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Post council balks on ATV trail issue

By Kent Mahoney
The Post Dispatch

While Garza County commissioners have given the White River Municipal Water District proposal to add trails for all-terrain vehicles on their property around the lake a green light, the Post City Council has thrown up a yellow flag of caution.

Commissioners approved a resolution supporting White River in conducted their business Monday morning.

The Post City Council took no action Tuesday night regarding the same resolution, choosing rather to do some more research on some key factors.

Post Mayor Archie Gill said it was premature to consider a resolution when there are some unanswered questions.

"We don't want to say yes or no right now until there is more information on the plans," he said. "We have some reservations about liability issues. It can come back on us."

WRWD General Manager Tom Fulton addressed council and covered several key points of the district's proposal.

"We want to diversify the recreational opportunities at the lake," he said. "When the water is up, then there is no problem. But as we see now, water is down."

Fulton said water recreation has been a mainstay at the lake, but recent drought conditions have forced the district to think outside the box in ways to utilize the property and keep water rates from going up.

Councilwoman Anita Morris was vocal during the meeting, pressing Fulton for more information.

"My first and only concern, right now, is getting water to the citizens of Post," she said. "We don't know enough

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JP2 recount ensues as lone vote tossed

Provisional voter fails to show proof of ID; candidate calls for new count of ballots

By Kent Mahoney
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The race for justice of the peace has turned into a saga of such as final results of this election will drag on into next week. The counting of a lone provisional ballot has become moot, and the process will continue.

Jay Young, who challenged Angela Massey for the JP Precinct 2 position has announced his intentions for a recount of the votes. That will happen Monday morning. All votes were to be canvassed Thursday morning.

Appointed to the office, Massey is hoping to have captured her first full term to the office.

"The fact that is such a close race, I need to call for a recount," Young said Wednesday morning.

Massey is reserving comment until there is a result one way or the other.

This past Monday, a 5 p.m. deadline for the voter of a provisional ballot came and went without any fanfare.

County Clerk Jim Plummer, who is in charge of the elections, said the person who was to show their valid Texas ID did not come to do so.

That person did not have a valid ID with them on election day, as prescribed by election law. That triggered the use of the provisional ballot. The voter had six days to produce a valid Texas ID in order for the ballot to be opened and counted.

Massey defeated Young by the slimmest of margins, 119-118, in the JP2 race from last week.

The unsealed provisional ballot, when counted, could have resulted in swinging the election into a tie or would give Massey a two-vote margin.

'Tis the season



Rubi Rodriguez works the side dishes station Friday at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Post at the first of several weekly fish fries planned during the Lenten Season. Also pictured are Toni Ammons, Maria Conteras and Elenor Ortiz. Organizers said this was about the 15th season for the annual fundraisers. Plates are \$8, and service begins at 5 p.m. Come early as the line tends to be long.

Sharpnose, smalleye shiner Comment period re-opened in light of economic report

By Wayne Hodgkin
The Post Dispatch

The federal agency that has proposed listing two minnows native to the arid prairie streams of the Brazos River on its list of endangered species has re-opened the public comment period on the proposed rule while it also accepts comments on other portions of the plan.

Last August, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began the process to ask for protection of the sharpnose shiner and the smalleye shiner under the federal Endangered Species Act, while also designating as critical their habitat in 11 Texas counties in the upper Brazos River region, including Garza, Knox and Stonewall.

The listing also jeopardizes proposed reservoirs planned along the upper Brazos River, including the Post Reservoir in Garza County, the Double Mountain Fork



SHARPNOSE SHINER



SMALLEYE SHINER

Reservoir in Stonewall County and the South Bend Reservoir in Young County. All three reservoirs are seen as critical to serving the future water needs of the roughly 50,000-plus residents currently living in and between these areas.

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Post Notes

Events are listed free of charge as a service by this newspaper for non-profit 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.

Tabana Yuane

The annual sunrise wind ceremony predicting the upcoming crop season will be March 22 at City Park. For information, call the Post Area Chamber of Commerce at 495-3461.

Homestead exemptions

Garza County homeowners who turn 65 years old in 2014, or who has a birth date in 1949 or prior, is eligible for the homestead exemption on their property taxes. Contact the Garza Central Appraisal District at 806-495-3518 or visit the office at 124 E. Main St., Post, for information.

Renditions due

Anyone with business personal property is required to file a rendition with the Garza Central Appraisal District or face a 10 percent penalty added to the total tax. Contact the Garza Central Appraisal District at 806-495-3518 or visit the office at 124 E. Main St., Post, for information.

Rummage sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797 will have an inside rummage sale March 15 at the VFW Hall in Post. Booth spaces are available to sell food, arts/crafts or new/used items. All proceeds benefit the VFW. For information, contact Rebecca Jolly at 990-3128.

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Corrections

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

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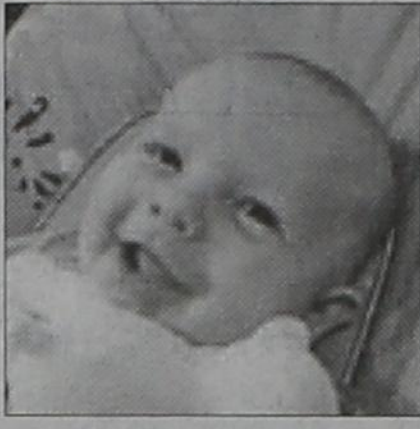
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Deaths

Noah Michael Shakespeare

LUBBOCK — The name Noah means “peace” and “rest.” Baby Noah Michael Shakespeare found perfect peace and rest in heaven in the arms of Jesus on Thursday, March 6, 2014. Noah was born to Dr. Andrew and Liesl (Quick) Shakespeare on December 17, 2013, at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, TX. During his too-short life Noah brought unspeakable joy to his parents, family and friends. From the much-anticipated moment he entered this world and “It’s a BOY!” was shouted until his final breath, Noah blessed so many lives with his dimpled giggles, his cuddling snuggles, and his bright-eyed wonder — all a testament to the undying faithfulness of our Heavenly Father. His parents and sister will continually praise God for the time they were given with “Noah Buddy.”

Just as far away as heaven
Just as close as the beat of our hearts,
And although we can’t be with you
We will love you wherever



NOAH SHAKESPEARE

you are.
Noah was welcomed into heaven by his Aunt Casey Shakespeare and his Great-Uncle David Quick. In addition to his loving parents, he is survived by sister Adelyn; paternal grandparents Hoy and Susan Shakespeare of Lubbock; maternal grandparents Dr. Don and Mary Lou Quick of Lubbock; great-grandparents H.L. and Mary Shakespeare of Levelland, TX, Dan and Geneva Michael of Pampa, TX, Don and Anne Quick of Keller, TX, and Neal and Maria VanderVeldt of Eureka, CA; Uncle Jason and Aunt Veronica McCullough (Humble, TX), Uncle Jon

and Auntie Allison Quick (College Station, TX), Uncle Daniel Quick (Lubbock), and Uncle Donnie Veralli (San Antonio, TX); and cousins Ashlyn, Kace and Zeke Lott, Colt and Barrett McCullough, and Nate and Caedmon Quick; and countless other family and dear friends.

We will gather for fellowship and remembrance from 6 -8 p.m. March 10, 2014, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. Family and friends will gather to celebrate Baby Noah’s life on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 2 pm at Trinity Church Chapel, 7002 Canton Avenue, Lubbock. A tribute for Noah may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may leave expressions of sympathy for his family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Parkridge Pregnancy Medical Clinic 5203 79th St, Suite B, Lubbock, TX 79424 or Parkridge.org/donations.

Wilma Ann Wardlow

GRANBURY — Wilma Ann Wardlow, 89, passed away Tuesday, Mar. 4, 2014, in Granbury.

A visitation with family and friends was held Wednesday, Mar. 5, 2014, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury.

Funeral was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Mar. 8, 2014, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home in Pampa, Texas. Her burial took place at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas. A visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home in Pampa.

Mrs. Wardlow was born Dec. 29, 1924, in Post, Texas, to E.V. Dooley



WILMA WARDLOW

and Carah Ann Redmond Dooley. She married Wendell Curtis Wardlow, Nov. 13, 1944, in Plainview, Texas. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Pampa and attended Stonewater Church in

Granbury. Wilma loved to travel, especially in the mountains. She enjoyed playing bingo and going to horse races, but shopping was her real hobby.

Survivors: Husband, Wendell Wardlow; children, Stan Wardlow, Rick Wardlow and wife, Teresa, Michelle Wardlow-Rivera and husband, Steve; grandchildren, Tavela Norris, Amy and Luke Morton, Amanda and Chris Wilson, Paydon and Raychel Ramirez, Falon Ramirez; great grandchildren, Kobe, Brenna, Tia, Mia, Haven, Ella, Ethan, Xaylei, Paydon Jr., Brinley, Macey, Isaiah; great great grandchildren, Jade and Lane.

Elsie Wright

LUBBOCK — Elsie Dale Joesy Wright passed away Feb. 28, 2014, after a short illness. Mrs. Wright was married to L.L. “Blackie” Wright for 30 years. He preceded her in death in 1978.

Mrs. Wright grew up on a cotton farm west of Post. After graduating from Texas Tech, Mrs. Wright taught school for 48 years. She began her career in the Close City school, then Post before moving to Lubbock. During her 40-year tenure at LISD, Mrs. Wright taught at Sanders and Thompson schools before teaching at Bowie Elementary where she was recognized as “Teacher of the Year” by LISD. She loved children and was a long-time member of Green Lawn Church of Christ.

She is survived by one son, Mike Wright; four grandchildren, Justin Wright, Jared Wright, Matthew Wright and Micah Wright Lykins; two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by Theona Josey; R.E. and Martha Josey; Roy and Loveta Josey; Royce Josey and Sandee Cross; Don and Joyce Josey Tatum; Charles and Loyce Josey Phillips; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Green Lawn Church of Christ, March 4, 2013 with burial at the Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock.

She is survived by one

Letters to the Editor

ATV park pros outweigh cons

The proposed ATV Park at White River Lake has become personal and emotional with many of the lake residents/lessees. There are about 240 residential lots around the lake, on which only about 40 are full-time residents; the other 200 are seasonal or weekend residents. Of the 200, there are a few who have become very vocal against the park and most of those have properties adjacent to the proposed park entrance. I am one of the 200, and I believe the park could be a huge economical boost for Post, Spur, Crosbyton, Ralls and their respective counties and surrounding areas. Rural America needs economic stimulation, and this opportunity should not be ignored.

Consider the cost. Who wouldn’t spend \$2 to receive \$10; and be able to work out the \$2. The contract with Texas Parks and Wildlife requires the loan to be repaid only should WRMWD fail to maintain the Park for the required 20 years. The lake is 50 years old and has been maintained! Do you really think the Board of Directors would not oversee and maintain the ATV Park as well; especially if there was any possibility of having to repay the grant money?

The revenue generated by the ATV Park will be used by WRMWD to help reduce future water costs; which will be increasing regardless, but will be less if the Park is successful as anticipated. The nay says say: only \$30K in revenue; is that not better than NONE? They also say property values will decline; really? could they be any worse with our lake in its current state? Need for more law enforcement due the new Park; I’m sure at the start there will be a need, but the Park will be generating income to hire additional help as needed.. What about noise? I wasn’t at the Lake in its heyday, but I’m told all of the campgrounds were over flowing as well as hundreds of boats on the water; I’m sure the noise was from Families enjoying what the lake had to offer, but it has been so long ago, many have forgotten what it sounded like. There are those who say the moneys should be used to search and promote more water for the lake. Believe me, I’m all for that, but this money can only be spent towards OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES; it cannot be used to look for water!

The ATV Park will be visited by people from all over the state and surrounding states; especially from adjacent cities such as Lubbock, Midland, Amarillo, and hopefully the Dallas metroplex. Attendees will spend money in the surrounding cities for food, fuel, repairs, lodging, and many other items. The Park will be an economical boost to the entire region. It would be much easier for the WRMWD Board of Directors to say no, but I believe they see the potential to the Lake and Surrounding Communities of what could be. I sincerely hope and pray that the ATV Park becomes a reality.

A.O. SMITH
White River Lake

(Mr. Smith also is owner/operator of the White River Lake Marina)

Towns can’t afford ‘grant’

This is in response to the proposed Trail Grant for an ATV Park White River Water District is trying to put through. Tom Fulton, who is the General Manager at White River Water District, and A.O. Smith, who is the owner of the Marina, are trying to get this “grant” passed without city officials and residents in Ralls, Crosbyton, Spur, and Post having proper knowledge of it. I have been told Tom and A.O. have been talking with the White River Water District Board of directors about this “grant” for the past 8 months, but our city officials and some residents have just found out about it Thursday, Feb. 14. I was told a copy of the “grant” was never seen by White River Board members, and so I provided a copy to one of the board members as well as to city officials at Ralls, Spur and Crosbyton. My understanding is Post officials have been to the board meetings and are aware.

The “grant” is not free money. This \$1 million will have to be paid back with interest if we falter in any way during the 20-year commitment. Our small towns cannot make a commitment like this. This park will do nothing but cost the residents of our small towns. After the park is built, who is going to pay to maintain it? The residents will have to pay for it with increased water bills and/or city taxes. We better get our priorities straight here. We don’t even know how much water we have left with these wells we are using. Our little towns cannot afford this.

LISA TINER
Ralls

NOTES

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One-act play

The Post High School Theater Department will host a public performance of this year’s one-act play, “The Caucasian Chalk Circle,” on March 24. For information, call the school.

Flag rentals

Local residents and businesses are encouraged to reserve a U.S. flag that will be placed in front of homes and businesses on seven days in 2014, including Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day. Cost is \$30 for the year, and proceeds benefit the Post Lions Club scholarship fund for graduating seniors. For information, email Byron Garrison at bgarrison@postisd.net or contact any Post Lions Club member.

Fish fry

Members of Holy Cross Catholic Church, 205 W. Main St., Post, will have a community fish fry every Friday during the Lenten season, March 7-April 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the church social hall. Plates are \$8 per person and include fish, sides, drink and dessert. For information, call Juanita Pantoja at 806-495-3059.

Post Pickers

All experienced musicians

and singers are encouraged to attend an organizational planning meeting for a musical group to be known as the Post Pickers. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church of Post, 216 W. 10th St. For information, call Scott Richards at 806-317-7413.

Benevolence account

A deposit account has been set up at Wells Fargo to help offset funeral expenses for the family of Alexandria Lee Courtney-Dean. Donations may be made at any branch. For information, call Jona Jones at jonarenea@yahoo.com.

GED classes

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

Close City Car Show

The second annual Close City Community Antique Tractors, Car and Toys Show will be April 5. No admission fee. Games, parades, food, vendors. Bring the whole family. Call Jim Ellis at 806-495-2753 for information.

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Calif. speeder jailed on drug charges

By Kent Mahoney
The Post Dispatch

A 22-year-old California man remained behind bars at the Garza County jail on Wednesday facing multiple charges from last weekend when he was stopped by state troopers for speeding on U.S. 84.

Sgt. Bryan Witt, spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety regional headquarters in Lubbock, said a state trooper stopped Jamie Morgan Davila's 2013 Toyota Camry about 8 a.m. Saturday morning when he was observed speeding in excess of 100 mph on U.S. 84 East, heading toward Snyder.

During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered about 10 pounds of a green, leafy substance vacuum-sealed in packages that field-tested positive for high-grade marijuana, 32 grams of suspected methamphetamine and a



Garza County Deputy David Reyes and state Trooper Isreal Perez showcase the estimated \$54,000 worth of drugs confiscated during a traffic stop Saturday on U.S. 84.

pistol, all located in the trunk of the vehicle.

Authorities placed the street value of the drugs at about \$54,000.

Davila was booked into the Garza County jail on charges of drug possession, driving while intoxicated and a weapons charge, according to Garza County sheriff's officials.

Davila indicated to law enforcement officials that he was headed to Aransas Pass from California for



JAMIE DAVILA

spring break activities along the Texas Gulf Coast.

The Paperboy

Putin: No more Mr. Nice Guy

I think it's safe to say that Vladimir Putin is playing chess while our leaders are playing checkers.

Raise your hand if you really thought that Putin, a proponent of the old guard of the USSR, would just sit in office and do what the "world community" wanted him to do. If you did, you may be as foolish as the Obama administration.

For anyone to be surprised at the actions of Putin and Russia is a sad joke. I mean it's not like they decided to be nice in the early 1990s and give up territory. They were forced to give up territory because they were broke.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

They're no longer broke.

I nearly laughed when Secretary of State John Kerry acted shocked that Putin is behaving like a dictator and grabbing what he thinks is rightfully Mother Russia's. Is our government really that

naive?

As someone who spent his entire school career having to get under desks during drills in case we were nuked, mark me as one who has not trusted Russia and will likely never trust Russia. For the life of me, I can't understand why someone would. They've never acted like an ally and have frequently opposed the United States on many issues in front of the United Nations and other world bodies.

The USSR did not stop being a hostile communist regime because they had a change of heart. They have not evolved. And I have a feeling that they are not going to yield in Crimea.

This "world community" fantasy the Obama administration believes in is not real. The Chinese still treat great portions of their population like slaves, countries in the Middle East keep an iron fist on women, and Russia yearns to be a super power again.

And what is the United States doing

about it? We're slashing defense spending, firing generals and admirals, and trying to be everyone's best friend.

If Obama wants to reach the world with his message, he's going to have to put down his checker board and learn some chess. Or else we'll be in the late 1970s all over again with a wrecked economy, bad troop morale and ineffective leadership. Oops ... I guess we already are.

A real quick word about being in the newspaper business:

When someone screws up, which we all do, and it ends up in the newspaper, remember how the scenario unfolded.

If you're going to go out and commit a crime, don't be surprised if your name ends up in the newspaper. And when you and your family are livid at me for making it public knowledge, perhaps you should take a long look in the mirror and figure out how the whole mess started in the first place.

I've placed the names of family, friends and loved ones in my own newspapers. Had I not done that, what message would that send to others who've ended up in print? What does it say about my credibility if I chose favorites?

These are small towns where everyone either knows everyone or is somewhat familiar with them. I get that. It's not fun when one of ours messes up and it's very easy to blame others.

Most of us, at some point, come to the realization that we are responsible for our own actions. Sometimes it happens immediately and sometimes it takes a few years. Of course, that never stops people from getting angry with the local paper and probably never will.

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Menus

MENUS: Week of March 17-21

Trailblazers

Lunch

Monday: German sausage, sauerkraut, potato salad, cookies, cornbread
Tuesday: Lasagna, Italian veggies, peanut butter cup, garlic bread
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, creamy potatoes, green beans, strawberry upside down cake, wheat

rolls

Thursday: Chicken strips on a bun, fries, brownie
Friday: Taco pie, Spanish rice, beans, Jell-O, chips

All Post and Southland schools will be closed for spring break March 17-21. Classes will resume March 24. Menus for the week of March 24-28 will appear in the March 21 issue.

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.

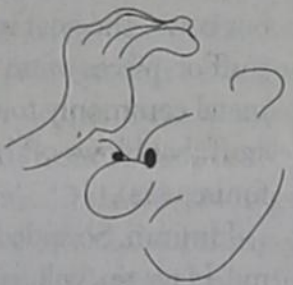
Hint: Quote by Woody Allen

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

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

When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district before May 1 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2014 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it before May 1. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

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

For more information, call or come by:

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

or on the Web at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax

A public service announcement courtesy of your county appraisal district

A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

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

Who qualifies for an exemption?

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

Are other exemptions available?

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

If you are a disabled veteran, surviving spouse or surviving child of a disabled veteran, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of a portion of the appraised value of your residence homestead. This includes homestead donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans.

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

If you are the surviving spouse of a U.S. armed services member killed in action, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your residence homestead.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2013, you won't need to reapply for 2014 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home -- or if you've moved to a new home -- you'll need to file an exemption for 2014. If you are age 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you become 65. And if you became disabled, you may file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

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

Garza Central Appraisal District
124 East Main
P.O. Drawer F
Post, Texas 79356
(806) 495-3518

or on the Web at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax

A public service announcement courtesy of your county appraisal district

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

Does this apply to you?

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

What is a rendition?

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

What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
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Legends The sixth life of Sea Cloud

(Editor's note: This week's Legends column by Ms. Puckett is the sixth installment of a seven-part series on the S.S. Sea Cloud, the sailing yacht once owned by Post heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post. I'm thoroughly enjoying reading about the ship's storied and fascinating history. I hope y'all are, too.)

Part six of the "Seven Lives of the Sea Cloud" continues with the notorious dictator, Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molinas, as the new owner of the famed yacht in 1955. Sadly the beautiful Sea Cloud would take on a new name, the "Angelita," and in time would soon become a floating fun house.



LINDA
PUCKETT

Trujillo's bloody reign over the Dominican Republic began in 1930, proclaiming himself as president, and, in doing so, he amassed one of the five greatest fortunes in the world. He ran the country as if it were his private estate. In October 1937 his bloodiest chapter was written with his orders to his machete-wielding soldiers to massacre 10,000 people over the course of two days and nights. Some estimated the final body count to be more than 20,000 dead.

It was noted that Marjorie had little knowledge of the thousands of people killed by Trujillo, an ex-firefighter and ex-hood trained by the U.S. Marines, but as an insider in foreign policy, Joe Davies was well aware.

Trujillo rarely sailed the yacht, instead he motored around or just used the ship as a private houseboat. He would choose the destination, and the yacht would be there waiting his arrival.

Invited male guests were always expected to wear black tuxedos, regardless of the steamy tropical nights. Even the murderous dictator valued etiquette highly.

Soon after, the Angelita was given over to Trujillo's favorite illegitimate son, Rafael Jr., nicknamed Ramfis. At 3 years of age Ramfis was made colonel in his father's army and at age 9 he raised to brigadier general, and if that wasn't weird enough, while still in puberty he was promoted to Air Force Chief of Staff. Ramfis had attended American Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth but was refused a diploma stating there were rather noticeable gaps in his knowledge. Not to be deterred, Trujillo sent Ramfis off to study law in California in May 1958, taking the yacht along with him.

By June, the Los Angeles harbor birth No. 86 became the talk of the town with famous and not-so-famous starlets, such as Zsa Zsa Gabor, Kim Novak and Joan Collins, as Ramfis' playmates. He was known to show his affection by giving Ms. Gabor a black Mercedes and a chinchilla coat with a price tag of \$17,000 and to Ms. Novak who received a red Mercedes-Benz sports car. Joan Collins revealed in her bio that she had received a diamond necklace for spending one night on the Trujillo love boat, a.k.a. the "floating funhouse."

(Linda's note: Having read this I was shocked at the almost unrecognizable Kim Novak on the

Oscars the other night. Surely she would have been more beautiful as herself at 81 years of age, and foregone the plastic mask.)

It was reported that Ramfis dropped a cool million during his one-year stay in America while the Dominican Republic was being supported by American taxpayers to the tune of \$1.3 million. (Gee, that sounds familiar.) After some bad press, Trujillo Sr. summoned Ramfis and the yacht back to San Domingo.

By early 1961, Rafael Trujillo evidently had premonitions of his own death, for at one gathering of handpicked guests aboard the Angelita, he remarked, "Which of you is the Judas who will betray me?"

(I find it amazing that a person, who was capable of murdering so many, could readily quote Jesus as if he were him.)

On another occasion just before his violent death, he spoke to friends on board saying, "I am in good health, but I will be leaving you soon."

On May 30, 1961, Trujillo was mortally wounded by an assassination team of eight as he was riding in his Chevrolet with his chauffeur. They fought back bitterly with machine guns to no avail. The Trujillo era was over.

Rumors surfaced following Trujillo's death that he had melted down the country's gold reserve. Ramfis had the Angelita anchored at his house at Boca Chica. At dusk she set sail in the direction of Martinique. Part of the Trujillo clan were on board, the most prominent being Rafael Trujillo's brother Hector Negro and the corpse of the dictator himself. Ramfis had fled his country one day prior.

The Angelita was crossing the Atlantic on a direct course to Cannes. The new Dominican government dispatched a fleet of destroyers to retrieve the yacht, and an estimated \$90 million worth of loot on board. Weeks passed until they finally made radio contact with the ship's captain. He informed the crew and passengers that he was bringing the ship back to its rightful owners, the new government.

The last week of November 1961, the Angelita reached Las Calderas and government officials immediately went on board to search the ship. They found the embalmed dictator's coffin, and, when it was opened, there lay the corpse fully dressed and starting to decompose. Only between \$4 million to \$5 million was discovered in various metal caskets and suitcases. A few hundred million was believed to have been paid into Swiss bank accounts, well out of the reach of the Dominican government. Hector Negro, the dictator's brother, was said to have deposited \$11 million that he had hoarded in shoeboxes.

The playboy Ramfis survived his father by only eight years. The 40-year-old died in the wreckage of his Italian sports car in Spain just before New Year's Eve 1969. His favorite toy, the four-masted Angelita, was now renamed "Patricia" by the new government.

The final chapter happens next week.

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

West Texas Art Guild show is this weekend

The West Texas Art Guild's annual regional art show will be Saturday at the Colorado City Civic Center. The show is open to anyone 18 years and older and includes five categories: watercolor, oil/acrylic, dry media, photography and three-dimensional. Prizes will be awarded for the top three finishers, honorable mention and judge's choice.

Artwork needs to be entered before 10 a.m. for judging. The show will open

at 1 p.m. to the public, and awards will be presented at 4:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members, per entry.

A painting demonstration will be at 10 a.m. in the Civic Center's Thompson Room.

For information, call Carolyn Walker at 325-728-2184 or 325-242-0083.

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The 501 Continued in the checkout line

Checkout lines are like elevators. You get stuck between strangers. When you and others are progressing horizontally, conversations can happen. Such lines can be sources of free wisdom — especially at farm stores, if not at Wal-Mart. Not so in an elevator crowd. Everyone gazes collectively at ascending or descending numbers, staying mum. Elevator etiquette. I prefer checkout.

My most recent misadventure began with an in-line conversation at a store that sells baby chicks, trailer hitches, Amish jelly and more. I was buying cow feed. The man ahead of me was buying feed for his goats.

Easily influenced, I soon found myself switching to the type feed he was buying — supposedly better than the sacks of feed the man at the back of the store had just loaded for me on the dolly. Poor man.

Just one problem. How best to feed the more nutritious feed? The particles were smaller than the cubes I'd been dumping on the ground for our cows. The goat man said I should serve the stuff on pieces of tin (not tin per se but sheet metal commonly found on most farms — the stuff that blows off buildings and gets stored for future uses).

Hmmm. Sounded like a good plan to me. Have tin, will feed. But I envisioned our cows and the wind wreaking havoc with any unsecured lengths of metal. So, before serving the loose dry feed to our hungry herd on loose tin, I mounted the rusty metal to frames made

of old weathered lumber, mostly 2-by-4s, designing the makeshift feeders to rest on the ground, adding extensions for stability. I built three and loaded them onto the flatbed truck to haul to the feeding area. The longest was 15 feet.

If you drive a pickup through a 14-foot gate and you're carrying a 15-foot piece of anything loaded crosswise, look in your rear-view mirror to see the equivalent of a stupid video. Or just listen.

Not only did I offload the longest feeder in the mishap; all four sacks of feed went too. The dolly man would have thought justice was served.

Back to the house for tools and nails and a quick repair job.

Ultimately, I managed to pour all the feed into the ground-level feeders before the cows arrived from a distance. They didn't mind my workmanship. I minded the fact that some of them had their feet in the feeders.

By the time all was said and done, they did about the same amount of damage to each feeder that I'd done to the unlucky one in the gate episode. Nothing that couldn't be fixed. That's the beauty of shoddy work. When things break, they're easier to repair and look no worse. Hmmm again. Isn't designing to minimal standards an acceptable kind of engineering? Then, when things get overstressed you don't lose much in the process. Nice.

If everything breaks all at once, like the feeders, you've achieved uniform strength — a worthy engineering goal indeed.

Maybe I missed my calling.

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

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Baseball roundup

Lopes come up short in Brownfield tourney

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The Post Antelopes came up a couple of runs short of taking third place at the Brownfield baseball tourney as they lost to the host team, 10-9, on Saturday.

Post scored five runs in the fifth and two in the sixth inning, but could do no more damage to push the game farther.

The Antelopes played three games in three days with less than stellar weather conditions on Saturday.

Third place game

The Antelopes made it to the third place game via a 5-2 win Thursday over Lamesa, but turned around on Friday and dropped a semi-final's contest to Abernathy, 17-5.

Brownfield did all of their run production in two different innings, second and fourth, with five runs each.

Post almost took the lead with a five-run fifth inning.

Campbell Kirkpatrick led off the scoring barrage with a walk and scored on a Pake Jones RBI single to right field. Pake advanced to second on a fielding throw during the play.

Brayden Pyles popped out to first for the second out of the inning. Paden Babb had the first out of the inning as the leadoff batter. His line shot to centerfield was taken in by the Brownfield defense.

But with two outs, the Antelopes were not finished as they got back-to-back singles from Auggie Menchaca and AJ Escebedo.

With two on, Carson Kirkpatrick let loose with a three-bagger to left center field that cleared the bases and trailed 10-6.

Christian Pearson's double brought in Kirkpatrick before Dylan Pearson struck out to end the inning. Post now trailed 10-7 after their half of the fifth inning.



Post's Blaine Reece pounds a grounder out in front of home plate Tuesday in a 13-8 victory over Brownfield. Reece had two official at-bats, walking once and scoring a run.

Post held Brownfield in the bottom of the fifth, after loading the bases, with an inning ending double play that went Jones, to Dylan Pearson to Campbell Kirkpatrick.

Post loaded the bases to begin the sixth inning as Bapp, Campbell Kirkpatrick and Jones reached by two hit batsman and a walk.

Bapp scored on Pyles' fielder's choice and Pearson scored on Carson Kirkpatrick's two-out single.

Escebedo took the loss going three-and-one-third innings. He gave up 10 runs, only four earned, eight hits, four walks and four strikeouts.

Abernathy 17, Post 5

Post took the early lead 1-0 in the first when Babb reached on an error and advanced to second when Campbell Kirkpatrick was hit by a pitch.

Babb advanced to third on a twin killing initiated by Jones. Babb later scored on a passed ball.

Abernathy unleashed a torrent of scoring in their half of the inning nine runs on four hits by 13 batters.

Post is a young squad with only three seniors. The Antelopes did some more talking in the third inning.

Aron Lopez started off the inning with a walk and advanced to second on Babb's single. Campbell Kirkpatrick's single scored Lopez and left two runners for Jones, who stroked a triple to right field. Jones scored on a passed ball for the balance of the Antelopes' runs.

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Post 5, Lamesa 2

The Antelopes spotted Lamesa two runs in the second inning, but came back with one run each in the fourth and fifth innings and three more in the sixth.

Menchaca singled and scored on Carson Kirkpatrick's ground out to first.

Campbell Kirkpatrick's leadoff double paid off as he advanced to third and finally scored on back-to-back grounders to third by Jones and Pyles.

In the sixth with the game knotted at two, Dylan Pearson singled, took second on a fielder's choice by Babb and stole third base.

With ducks on the pond, Jones cleared the bases with a three-run homer to end the game.

Menchaca took the win going five innings. He gave up two runs, both earned. He struck out six and walked only four. Dylan Pearson got the save with one inning of work and allowed only one base runner.

Kent Mahoney

Girls softball

Weather hampers Lady Lopes' win at home

The Post Dispatch

The Lady Lopes softball team dropped a close one, 7-6, to Denver City at home on Saturday in weather that wasn't fit for man or beast.

A mid-40 degree temp and a howling northwest wind made for tricky field coverage on most plays. Any fly balls to the outfield were help up by 20-mph gusts and that made for some diving plays by players.

The lead changed hands a couple of times during the contest, but it was Denver City how capitalized on a four-run sixth inning to take the win.

The Fillies scored two runs in the second, one in the fourth and four in the sixth, while Post scored one in the second, two in the third, one in the fourth and two in the sixth.

Denver City turned two double plays stopping the Lady Lopes attempts at rallies. Post stranded runners in every inning across the board.

Lauran Record singled and scored Post's first run when



Callie Odom delivers a pitch from Saturday's home game against Denver City. Odom went three innings, striking out six batters. In the outfield are shortstop Kally Comeaux and left fielder Lauren Record.

she was knocked in by Chelby Morris in the second inning.

Callie Odom ripped a triple into the left field corner and scored on Rebecca Taylor's single on the next at bat. Taylor scored on Alexis Ramirez's single later in the inning.

Lauran Lynch, Quincey Quintana, Odom and Record all had singles the start the fourth inning, but only Lynch managed to score as Odom was doubled off on Taylor's hit that should have made it through

the infield. Post had a two-out rally going in the sixth and scored two runs off a walk to Odom, a single by Taylor and Record. Odom scored on a passed ball and Taylor scored on a fielding error by Denver City.

The Lady Lopes travel to Lubbock Estacado for a noon contest.

Kent Mahoney

Heavy lifter



Kent Mahoney/The Post Dispatch
Cambry Gilbert, a sophomore at Post High School, has qualified for the Texas State Powerlifting meet to be held March 22, at the Taylor County Expo in Abilene. Gilbert competes in the 132-pound class and his total of 1,035 pounds (400 squat, 205 bench and 430 dead lift) punched his ticket against 11 other competitors from around the region. Also competing at regions, but not advancing were senior D.J. Brown (148-pound class), who lifted a total of 1,095 (400 squat, 265 bench and 430 dead lift) for fifth place; and sophomore Jarred Curtis (114-pound class), who lifted 705 total pounds (285 squat, 160 bench and 260 dead lift) for eighth place. Michael Pittman is the coach of the powerlifting team.

Puzzle of the Week

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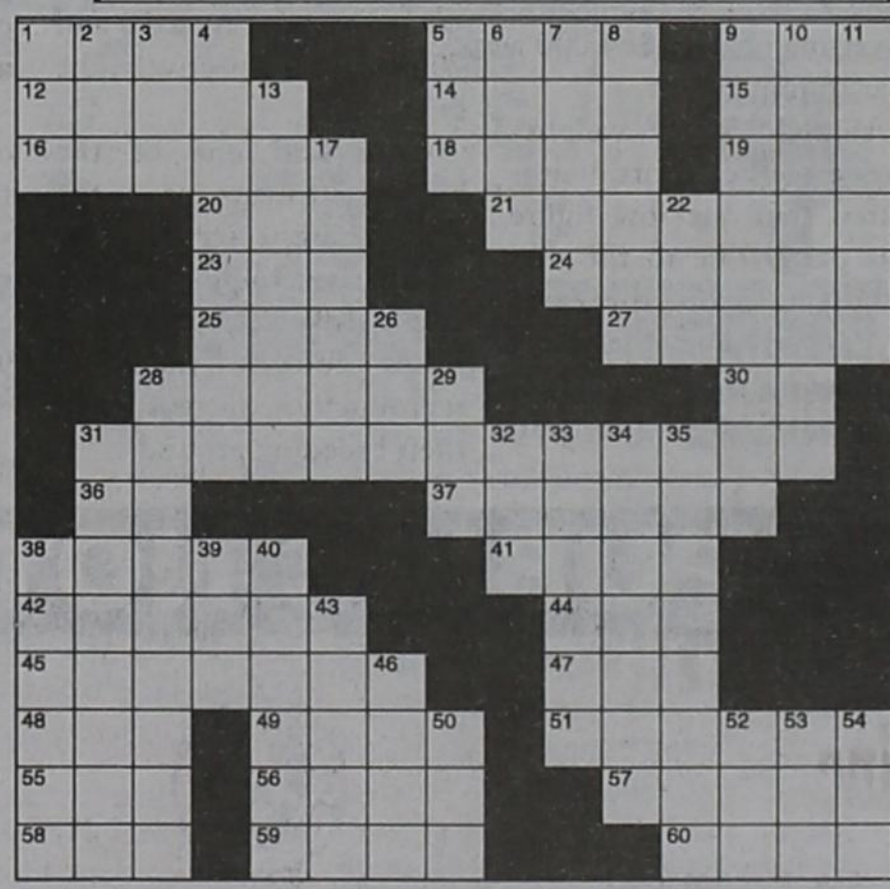
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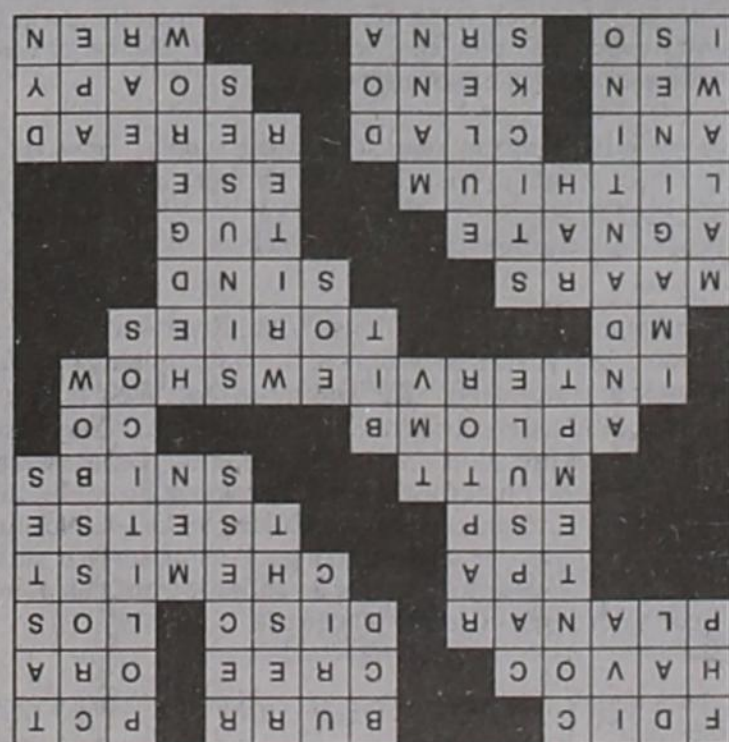
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about it right now to be for or against it."

On the other side of the coin are county officials who bear less of a burden for providing for water to county residents. In a word, the county is not in the water business.

Garza County Judge Lee Norman said the water district has the county's support.

"From what I've heard

from the commissioners, they are supportive the possibility of rejuvenating the recreational activity at White River to compensate for the lack of boating activities," he said. "I just trust the White River board to do what is in White River's best interest."

As previously reported, a federal grant has been awarded to the water district for the construction of 15 miles worth of ATV trails on White River Lake property.

Homeowners in the area have been vocal in their

opposition, saying the possibility of crime and high noise level would be a byproduct of the park.

City and county entities that sign on to this project do so knowing they are responsible for 20 years of the park's life. The grant has language to the effect that if the facility is shut down in that time period, then the \$2 million grant would need to be paid back. If all eight possible government entities do sign on, that would be a possible \$200,000 liability to each.

MINNOWS

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Public comments on the plan were curtailed after Oct. 7 but were re-opened last Tuesday when a draft economic analysis of the proposal was made available for public inspection.

Comments on both the proposed plan and the draft economic analysis now will be taken until 11 p.m. (Central Time) April 3. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted, as they will be fully considered in preparation for the final ruling.

Economic analysis findings

The draft economic analysis, as conducted by the scientists with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service field office in Arlington, attempts to attach a monetary value to the overall impact the conservation efforts would have along the 623 miles of the upper Brazos River throughout the 11-county region.

Such conservation efforts included those mostly associated with water management, including flood control and drought protection; transportation activities, including bridge construction; oil and natural gas exploration and development; and utilities projects, including water and sewer lines.

According to the report, the cost of implementing the plan would cost the federal government only \$84,000 a year to implement.

Among the weighty jargon of the report, it was stated that the low figure was partly due to the vast remoteness of the area in concern and the area's relatively sparse population — about 53,000; one-third

of which resides mostly in Young County.

The report goes on to state that the designation would have no significant impact on a substantial number of small business, nonprofit or government entities because none of those entities would be directly affected.

Furthermore, according to the report, the designation would have little to no economic impact on private property owners — as such impacts would pertain to the federal government — because only a few people own land within the areas to be designated as critical habitat.

Background

Research indicates the populations of these two fish — indigenous to the arid prairie streams of Texas including the upper Brazos River from Possum Kingdom to Post — as well as their habitats, are in decline, said Lesli Gray, spokeswoman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service public affairs office in McKinney.

"These two small minnows once were found throughout the Brazos River and several of its major tributaries within the watershed," Gray said. "They currently are restricted almost entirely to the contiguous river segments of the upper Brazos River basin in north-central Texas."

This represents a reduction from the sharpnose and smalleye shiners' historical ranges of more than 50 and 70 percent, respectively, she said.

Gray said one of the biggest threats to the species are reservoirs for which river impoundments would adversely affect the fishes' life cycles, including reproductive success, and their breeding grounds.

The maximum lifespan of these species is about three years, although many shiners live through only one breeding season.

The sharpnose and smalleye shiners both require wide, shallow, unobstructed flowing waters to survive, grow and reproduce. Federal officials first identified both species as candidates for ESA protection in June 2002.

Federal wildlife officials propose designating a total of about 623 miles of the upper Brazos River basin, including adjacent wetlands areas extending beyond the river channel by 30 meters on each side, as critical habitat in the following Texas counties: Baylor, Crosby, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Kent, King, Knox, Stonewall, Throckmorton and Young.

While the federal government's concerns about the dwindling populations of the two species are legitimate, Tom Fulton, executive director of the White River Municipal Water District, the entity which for the last 50 years has owned the permits to build the Post Reservoir, said scope of the issue is too narrowly focused.

"As humans — and, for that matter, as Texans — we should be genuinely concerned with our planet and protecting other species from extinction. That may be one reason why the good Lord made us a little smarter," he said. "But this decision has the potential to wipe out years of planning for the water needs of our own people."

"We're in the middle of one of the worst droughts this area may have ever seen. We're hurting for water. If we don't take care of our own needs, we won't be able to take care of anything else."

Junior high track

COHOAMA — The following results are from the recent meet at Cohoama.

Eighth Grade

100 M - 1, Shailey Miller, 2, Giasha Greathouse, 5, Caycee Holson
 200 M - 2, Giasha Greathouse, 5, Ashlynn Powers, Chole Reiter.
 100 M Hurdles - 1, Willow Gray, 5, Leslie Gill
 300 M Hurdles - 1, Willow Gray, Brianna Casillas.
 400 M - 2, Aisha Walls, 4, Caycee Holson, 6, Saidi Soliz.
 800 M - 4, Brooke Blair.
 1600 M - 2, Brooke Blair, 6, Victoria Porter
 4x100 M Relay - 3, Shailey Miller, Paige Ayla, Leslie Gill, Morgan Lynch.
 4x200 M Relay - 3, Shailey Miller, Paige Ayla, Ashlynn Powers, Morgan Lynch.
 4x400 M Relay - 2, Willow Gray, Aisha Wells, Caycee Holson, Leslie Gill.
 Shot Put - 1, Diasha Greathouse, 2, Leslie Gill.
 Discus - 1, Aisha Walls, 2, Morgan Lynch.
 Triple jump - 2, Shailey Miller, 4, Paige Ayala.
 High Jump - 3, Caycee Hoslson, 4, Leslie Gill, 5, Saidi Soliz.
 Long Jump - 6, Shailey Miller.

Seventh Grade

100 M - 1, Kiara Estrada, 2, Presley Cowley, 3, Marissa Luna, 4, Emily Rankin.
 200 M - 2, Presley Cowley, 3, Emily Rankin, 5, Marissa Luna.
 400 M - 4, Presley Cowley, 6, Summer Murray.
 100 M Hurdles - 1, Hanna Miranda and Marisa Gutierrez, 2, Marissa Luna.
 300 M Hurdles - 2, Alexis Rodriguez and Hanna Miranda, 3, Arianna Gomez.
 800 M - 1, Addisen Rodriguez
 1600 M - 2, Addisen Rodriguez, 4, Kiara Estrada.
 2400 M - 1, Addisen Rodriguez,
 4x100 M Relay - 2, Marissa Luna, Kiara Estrada, Miranda Perez, Arianna Gomez.
 4x200 M Relay - 2, Hanna Miranda, Marisa Gutierrez, Miranda Perez, Alexis Rodriguez.
 4x400 M Relay - 3, Ariana Gomez, Alexis Rodriguez, Marisa Gutierrez, Miranda Perez.
 Shot Put - 1, Aubrianna Perez.
 Discus - 4, Summer Murray, 6, Emily Rankin.
 High Jump - 4, Ariana Gomez, 5, Hannah Miranda.
 Long Jump - 2, Miranda Perez, 4, Marisa Gutierrez.
 Triple Jump - 1, Miranda Perez, 4, Presley Cowley, 5, Marisa Gutierrez.

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The Garza County UWCD hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 10th 2014 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

Dicky Wallace Prc. 2
 John Boren Prc. 4
 Ronald Thuett At Large

El Garza County UWCD por la presente cancela la elección que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el 10 día de Mayo de conformidad, con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:

Dicky Wallace Prc. 2
 John Boren Prc. 4
 Ronald Thuett At Large

Candidate (Candidato) Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta candidatura)

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El Día de las Elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la elección.

Ferrel Wheeler
 President (Presidente)

Ronald Thuett
 Secretary (Secretario)

3-7-14
 Date of adoption (Fecha de adopción)

PUBLIC NOTICE



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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the **WHITE RIVER MWD** water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for total trihalomethanes at 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on locational running annual average (LRAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for total trihalomethanes indicates a compliance value in quarter four 2013 of 0.095 mg/L for DBP-01.

Trihalomethanes are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water.

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We are taking the following actions to address this issue:

Due to prolonged drought conditions, White River Lake has been in steady decline over the past several years. Due to these conditions, the water quality deteriorated allowing organics in the surface water to concentrate. This was more than likely the cause of the violation for total trihalomethanes. As a result, White River Municipal Water District (the District) has gone to great lengths to secure additional sources of water. Grants were provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture for the rehabilitation of groundwater wells in the Ogallala Aquifer thus providing an alternate source of drinking water. In November 2013, the District began utilizing this groundwater source and ceased using surface water. The District anticipates that trihalomethanes levels will no longer be an issue from this point forward due to the lower organic content of groundwater in the area.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Tim Walker at White River MWD
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Post's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Mostly Sunny 70 / 38	Saturday Sunny 72 / 40	Sunday Mostly Sunny 61 / 35	Monday Sunny 67 / 39	Tuesday Sunny 72 / 44	Wednesday Mostly Sunny 71 / 45	Thursday Mostly Sunny 73 / 41

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 70°, humidity of 22%. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 91° set in 1990. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 38°. North wind 5 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 19° set in 1988. Saturday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 72°, humidity of 14%. North northwest wind 5 to 15 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 40°. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph.

Weather Trivia

What world city is the easiest to forecast weather for?

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Answer: Quito, Ecuador, with a year-round mean temperature of 55 degrees.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

	Peak Times		Peak Times	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
Fri	11:11-1:11	10:41-12:41	Tue	12:56-2:56 1:26-3:26
Sat	11:30-1:30	11:00-1:00	Wed	1:44-3:44 2:14-4:14
Sun	11:56-1:56	11:26-1:26	Thu	2:34-4:34 3:04-5:04
Mon	12:10-2:10	12:40-2:40	www.WhatsOurWeather.com	

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Full 3/16	Fri	7:55 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	6:20 p.m.	6:35 a.m.	New 3/30
	Sat	7:54 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	7:08 a.m.	
	Sun	7:53 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	7:54 p.m.	8:11 p.m.	
Last 3/23	Mon	7:51 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	9:08 p.m.	8:15 a.m.	First 4/7
	Tue	7:50 a.m.	7:56 p.m.	10:06 p.m.	8:50 a.m.	
	Wed	7:49 a.m.	7:56 p.m.	11:05 p.m.	9:28 a.m.	
Thu	7:47 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	No Rise	10:10 a.m.		

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days	
					Date	Degree Days
3/4	69	22	63/33	0.00"	3/4	0
3/5	52	31	63/33	0.00"	3/5	0
3/6	70	23	63/33	0.00"	3/6	0
3/7	83	44	64/34	0.00"	3/7	14
3/8	53	32	64/34	0.00"	3/8	0
3/9	65	24	64/34	0.00"	3/9	0
3/10	78	30	64/35	0.00"	3/10	4

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.

Weather History

March 14, 1987 - A powerful storm in the western U.S. produced 15 inches of snow in the Lake Tahoe Basin of Nevada, and wind gusts to 50 mph at Las Vegas, Nev. Thunderstorms in the Sacramento Valley of California spawned a tornado which hit a turkey farm near Corning.

March 15, 1988 - More than one hundred hours of continuous snow finally came to an end at Marquette, Mich., during which time the city was buried under 43 inches of snow. Unseasonably cold weather prevailed in the southeastern U.S., with forty-one cities reporting record lows for the date.

Dixie Divas Living the American dream

Somewhere along the line, it seems, people have stopped talking about the American Dream. I can't recall the last time I heard anyone, in person or through the media, remind folks that we live in the greatest country on Earth and that here in this land of profound freedom, opportunities abound and no one, regardless of race or level of economic upbringing, is held back from grand and lofty aspirations.

Have we become oblivious to what our forefathers came here to find? Have we come to take for granted this land of milk and honey where there is no class or caste system to detain us and where higher education no longer belongs only to the privileged?

I hope not. I still believe dramatically in this great country where a kid who is underprivileged or orphaned can climb his way to the top of industry, entertainment or politics. Or that same child can create a better existence and a solid, admirable middle class life by becoming a mail carrier or a utility worker or a fireman. He will have a dependable paycheck, insurance and retirement. I still sing the praises of a country where we are not destined to live solely the life into which we are born. We are restrained only by how hard we work and how long we dream.



RONDA RICH

An overnight package arrived recently and in it was an advance reading copy of the memoir written by our friend, actor Gavin McLeod. The next morning, I awoke in a pre-dawn hour, arose, made a cup of coffee and settled into a comfortable chair to read the book. Gavin, you may recall, made his mark in television in two highly successful, historic shows: *The Mary Tyler Moore* show where he played Murray and *Love Boat* where he was the stern but gentle-hearted Captain Stubing.

To know Gavin is to love him. He bursts forth with such enthusiasm, friendliness and warmth that it is like a tidal wave of happy emotions that sweep over you whenever in his presence. He also loves the Lord with all of his heart so the unsaved should consider this fair warning: He is bound and determined that everyone he meets will hear his testimony for he wants anyone within his massive reach to know the love of an almighty God.

After reading a few chapters of this engaging autobiography *This Is Your Captain Speaking*, I put the book aside and began to think of the American Dream and what it meant to the people of Gavin's generation. They struggled through the Depression, fought a world war and came home to build industrial America. They took advantage of America's myriad opportunities.

My own parents managed to leave the poverty of the Appalachians behind them. Mama gratefully took a job in a hosiery mill to make ten cents an hour. It was much better than the place from where she came where refrigeration was a wooden crate plopped down in the middle of a cool creek. It kept the milk and butter from spoiling.

Gavin, the child of a poor Irish family, grew up in Pleasantville, NY on what he termed as the wrong side of the railroad tracks. A drama scholarship to Ithaca College made him the first in his family to attend college. He knew no one who had ever made a living as an actor and, of course, his mother wanted him to have steady employment. As a roofer. He followed his passion, though. Despite the hard times and often a lack of funds, he persevered. He pushed through and found tremendous success by following his heart's desire.

The American Dream. Pure and simple. Why aren't we doing more to extol it these days? Why aren't we celebrating the opportunities of a country where the poor can rise mightily? Have we forgotten how blessed we are to be Americans?

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

New track



Kent Mahoney/Post Dispatch

The Post athletic department unveiled their new track facility Tuesday while hosting an area junior high track meet. Eight teams from around the area participated. The nearly \$2 million facility has a polyurethane surface and should be the envy of schools in the area.

Lions Club News

Submitted by Byron Garrison

Lions District 2-T2 Governor James Norton congratulates Post High School senior and Post Lions Queen Andi Soliz upon winning one of the district's annual Opportunities for Youth Contest.

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