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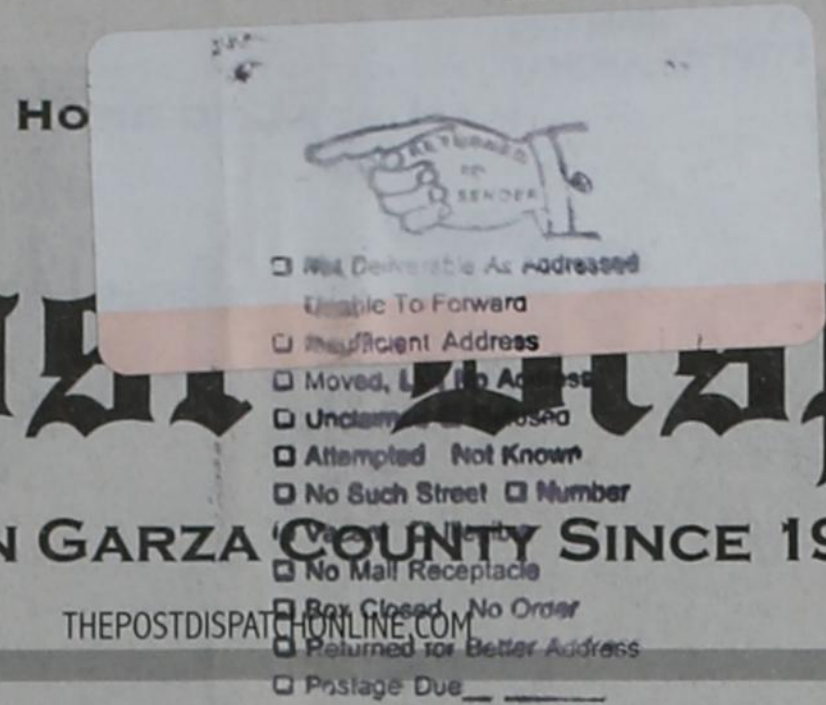
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False alarm



Post ISD police officer, Bobby Dean and his police dog Zara, aid Garza County Sheriff's Department on a traffic stop of an 18-wheeler. The vehicle was stopped at the rise of the Caprock on westbound US 84 Highway. GCSO Deputy David Reyes is inside the trailer and Dean and Zara performed a search for any contraband and illegal substances. Upon finding nothing, the vehicle was released to the driver, who was headed to Lubbock carrying crates of plastic sealer used on streets and road.

Photo by Kent Mahoney

Crashes claims one life, second victim injured

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST – A Big Springs man died of injuries he sustained in a one vehicle accident on FM 669, three miles south of Post, last week.

Henry Rojo Valverde, 55, was pronounced dead at University Medical Center in Lubbock shortly before 4 p.m. July 2, 2014.

According to DPS reports, Valverde was southbound on the Gail Highway when he came upon a left curve. He left the road and over corrected, crossing both lanes of traffic, went into a ditch. The impact was severe enough to eject him from the vehicle despite wearing his seat belt. He was driving a late model Chevy Silverado pick up.

There were no signs of impairment or distraction; however, officials believe that speed was a factor in the accident.

This is the second fatality for Garza County this year. In a separate incident, a 28-year-old Lubbock woman was transported to an undisclosed Lubbock hospital for injuries she sustained in an accident early Monday morning on US. 84 West, about one mile south of Post.

Charity Travis, 28, was returning from Fort Hood where she had just dropped off her husband. She was traveling westbound on US 84, at approximately 4:48 a.m.

Her 2003 Chevy pick up left the road to the right, she over-corrected and drove through the curve.

According to DPS reports, she was pregnant, but only suffered minor injuries. She was transported by Garza County EMS.

First West Nile case discovered in Austin

No problem in Post, yet

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of State Health Services confirmed the state's first case of West Nile illness of the season. DSHS is urging people to take precautions to reduce the risk of contracting West Nile virus, a mosquito-borne illness. West Nile fever was confirmed in a patient from Travis County. Additional details about the patient are not being released to protect the patient's identity. With the recent rainfall that we have received across Garza County, the West Texas area and all across Texas, the threat of WNV is growing. If you have been outside around

daylight or dusk lately, I am sure that you have noticed the number of mosquitoes has increased in the past week dramatically.

According to City of Post City Manager Deana Watson, the city does aerial spraying via a truck that passes through the neighborhoods at dusk. This is done on an "as needed" basis, but is effective in keeping the mosquitoes at bay. The best way to protect yourself is by using insect repellent every time you go outside. West Nile virus can make people very sick, with symptoms that can last for weeks or months. The West Nile season typically runs from June through October. Last year, there were 183 human cases of West Nile illness in Texas, including

14 deaths. The 2012 season was an unprecedented year for West Nile with record numbers of cases and deaths reported in the state. The intensity of West Nile activity in Texas fluctuates from year to year and is difficult to predict. It depends on a variety of factors including the weather, the numbers of birds and mosquitoes that maintain and spread the virus and human behavior. The season can last up until the first hard freeze of the year. To reduce exposure to West Nile virus:

Use an approved insect repellent every time you go outside and follow the instructions on the label. Among the EPA-approved repellents are those that contain DEET, picaridin,

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Streets in the city have been getting a new covering this week as 14 blocks were sealed with a new cover of tar and rock, otherwise known as chip seal. The neighborhood east of the railroad tracks of Henry, Jasper and Oak streets along with 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th were coated and sealed to the tune of just under \$100,000, which was the budget limit for the project. According to the city, similar projects will be explored each year for the same amount of money until all the streets are re-sealed. After that, the streets will be put on a rotation project as per need and available funds for future projects.

Photo by Kent Mahoney

City council talks property changes

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST – The Post City Council met in regular session Tuesday night and discussed a handful of topics.

Council passed a sale of property request for a parcel located at 627 E. Pine St. The fees of \$962.84 were satisfied with an additional \$500 for the price of the lot.

City Council and Garza County commissioners have attempted recently to collect a fair amount for the lots that cover the legal fees. By doing so, the property is then returned to the tax roles and once again become productive.

Also on the subject of property, council discussed closing the undeveloped street and alley adjacent to lots 55 through 64 on Pecan Drive in the Fred Robinson Addition. This is in the vicinity of Ave. O on the north side of town.

The discussion was prompted by a need to face any future property in a different direction. The matter is being turned over to the city attorney for a proposed ordinance that is needed to make changes to approved plats inside the city.

The council adjourned into a workshop session in order to prepare for the annual budget season, which is just around the corner.

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Welding Class

Adult beginning to intermediate welding class offered July 22 and 23 6-9 pm. Post High School Ag Department. Call Perry Smith for more information, 806-241-8061.

Fishing Derby

Fishing Derby will be held July 17th from 8a.m. till 11a.m. 12-and under welcome. Sponsored by the Post Masonic Lodge and the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Dip & Chip

The annual Post Rotary Rabies, Dip & Chip Clinic will be held Saturday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Post Fire Department, 202 South Ave. H. Proceeds go to the Rotary Club.

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Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Kent Mahoney at thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

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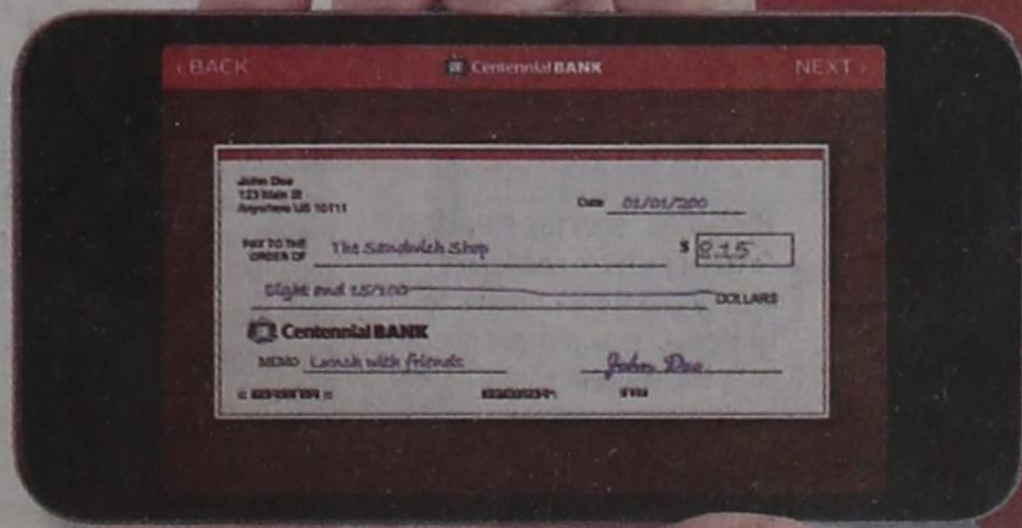
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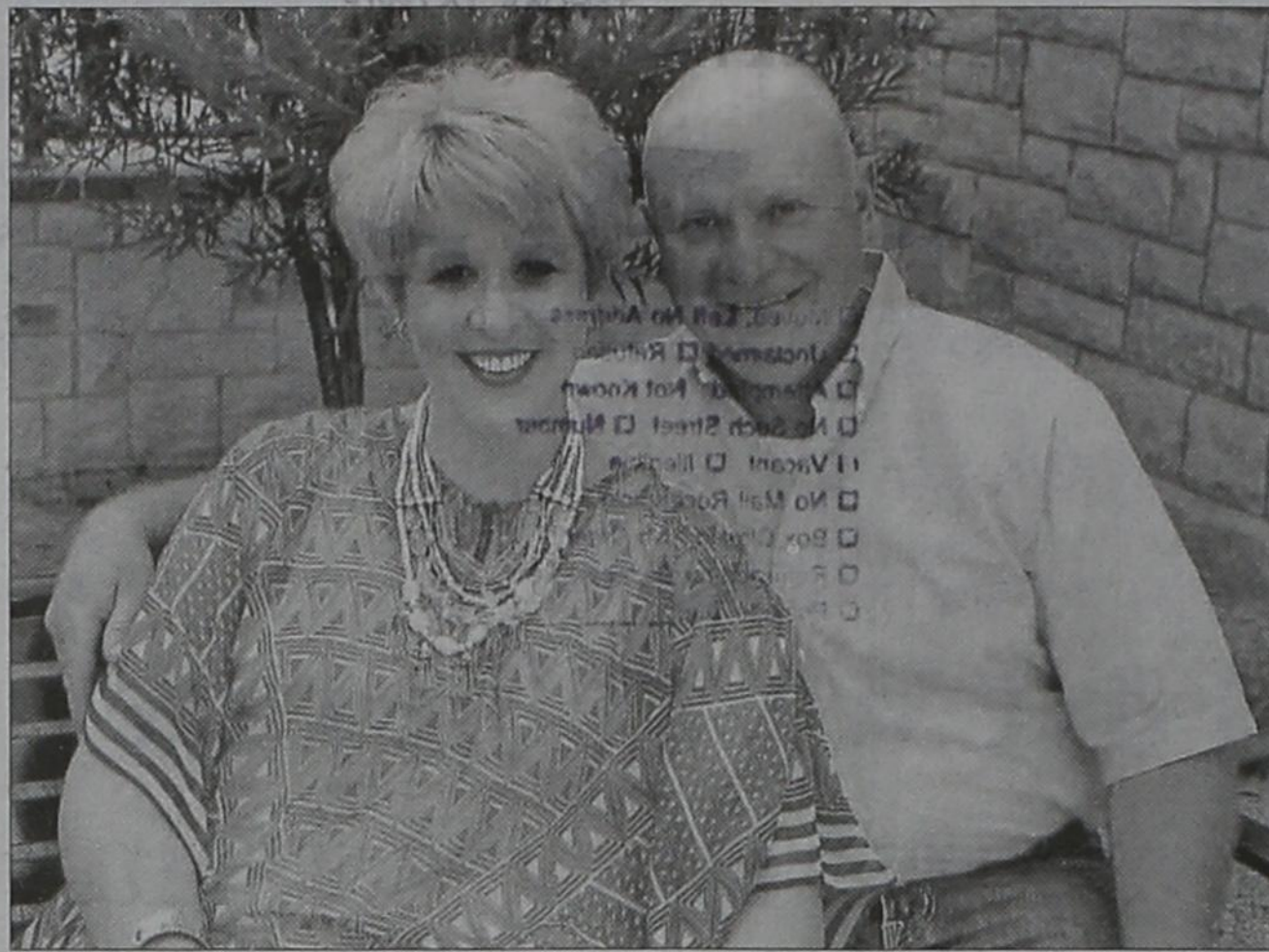
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Engagement



Darrell and Ruby C. Jones are proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Janell Lynn Jones formally of Post; now resides in Snyder; to Jeffrey Don Martin. Jeffrey is the son of Jeff and the late Sally Martin. The Wedding is set for September 20, 2014 at The Calvary Baptist Church in Snyder, Tx. Ceremony to begin at 5:30pm. Reception is to follow at London Bleu.

Yesteryears

10 yrs ago
The Garza County Health Care District Clinic, while still operating in the red, continues to see improvement in its financial figures, according to a report delivered to district officials July 15. At the board's regular monthly meeting, an overview of the clinic's June operations was provided, reflecting a deficit of \$9,922 for the month. That figure was down \$1,020 from the deficit recorded a month earlier, according to district administrator Tanya Boucher. The PNS-operated clinic reported a total of 571 visits for the month, up from 541 in May, and 948 procedures, up from 797 in the previous month. Charges were up approximately \$5,300, Boucher said, and collections were up about

\$1,000.
20 yrs ago
Post City Council met to discuss a number of topics including the Municipal Judge Report for June. During the month of June there were 52 tickets given out and 58 collected bringing to the city a total of \$3,038.00, the highest amount ever. The City of Post in their massive beautifications project has sent out 51 letters to residents to cut weeds/grass and to clean their property. The city also sent over a dozen more letters for reasons covering items such as, junk vehicles, junk on property or incomplete building projects. The sidewalk between Broadway and Ave I on E. Main St. is to be repaired and the City plans on moving ahead on their tree trimming projects originally planned for October. The Old Mill road will be marked with road signs that will include

it into the city area, though no address changes will be necessary.
30 yrs ago
The working cowboy and great cattle ranches are still a part of the Texas landscape and not just American folklore. Tough skilled men continue to ride in the legendary kingdoms of cows and horses, unwilling to surrender their place of honor in the Lone Star state to TV's J.R.s or any urban counterpart. Once again, these descendants of the Wild West will gather to complete in traditional contests in the fourth annual Texas Ranch Round-up, scheduled for August 17-18, at the Wichita County Mounted Patrol Arena in Wichita Falls.
40 yrs ago
The Post City Council voted at its regular July meeting Monday night to give a five-member com-

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sheriff Morgan,

We are writing this letter to express our thanks and great appreciation to officer Daniel Patterson.

We left Salt Lake City on June 25th heading for Houston to help my sister with her cancer treatment who will arrive there on 26th of June in the evening from China. After 1 am on June 26th we passed Lubbock city, then we suddenly had a flat tire. We didn't know where we were felt like in the middle of nowhere. We felt totally helpless. We took out the spare tire but couldn't find where the jack is. Then officer Patterson stopped behind us. He helped us find the Jack (which is under the driver's seat), and helped us installed the spare tire. He told us to go back to Lubbock to get help, also he guided us to find next place we can make a U-turn. As an officer, he does not really need to help us like that, he could just offer help of calling some road helper or whatever and went his way. But what he did really touched us. We are very grateful for his help, even though he said this is his job.

We do not know how to express our thanks, from the business card we asked from him we found you and hope you can help us to give him a reward or whatever that can help us to thank him.

Best Regards,
Guangde Wang and Julie Wang

Trailblazers Menu

For week of July 14th-18th

- Monday:** Chicken Tenders, Garlic Potatoes, Spinach, Pudding, Wheat Roll
- Tuesday:** Spaghetti/Meat, Italian Veggies, Cottage Cheese/Peaches, Garlic Toast
- Wednesday:** Salmon Patties, Butter Beans, Potatoes, Fruit Salad, Roll
- Thursday:** Pot Roast, Creamy Potatoes, Broccoli/Cheese, Jello, Wheat Roll
- Friday:** Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Beans, Mexican Wedding Cake, Tortillas

top ten
Most Popular Vegetables

1. Tomatoes
2. Onions
3. Lettuce
4. Green Beans
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8. Cucumbers
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10. Cabbage

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New Art Exhibit
The OS Museum has opened a new exhibit titled "Magnificent Works of Art Gathered Around the World" featuring the wood artistry of John Christopher White. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the museum located at 201 E. Main. The exhibit closes Sept. 27. For more information, call the office at 806-495-3570.

Flag Sales
The Post Lions Club is renting American Flags during the seven major Flag days in 2014 for \$ 30 for their PHS Senior Scholarship fund. The Lions will put in a flag holder and put the flags out during the year. Contact any Lion or President Jason Porter, Vice-President Chuck Ratliff or Secretary/Treasurer Byron Garrison.

Pictures, stories needed
Original pictures and family history and stories related to Graham Community are needed to prepare a community history book. Pictures will be scanned and sent back immediately to the return address provided. Please mail to Jane Mason, 109 Ridge Road, Post, Tx. 79356 or email to janemason301@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 wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/pplib to register. For information, contact librarian Peggy Ashley at 990-2149.

Taxpayer clinic
Students at the Texas Tech School of Law conduct free clinic for low-income taxpayers throughout the year to assist them with federal tax issues related to individual tax matters. Eligibility is determined by the federal poverty guidelines. For information or schedule an appointment, call Nancy Mojica at 806-834-7972 or 800-420-8037.

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

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

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Out and About in Close City

By Nancy Morris

I would like to welcome the newest resident of Close City. Violet Jean Norman was born on July 1, 2014 to Steve and Mary Norman. She weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. Congratulations Steve, Mary, and big brother Brock!

I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July weekend. Close City was a buzz with a lot of families getting together. Bunny Smith had all his brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews here for the holiday. Some came as far as London, England and New York to be here.

Lois Childs and Jim and Nedra Ellis had a house full over the weekend. Lois' nephew Dennis Custer and his wife Dianne came all the way from Fort Collins, Colorado for a visit. Dennis and Dianne's daughter Amber and her fiancé Jason from Windsor, Colorado also came to visit. Their son Jordan and his wife Wyatt and son Kress, also from Windsor, Colorado came for a visit as well. Lois' grandson Tim Prather and wife Connie came from Lubbock to visit. Jim and Nedra's daughter in law Rhianna Ellis

and her kids TJ, Emilee, and Natalie also came from Lubbock. Their son Tad was away in Mississippi for his job. Their daughter Mandy Guerrero and husband Joe, along with their kids Raul, Abby, and Ally came in from Amarillo. They enjoyed food and a big fireworks display that you could see for miles.

Danny and Susan Gonzales also had a house full on the fourth. Their son Steve and his wife Flora, and son Stevie came in for the weekend. Tino and Linda Alaniz also were there and enjoyed food, visiting, and the fireworks.

The Wilke's also had a family together on the fourth. G.B. and Robbie's sister Lily and husband Jerry Wright came in from Lovington, New Mexico. Jerry and Lily's daughter Jenny and husband Efrain Gonzalez along with their kids Lexi and Jacob came in from Silverton. They enjoyed food and fireworks.

That is all the news I have! Remember, you can email me ncmorris@live.com or call me at (806) 239-0838 for any news you want to share. You can also look up Close City Community on Facebook and see everything that is happening out here.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



The 501 Teaching is a Kick

Buried somewhere inside me is a fifth-grade teacher, sometimes yearning to get out. World Cup soccer has invigorated that alternate personality.

My husband doesn't know it, but lately he's been the make-believe student. Yes, that teacher in me has indeed been on the loose. It's why we had Belgian stew for supper last week – shortly before the Belgians made stew out of the USA.

Cuisine to physiognomy to national anthems, the teams playing in Brazil have presented opportunities to learn much about the soccer-playing world. That's everywhere but the polar ice caps. If I really were a fifth-grade teacher rather than a wannabe, I'd use soccer to teach all sorts of geographical and cultural stuff.

For now, my dream is unrealistic. My soccer-based approach to teaching isn't keyed to the unyielding state-prescribed tests of knowledge and skills.

Besides, it's summer. No school. Lastly, even kids who play soccer don't really want to watch the pros play long low-scoring matches.

All I can do is use my teaching techniques on my spouse. He likes watching long low-scoring soccer matches.

You've heard of soccer moms? He's a soccer husband.

But he doesn't know everything. "Why do the French have roosters on their shirts?" he asked.

That question should have been an easy one for me, French major. I didn't have a clue.

The French word for "rooster" is "coq," I told him, stalling. Then I did the research and learned the rooster is a symbol for France and also for the French-speaking part of Belgium, also known as Wallonia. Who knew? I didn't.

Soon my student-spouse was hearing all about the French rooster connection from me, newly informed by Wikipedia that "gallus" was once the word of choice for a resident of Gaul (the old name for France) and also the word for "rooster." Homonyms.

I didn't push my luck. Beyond the explanation of the sports logo, I didn't tell him French roosters say "cocorico" – something I actually did already know. If only I'd had some fifth-graders on hand, we soon would all have been saying "cocorico," and we would have asked ourselves what roosters say in the Flemish-speaking part of Belgium.

INTERNET PAUSE. It's "kukeleku" in Dutch and likely also in Flemish, since the two languages are essentially the same. That's a lot of learning from our original encounter with a soccer rooster, nest-ce pas? Verdad? Is it not?

We digress. But so what? Years ago the American Red Cross taught me to teach swimming skills "from the known to the related unknown." Example: The student learns the prone glide first and then adds the kick. Digressing is a similar process. You just don't know where you're going next.

Various private schools promote offbeat learning methods. Why not one for digressive learning? Easily distracted students would excel. Teachers who don't like lesson plans could see what it's like to teach without one. Staying on task would be discouraged. Everyone would chase rabbits.

Maybe there's a good reason I'm not really a teacher.

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 Stevie Wonder

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The Paperboy Complex thoughts; simple answers

I've thought of myself as an Independent for a couple of decades now. While I'm conservative on issues such as the Second Amendment and the economy, I'm more moderate on a variety of social issues.

Politics is local, as they say. What I see around me has helped form the way I view the country. I'm sure it's the same way with most of you.

At our core, I have this crazy notion that we all want many of the same things. We want good schools, we want to feel safe, we want to help those less fortunate, we want what's best for our children.

When you boil it down to the basics, I think you'll find that party affiliation means less and less the more local you become.

At the same time, even in small towns we have disagreements on the choices our elected officials make. But at least in a small town, you have the luxury of making an impact about how you feel.

We're lucky enough to have access to local elected officials.

Billy David Ballew made a comment the other day during an interview in Memphis. I said something about apathy in small towns and he said it wasn't necessarily apathy, but a matter of time. He pointed out how busy we've become as a society. All the running around we do during the youth of our children consumes a huge amount of time.

Billy happens to be at a point in his life where he is able to volunteer time. And that he does. He busts his butt to make Memphis a better place.

We find people like Billy all over our communities don't we? Maybe they're involved civically or maybe they keep score at the ball field, but they do contribute to the community.

The point is, I have no clue on how Billy votes. And at the local level, it doesn't really matter. What matters are the results.

If someone is willing to move into town and take a chance - make an investment - in our community, then party affiliation begins to mean very little to me. You know why? Because that person believes in small towns. They are sticking their neck out and providing a job or even jobs.

Every day I see incredible people and what I realize is these people - Democrats, Republicans, Independents - all want a better place to live. And more times than not, an agreement can be reached on how to arrive at a suitable outcome.

In Washington, Republicans try and make Democrats out to be America-hating fools trying to destroy the country. Democrats try and make Republicans out to be a bunch of old rich white guys that hate minorities and poor people. It's sad.

But when you keep it local, you'll see that Democrat as a pretty good coach who happens to be awesome in church choir.

You'll see that Republican as someone delivering meals on wheels who volunteers to pick up trash on the highway.

The ridiculous labels thrown around are becoming tired.

I know what some of you are thinking. Just a couple of weeks ago, this guy was throwing Obama under the bus.

Well, you're right. I accused the president of lying to the country. Then I came home, loved on my black nieces and fixed dinner for my family.

Life is complex. How someone arrives at an opinion is complex. But when you keep it local, you can find much more that binds us than tears us apart.

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4-H shooters win at District



Joby Fogerson and Kelson Lee take a moment to relax during the District 2 4-H Shoot, which covers 10 counties in the Texas Panhandle area. These two were the youngest representing Garza County. Fogerson took high overall average in the junior division.



Representing Garza County at the District 2 4-H Shoot held recently were (front row from left to right) Hunter Branam, Noah Branam, John Micheal Record, Kelson Lee, Joby Fogerson; (back row from left to right) Grant Garvin, Zeb Graves, Landon Greer, Lucus Record, Dalton Stokes, Hunter Graves, Tucker Lee, Dallyn Fogerson.



In a "first time ever" accomplishment, four Garza County 4-H members swept the High Overall Average at the recent competition shoot. Pictured are (from left to right) Joby Fogerson, Dalton Stokes, Grant Garvin, Zeb Graves.

POST - For the first time ever, Garza County 4-H shooters brought home all four award buckles for High Overall Average in the District 2 competition held recently.

"We are proud of all of our shooters," said Cristi Lee "They have put in a lot of practice and hard work."

The following participants placed in the top three of their age group:

Junior - Joby Fogerson - Trap second place, Skeet second place, 5 Stand first place, High Overall

Intermediate - Dalton Stokes - Trap first place, Skeet third place, 5 Stand first place, High Overall

Senior 1 - Grant Garvin - Trap second place, Skeet first place, High Overall

Senior 2 - Zeb Graves - Trap third place, Skeet first place, High Overall

Rotary News



Alejo Rodriguez spoke at a recent Post Rotary Club meeting about his experience at Camp Ryla, held in Capitan, NM. Each year, the Rotary Club sends two Post High School students. Rodriguez told club members about his appreciation of how the camp molds young adults. He said he plans on taking what he learned and apply it to his everyday life.

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Crop insurance to provide better protection

As the process of implementing the new farm bill moves ahead, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced changes to crop insurance programs to provide better protection from weather disaster, market volatility and other risk factors to ensure farmers aren't wiped out by events beyond their control.

Vilsack also announced new support for beginning farmers that will make crop insurance more affordable and provide greater support when new farmers experience substantial losses. The announcements build on other recent USDA efforts to support beginning farmers.

"Crop insurance is critical

to the ongoing success of today's farmers and ranchers and our agriculture economy. These improvements provide additional flexibility to ensure families do not lose everything due to events beyond their control," said Vilsack.

"We're also providing more support to beginning farmers and ranchers so that they can manage their risk effectively. We need to not only encourage new farmers to get into agriculture; we must ensure they're not wiped out in their riskiest initial seasons so they can remain in agriculture for years to come.

According to USDA, the changes in crop insurance

provisions, "provide better options for beginning farmers, allow producers to have enterprise units for irrigated and non-irrigated crops, give farmers and ranchers the ability to purchase different levels of coverage for a variety of irrigation

practices, provide guidance on conservation compliance, implement protections for native sod and provide adjustments to historical yields following significant disasters."

The changes also exempt new farmers from paying the

\$300 administrative fee for catastrophic policies. New farmers' premium support rates will also increase ten percentage points during their first five years of farming.

More information is available on the RMA website at

www.rma.usda.gov. Written comments on the rule can be submitted to www.regulations.gov by Sept. 2, 2014. All comments will be considered when the rule is made final.

For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

Local Talent



Kathy Whitten and David Mitchell sang a duet or two at the Post Annual 4th of July Celebration last weekend. Whitten is a local talent from Post and performs all around the Lubbock and Panhandle region with the Cadillac Jack Band.

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Regularly drain standing water, including water collecting in empty cans, tires, buckets, clogged rain gutters and saucers under potted plants. Mosquitoes that spread West Nile virus breed in stagnant water.

Wear long sleeves and pants at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

Use air conditioning or make sure there are screens on all doors and windows to keep mosquitoes from entering the home.

Symptoms of the milder form of illness, West Nile fever, can include headache, fever, muscle and joint aches, nausea and fatigue. People with West Nile fever typically recover on their own, although symptoms may last for several weeks.

Symptoms of the more serious form of illness, West Nile neuroinvasive disease, can include those of West Nile fever plus neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. Up to 80 percent of people infected with the virus will have no symptoms. There are no medications to treat or vaccines to prevent West Nile virus infection. People over 50 years old and those with other health issues are at a higher risk of becoming seriously ill or dying when they become infected with the virus. If people have symptoms and suspect West Nile virus infection, they should contact their healthcare provider.

For current case counts, visit: www.dshs.state.tx.us/news/updates.shtm. For disease background and more information, go to: www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/arboreal/west-nile/.

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