current CDL or be willing to get a CDL within 90 days. Requires an excellent driving record. SPEC does pre-employment background checks and drug screens. We are willing to hire an apprentice lineman. However, the applicant will be required to attend and graduate from Northwest Lineman College in Denton, TX. This will require them to live in Denton for 16 weeks. The cost of the school and living expenses while in Denton will be paid for by SPEC. Qualified applicants may apply online at [www.spec.coop](http://www.spec.coop).

Deadline to apply for this position is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7



**South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Your Touchstone Energy Cooperative

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

**Hiring full time cook & part time waitress at Ziska's. Apply within at 2515 US Hwy 84 Justiceburg, TX. 806-629-4543**

**Children's Eye Exams** Medicaid, Chip, Most Insurances 3415 19th Street Lubbock 806-796-2020

## OUR NURSES CARE

Applications for full- and part-time Licensed Vocational Nurses are being accepted at Gibson Care Center in Aspermont.

- COMPETITIVE WAGES
- HEALTH PLANS
- PAID TIME OFF
- ANNUAL RAISES
- LOW STRESS
- FRIENDLY STAFF
- SUPPORTIVE SUPERVISORS

Apply and submit your resume online at [smhdhealth.org](http://smhdhealth.org). For information, email [businessoffice@smhdhealth.org](mailto:businessoffice@smhdhealth.org) or call 940-989-3526.

**Gibson CareCenter** Security • Vitality • Independence 921 N. Broadway | Aspermont

**RE/MAX Lubbock**

**PROPERTIES FOR SALE IN POST**

<b>118 N. Ave. Q</b> 3/1 • \$53,000	<b>Mobile Home Park</b> Six units included \$170,000 Gross: \$2,625/mo. 100% rented
--	---

**CALL 806.799.4200**

**STEVE & BETH GWINN**  
806-543-5050  
[stevegwin@remaxlubbock.com](mailto:stevegwin@remaxlubbock.com)

## WE LOVE OUR CNAs

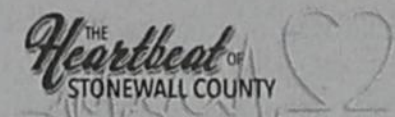
Stonewall Memorial Hospital is now hiring Certified Nursing Assistants.

- FULL TIME
  - PART TIME
  - PRN
- Our schedule is tailored to you!
- FLEXIBLE HOURS
  - 8- and 12-HOUR SHIFTS
- We offer excellent benefits!
- COMPETITIVE WAGES
  - HEALTH PLANS
  - PAID TIME OFF
  - ANNUAL RAISES

Our small-town work environment is unparalleled!

- LOW-STRESS
- FRIENDLY STAFF
- SUPPORTIVE SUPERVISORS

Apply and submit your resume online at [smhdhealth.org](http://smhdhealth.org). For more information about this job, email [businessoffice@smhdhealth.org](mailto:businessoffice@smhdhealth.org) or call 940-989-3526.



**STONEWALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
821 N. BROADWAY | ASPERMONT | SMHDHEALTH.ORG

**For Sale!**  
Small square bales, round bales and big square bales of clean, irrigated, fertilized **PREMIUM** Bermuda grass hay (580) 774-5477

## WE PAY! WE TRAIN! YOU LEARN!

We are looking for individuals who want to work as Certified Nursing Assistants in our facility in Aspermont. Gibson Care Center will begin CNA training classes Feb. 10. Trainees are PAID \$7.25/hr while in class, \$8/hr when graduated and \$9/hr upon certification. The three-week course begins soon!

For information, email [Steve.King@smhdhealth.org](mailto:Steve.King@smhdhealth.org) or call 940-989-3526.

**Gibson CareCenter** Security • Vitality • Independence

**Heartbeat of Stonewall County**  
**STONEWALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
821 N. BROADWAY | ASPERMONT | SMHDHEALTH.ORG

**Now Accepting Applications**

Post Housing Authority is now accepting applications for 1-, 2-, 3- and 4- bedroom units

For information on qualifications, please call 495-2233 or come by office located at 709 Caprock Drive.

Office hours are 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon and 1:00PM - 5:00PM Monday - Friday

**SMITH SOUTH PLAINS SLATON**

- Used Cars & Trucks
- Portable Buildings
- Car Care Center
- Sign Shop
- U Haul

US 84 and Division Street - Slaton  
[www.smithsouthplains.com](http://www.smithsouthplains.com)  
828-6291 - 1-800-692-4457

**RUSH REALTORS**

**Casey McNeely**  
For all your Real Estate Needs  
806-549-2103 [casey@rushrealtors.com](mailto:casey@rushrealtors.com)

812 West 4th  
2BD, 1BA • Great Starter Home  
\$69,900

**Donate A Boat or Car Today!**  
BoatAngel

"2-Night Free Vacation!"  
**1-800-CAR-ANGEL**  
[www.boatangel.com](http://www.boatangel.com)

**dish AUTHORIZED RETAILER** 800-315-3973

MORE WAYS TO WATCH. MORE WAYS TO SAVE.

FREE HOPPER UPGRADE  
FREE PREMIUMS FOR 3 MONTHS  
FREE INSTALLATION IN UP TO 6 ROOMS  
FREE HD FOR LIFE \$120/YEAR VALUE

ORDER NOW \$19.99/MO  
For 12 months with the SMART PACK with 24-months complimentary service

# TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK

## TexSCAN

**TexSCAN Week of February 2, 2014**

**ADOPTIONS**  
CHILDLESS, SINGLE, SUCCESSFUL woman seeks to adopt. Will be hands-on mom. Let's help each other. Financial security. Expenses paid. Call/Text Michele and Adam. 1-800-790-5260

**DRIVERS**  
BEST LEASE PURCHASE in the industry with 99¢/gallon diesel fuel, \$100 weekly bonus, new trucks, top pay and great freight lanes. Hirshbach; 1-888-514-6005 or [www.drive4hml.com](http://www.drive4hml.com)

**DRIVER TRAINEES NEEDED** now! Learn to drive for Werner Enterprises. Earn \$800 per week. No experience needed. Get your CDL and pre-hire now. 1-888-734-6710

**DRIVER TRAINEES NEEDED** in Hutchins, TX. Become a driver for Covenant Transport! No experience needed. CDL training gets you ready ASAP! Earn \$750/week + benefits! 1-888-778-0460

**EXPERIENCE FLATBED DRIVERS:** Regional opportunities now open with plenty of freight & great pay! 800-277-0212 or [driverforprime.com](http://driverforprime.com)

**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS-** Crude oil hauling 77%, 64% with trailer, line haul revenue without trailer. CDL-A, 1-year experience. Hazmat and tanker endorsements. Trimac Transportation; [www.trimac.com](http://www.trimac.com) 1-888-698-0172

**OWNER OPERATORS** Average \$3K/week! Be out up to 14 days, enjoy guaranteed home time! Weekly settlements. Cardinal Greatwide pays loaded/unloaded. Class-A CDL & 1-year driving experience. Fleet owners welcome. Operate under your own authority or ours! Call Matt 1-866-915-6177. [DriveForCardinal.com](http://DriveForCardinal.com)

**PAID CDL Training!** No experience needed. Stevens Transport will sponsor the cost of your CDL training. Earn up to \$40K first year and \$70K third year. Excellent benefits, 1-888-726-4130, [www.becomeadriverr.com](http://www.becomeadriverr.com). EOE

**PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE** OTR drivers, APU equipped, pre-pass, EZ-pass, passenger policy. 2012 and newer equipment. 100% NO touch. Butler Transport 1-800-528-7825; [www.butlerttransport.com](http://www.butlerttransport.com)

**ACREAGE REPO** with septic tank, pool, pier, ramp. Owner finance. Call Josh, 1-210-422-3013

**AFFORDABLE RESORT LIVING** on Lake Fork. RV and manufactured housing OK! Guaranteed financing with 10% down. Lots starting as low as \$6900. Call Josh, 1-903-878-7265

**15-20 ACRES,** West of Menard TX. Mesquite, live oak cover. Electricity. Native, exotic game. Starting at \$2950/acre. Low down, 20-year fixed rate financing. 1-800-876-9720. [www.ranchenterprisesltd.com](http://www.ranchenterprisesltd.com)

**LOOKING TO SALE** land? Reach over 2-million readers for one low price in the Texas Statewide Advertising Network. Contact this newspaper or call 1-800-749-4793 for more detail.

**\$106 MONTH BUYS** land for RV, MH or cabin. Gated entry, \$690 down, (\$6900/10.91%/7yr) 90-days same as cash. Guaranteed financing. 1-936-377-3235

**VACATION**  
WEEKEND GETAWAY available on Lake Fork, Lake Livingston or Lake Medina. Rooms fully furnished! Gated community with clubhouse, swimming pool and boat ramps. Call for more information: 1-903-878-7265, 1-936-377-3235 or 1-830-460-8354

**HELP WANTED**  
**WORK AND TRAVEL** 6 openings now, \$20+ per hour. Full-time travel, paid training, transportation provided. \*\*BBB accredited/ apply online [www.protekchemical.com](http://www.protekchemical.com) or [www.mytraveljob.com](http://www.mytraveljob.com). 1-208-830-9993

**HEALTH/MEDICAL**  
**VIAGRA 100MG,** 40 pills plus 4 free, only \$99.00. Save big now, discreet shipping. Call 1-800-373-8414 today!

**INTERNET/TV**  
**DISH TV RETAILER** starting \$19.99/month (for 12 months) Broadband internet starting \$14.95/month (where available). Ask about same day installation! Call now, 1-800-975-1332

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
**SAWMILLS FROM ONLY \$4897.00.** Make and save money with your own bandmill. Cut lumber any dimension. In stock ready to ship. Free information/DVD, [www.Norwood-Sawmills.com](http://www.Norwood-Sawmills.com) 1-800-578-1363 Ext. 300N

**TRAINING**  
**MEDICAL BILLING TRAINEES** Needed! Become a medical office assistant now! Online job training gets you ready. Job placement when program completed. Call for details! 1-888-368-1638; [ayers.edu/disclosures.com](http://ayers.edu/disclosures.com)

**YOU CAN BECOME** an expert in HVAC installation and repair. Pinnacle Career Institute Online HVAC education in as little as 12-months. Call us today: 1-877-651-3961 or go online: [www.HVAC-Online-Education.com](http://www.HVAC-Online-Education.com)

**REAL ESTATE**  
**ABSOLUTELY THE BEST VIEW** Lake Medina/Bandera, 1/4 acre tract, central W/S/E, RV, M/H or house OK only \$830 down, \$235 month (12.91%/10yr). Guaranteed financing, more information call 1-830-460-8354

**Run Your Ad In TexSCAN!**

Statewide Ad .....	\$550
290 Newspapers, 871,154 Circulation	
North Region Only .....	\$250
93 Newspapers, 297,505 Circulation	
South Region Only .....	\$250
97 Newspapers, 366,627 Circulation	
West Region Only .....	\$250
98 Newspapers, 205,950 Circulation	








To Order: Call this Newspaper direct, or call Texas Press Service at 1-800-749-4793 Today!

NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 1-800-621-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is [www.ftc.gov/bizop](http://www.ftc.gov/bizop)


Extend your advertising reach with TexSCAN, your Statewide Classified Ad Network.

### Post Dispatch Weather Summary

#### Post's Seven Day Forecast

						
<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny 37 / 19	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny 43 / 16	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny 39 / 25	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Sunny 49 / 30	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy 51 / 32	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy 52 / 34	<b>Thursday</b> Mostly Sunny 52 / 31

#### Local UV Index



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

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

#### Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 37°, humidity of 42%. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 77° set in 2009. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 19°. West southwest wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 10° set in 1989. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 43°, humidity of 34%. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 16°. North wind 15 to 20 mph.

#### Weather Trivia

Humidity is measured by what device?

Answer: A hygrometer.

#### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	7:06-9:06	6:36-8:36	Tue	10:17-12:17	9:47-11:47
Sat	7:55-9:55	7:25-9:25	Wed	11:03-1:03	10:33-12:33
Sun	8:43-10:43	8:13-10:13	Thu	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00
Mon	9:31-11:31	9:01-11:01			

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

#### Weather History

**Feb. 7, 1978** - The worst winter storm of record struck coastal New England. The storm produced 27.5 inches of snow at Boston and nearly 50 inches in northeastern Rhode Island. The 14-foot tide at Portland, Maine was probably the highest tide of the century.

**Feb. 8, 1987** - A powerful storm hit the Great Lakes region. North winds of 50 to 70 mph raised the water level of southern Lake Michigan two feet and produced waves 12 to 18 feet high, causing seven million dollars damage along the Chicago area shoreline.

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:35 a.m.	6:23 p.m.	12:39 p.m.	1:52 a.m.
Sat	7:34 a.m.	6:24 p.m.	1:24 p.m.	2:46 a.m.
Sun	7:33 a.m.	6:25 p.m.	2:12 p.m.	3:37 a.m.
Mon	7:32 a.m.	6:26 p.m.	3:01 p.m.	4:24 a.m.
Tue	7:31 a.m.	6:27 p.m.	3:53 p.m.	5:08 a.m.
Wed	7:31 a.m.	6:28 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	5:48 a.m.
Thu	7:30 a.m.	6:29 p.m.	5:39 p.m.	6:26 a.m.

Full 2/14      Last 2/22      New 3/1      First 3/8

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

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
1/28	34	6	53/25	0.00"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
1/29	51	14	54/25	0.00"	1/28	0	2/1	0
1/30	78	31	54/26	0.00"	1/29	0	2/2	0
1/31	69	37	54/26	0.00"	1/30	4	2/3	0
2/1	48	28	54/26	0.00"	1/31	3		
2/2	32	22	54/26	0.12"				
2/3	31	20	55/26	0.00"				

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

#### Service you can trust.

**WINTER IS HERE!**  
NOW IS THE TIME TO HAVE YOUR HEATING UNIT READY FOR THE COOLER WEATHER!

## TANNER APPLIANCE HEATING & AIR

WE NOW DO ALL TYPES OF PLUMBING! TIM TANNER: 806-495-1612

## Dixie Divas

### The encouragement of a boy named Juan

Thousands of days — all those filled with clouds, rain, snow or sunshine — have passed since that time, yet the lesson sticks stubbornly to my heart.

For two years, I spent Tuesday afternoons volunteering as a mentor in an elementary school where



RONDA RICH

desperate country where, though it's hard to imagine, they had been even poorer than the life they found in America.

To the second-grade class I took myself weekly and found students who were eager for affection, time and attention. There was one boy in particular who captured my heart. He was tiny, almost to the point of being frail, with thick black hair and a cowlick that forced strands to stand straight up from the crown. His black eyes were huge, and those eyes when combined with an enormous smile covered most of his face.

His name was Juan. From the kindly teacher, I learned Juan lived with many family members in a rundown trailer mostly devoid of windows. When the winter's stunning cold roared into town, the only warmth Juan found was in that classroom where heat was plentiful from 8 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

One day when we were on the playground for recess, it was a particularly bitter, windy day, I watched as Juan shivered intensely, dressed only in a long-sleeved, thin cotton shirt. Looking around, I saw most of the children were without coats or sweaters. With the help of friends

and JC Penney, which generously offered a 25 percent discount on outerwear, we distributed brand-new coats and heavy sweaters to every child in that class.

But this story goes deeper than the outside of a child's body. It goes clear to the soul.

Juan was mostly smart but well behind the schooling of a normal second-grader because his parents could speak little English and therefore couldn't help him. Every Tuesday when I arrived, Juan would jump from his seat, risking the teacher's reprimand, and fly across the room to throw his arms around my legs and hug me tightly. He would then take my hand and lead me to a seat next to him where he asked to be helped with his reading. "Juan is very bright," said his teacher. "With a little encouragement and individualized help, he could do well in life."

I set about helping him in such a way, and he flourished. Once, I encountered him and his mother in town, and he ran to me and hugged me tightly, speaking rapidly in Spanish to his mother. She smiled broadly, hugged me and said, "Gracias. Gracias." She reached over and patted Juan's head, smoothing down his cowlick in the process.

Eventually, Juan disappeared. His teacher and I surmised the family had returned to a country where warmth is more plentiful than cold. But, for a period in time, he had found what his soul craved: encouragement.

It had been years since I thought of Juan until the email arrived from a reader who forcefully criticized me for a column I had recently written that had encouraged those who had the notion to write a book. He said I had cruelly given hope to people; that only one in a thousand might be published. "Ludicrous," said this man named Robert.

It's sad to see such harshness.

Encouragement is the milk of kindness. To give warmth to a person's body is admirable, but to warm his soul with hope is a gift everlasting.

It isn't for us to decide what the odds are for success or who should have it, because every person has potential to accomplish in big and small ways.

Please encourage someone today. There is no greater kindness.

Ronda Rich is Southern humorist, storyteller and best-selling author of "There's A Better Day A-Comin'." Visit rondarich.com to sign up for her weekly newsletter.

### Burglaries & Break-ins are on the Rise!



Protect your home or business with a **Monitored Security System** from Poka Lambro!

24/7 Monitoring! Easily customized to fit your needs. Just \$24.95 per month! ... Even less with a bundle!

**Peace of Mind ... from a Name You Trust**

Call to schedule a FREE on-site security evaluation. Ask how you can get a basic security system for FREE! Call today!

**POKALAMBRO Security**  
800-662-8805  
www.poka.com

Poka Lambro Security - License #B15273 - PO Box 1340 - Tahoka, TX 79373

## THANK YOU FOR READING!

### CAPROCK BAIL BONDS

Serving the West Texas Area

**Sherry Williams, Manager/Agent**  
Cell: 806.632.0623

101 E. 4th, Post, TX 79356  
PO Box 954, Post, TX 79356      212 W. Aspen, Crosbyton, TX 79322  
FAX: 806.495.3880

**24-HOUR SERVICE**      **806.495.2663** POST  
PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE      **806.675.0465** CROSBYTON  
FAST & DEPENDABLE

### Cryptogram Solution

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  
 A O E J D H V F I P S G N M X T R Y K C L U B Z W Q

" I N T H R E E W O R D S I C A N S U M U P  
 T M C F Y D D B X Y J K T E A M K L N L T  
 E V E R Y T H I N G I ' V E L E A R N E D A B O U T  
 D U D Y W C F I M V T U D G D A Y M D J A O X L C  
 L I F E : I T G O E S O N  
 G I H D I C V X D K X M

© Feature Exchange


## Family Harvest Church

faith for living

### Service Times

Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Prayer 7:00 p.m.  
(806) 495-1400  
Pastor Joey & Kathy Hamlin

# DRUNK DRIVERS WRECK CARS. AND LIVES.



**Save a Life**  
Texas Department of Transportation

**FacesOfDrunkDriving.com**