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Holiday extravaganza begins today

By Kent Mahoney
Post Dispatch

POST — While last week was the official start to the holiday season, this weekend will go far in kicking local festivities.

Starting with tonight's "Lighting of Main Street" and continuing through next week, Main Street Post will literally come to life with activities.

At 5:30 this evening, people will gather for a ceremony at the Courthouse to begin the process of lighting downtown, which includes businesses and a light tree at the corner of Broadway and Main St. in front of city hall.

Then, starting bright and early on Saturday morning, the monthly Post Trade Days will swing into gear with out of town vendors and downtown merchants, getting shoppers in to the Christmas spirit.

Silent Night Village will be open as well. Admission fee is required, and the Post train will be giving rides throughout the day.

At the Trailblazers facility, Five Stones Ministry is holding a fund-raising BBQ beginning at 5 p.m. prior to the parade and continuing until 8 p.m. Plates are \$10.

Members of the Post Lion's and Rotary clubs will be "ringing" in the holiday spirit with the annual red donation bucket from Salvation Army.

The station will be in the front lobby of United Supermarket, located in the 100 block of North Broadway.

Toys for Tots is also collecting toys and donations at Porter's Hardware Store, located in the 300 block of East Main Street.

Then at approximately 6 p.m. Saturday, the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade will snake through town. Beginning out on West Main, the normal route of passing by the nursing

home and heading through downtown via East Main and then turn around and head back west to the courthouse.

The fun doesn't stop this weekend.

On this upcoming Tuesday, Ruby Lane Books and Gallery will be hosting a wine and cheese tasting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in honor of a local artist.

Jane Lindsey will have her collection of tintypes from her series "Dan's Tin Toys." This unique art are matted and framed for ready gift giving.

Then on Wednesday, the community Christmas Sing will take place at 7 p.m. at Firth Methodist Church, singers and musicians from around the panhandle will perform for the public. A "love offering" will be taken to support Post Cares and Meals on Wheels.

The public is invited to attend.

All-District lists for teams inside today's edition

Post Notes

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

Open House

The Post High School is having an Open House on Monday the 8th from 6:30-8p.m.

Open House

Peoples Bank will host their annual Christmas Open House in Post and Slaton on Friday December 12 at 11a.m.-2p.m. Peoples Bank will also host Santa Claus on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 5820 82nd Street in Lubbock. Santa will visit with children, get their Christmas lists, and pose for photos. This event is free and open to the public from 9a.m.-12p.m.

Community Christmas Sing

First Methodist Church will be hosting a Community Christmas Sing on Wednesday 10, at 7p.m. All are invited to attend this festive event, with song and Christmas wishes for the community.

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Corrections

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Ian Torrens, (right side of the bucket) strings lights for the Christmas Tree on Main Street Tuesday night in preparation for Thursday's lighting ceremony. Helping him are Troy Copeland (also in the bucket), Aaron Rathbun, left and Austin Ham on the right. Paul Perez was driving the front-end loader.

Traffic stops yield drug busts

By Kent Mahoney
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POAT — Two unrelated traffic stops led to the arrest and charging of three individuals on drug charges.

On Friday, Nov. 28, a 2012 Dodge Avenger was stopped for traveling 66 mph in a 55 speed limit in the 1000 block of North Broadway shortly before 9:30 p.m.

The driver, Chen Qian, 22 of Dallas was being questioned by a Garza County Sheriff Deputy when the officer smelled the distinct odor of marijuana.

The deputy began to search the vehicle when Chen, who was outside the vehicle at the time, reached into the back seat for something.

Chen was placed into custody and put in the back of the patrol car.

A passenger, Han Bowen, 21, also of Dallas admitted to the deputy that the pair was traveling back from Denver, where one of them had bought the marijuana. Bowen accused Oian of purchasing the illegal substance.

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Locals honored at banquet

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and District 24-H hosted the annual Gold Star Banquet Monday night at the Texas Tech University Alumni Center to recognize 2014 Gold Star recipients and Distinguished Leaders from the Districts 21 counties surrounding Lubbock.

Kelbie Oden, daughter of Rodney and Marci Oden, was recognized as the Garza County Gold Star

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Courtesy Photo

Attending last week's AgriLife banquet were, (from left to right) Extension Agent Greg Jones, distinguished Leader award winner, Mark Kirkpatrick, Judge Lee Norman, 4-H Gold Star winner Kelbie Oden, event greeter Tori Huckaby and Nancy McDonald

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Deaths

Diana Sue Basquez

Diana Sue Basquez 48, of Post, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014 at Southern Specialty Rehab Center in Lubbock. She was born to Prudencio 'Pru' and Aurelia (Mindieta) Basquez here in Post. Diana attended Post schools and graduated from Post High School in 1984. She was active in the Band Booster Club and attended all the band activities. Diana worked in the concession stand as well. She is preceded in death by her Father: Prudencio 'Pru' Basquez; niece: Christina Aguilar and sister: Jackie Gonzales. She is also preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents.

Survivors include: daugh-



DIANA BASQUEZ

ter: Courtney Basquez of Post; mother, Aurelia 'Ana' Basquez; grandson, Arries 'Papi Chulo' Basquez; sisters, Cindy Aguilar and spouse Lupe; Gina Rodriguez and spouse Miguel; nieces, Rubi Rodriguez,

Evette Rodriguez; Nephew: Jacob Rodriguez; great-niece, Aubre Garcia.

Rosary was at the Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection was held Nov. 25, 2014 in the Holy Cross Catholic Church. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Giles Dalby, Jr., Felix Bustoz, Jessie Collazo, Jr., L.D. Harper, Roland Basquez, Mario Luna, Jimmy Valdez, Stephen Montoya and Kelly Baker. Honorary Pallbearers were: Aries Basquez and Jacob Rodriguez.

Menus

December Menus for 8-12

Post ISD

Breakfast
Monday: Pancake Wrap, Yogurt, Fruit Juice or Fruit, Milk
Tuesday: Chicken Biscuit, Fruit Juice or Fruit, Milk
Wednesday: French Toast, Bacon, Fruit Juice or Fruit, Milk
Thursday: Early Bird Sandwich, Fruit Juice or Fruit, Milk
Friday: Muffin Choice, Sausage, Fruit Juice or Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Monday: Steak Fingers and Gravy, Roll, Oven Fries, Seasoned Corn, Baby Carrots, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Milk
Tuesday: Pig in a Blanket, Baby Carrots, Steamed Broccoli,

Chilled Pineapple, Sugar Cookie, Milk
Wednesday: Tex-Mex Stack, Spanish Rice, Re-fried Beans, Salsa, Garden Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk
Thursday: Cheeseburger, HB Garnish, Potato Rounds, Western Beans, Diced Peas, Milk
Friday: Chicken Parmesan, Bread Stick, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Fresh Apple slices, Milk

SISD

Breakfast
Monday: Chicken & Waffles, Toast and Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Tuesday: Breakfast Club, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Wednesday: Eggs, Sausage, Cereal and Toast, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Thursday: Muffins, Yogurt, Toast and Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Friday: Breakfast Pizza, Toast and Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch
Monday: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Carrots, Breadsticks, Garden Salad, Peaches, Pudding,

Milk
Tuesday: Crispy Beef Tacos, Charro Beans, Garden Salad, Salsa, Spanish Rice, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk
Wednesday: Steak Fingers, Whipped Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk
Thursday: Beef & Bean Burrito, Tortilla Chips, Salsa, Garden Salad, Broccoli Bites, Fruit, Milk
Friday: Hot Dogs, Sweet Potato Fries, Cucumber Dippers, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk

Trailblazers

Monday: Polish Sausage, Cabbage, Baked Potato, Black Forest Parfait, Roll
Tuesday: King Ranch Casserole, Spanish Rice, Beans, Fruit Cup, Tortilla
Wednesday: Smothered Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Greens, Peach Shortcake, Wheat Roll
Thursday: BBQ Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrot Salad, Apple Cake, Roll
Friday: Lemon Peppered Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw, Jello, Hushpuppies

Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

The Post Lady Lopes picked up their second win of the new season with a victory win of the new season with a victory over Borden County, 61-43, in Gail Tuesday, November 23. Thirty five of the team's 61 points were scored by players off the bench. Laurel Tatum, Rachel Gray, and Donae Dalby scored 30 off the bench's 35 points.

Incumbent Ricky B. Smith will retain his seat as district attorney for 106th Judicial District following a recount of votes conducted last week in the four affected counties. County officials in Garza, Lynn, Dawson and Gaines counties were asked to recount ballots in the district attorney's race. Results from the recent gave Smith a 43-vote victory over Kingston by a margin of 6,249 to 6,209.

20 Years Ago

Shell Oil secured oil leases south of Post on the U Lazy S Ranch and drilled the first successful deep well in 1957. In 1958 the Paul Teas Oil Company drilled wells and the Shell Oil Company also drilled deep wells on the K Stoker and Kirkpatrick ranch east of Post. Many other companies and wells followed, one of which is the George R. Brown Company. Many tax dollars were brought into Post and Garza County from oil and Gas revenue. The George R. Brown Company alone has put well over a million dollars into the Post School District's property valuations for tax purposes.

30 Years Ago

Last Tuesday afternoon at their regular meeting, Cub Scout Pack 314 Den 2 enjoyed having Nick Vukad speak on the history, importance, and proper handling of our U.S. Flag. Mr. Vukad passed out booklets prepared by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States containing much information about our flag as well as cards with the Pledge of Allegiance on one side and The American's Creed on the other. He then instructed the boys on the proper way to fold the flag and helped them as they practiced.

40 Years Ago

Whoever said that the teenagers of today were unaware of how great and beautiful our country is never knew the kids at Post High School. The student council had a meeting and decided that it was time that PHS unleashed its patriotism and showed the citizens of Post how much we love god and Country. Every Monday morning there will be a flag raising ceremony and a devotional given to the student body. The flag raising ceremony will consist of the Star Spangled Banner played by someone and the pledge of allegiance by the student body. It warms hearts to know there are more than just a handful who are mature enough to show the world that they are very proud of what this great country has done for them and that they are willing to show this appreciation.

50 Years Ago

The Antelope Booster Club is planning on building a 440-yard running track for the Post schools on the practice field just north of Post High School. Eventually, the booster club hopes to build an all-weather rubberized asphalt surface. The booster club is using whatever profits are made from operating the concession stand at basketball games this winter on the project. The track would have a 220-yard straight away around a curve. Such a track has long been needed here for the development of the spring sport. Boosters have been working on the project since the close of the football season.

NOTES

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Pray For Post

The "Pray for Post" bracelets are still available and would be great stocking stuffers. All proceeds are going to help replenish the School Library. The bracelets are available at the Garza County Judges office and at the local banks and at City Hall.

Toys for Tots

The Post Lion's Club is conducting their annual Toys for Tots campaign. Registration forms are available at Post Elementary School. The deadline for the forms is Dec. 1. Students must meet qualifications of free or reduced lunch and reside or go to a school in Garza County, not all applications will be approved. Toy pickup will be held at First Baptist Church the week of Dec. 16-19.

Five Stone Fundraiser

The Five Stone Ministries is hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 5-8 p.m. at the Trailblazers senior center. Brisket dinner plates will be available for \$8, along with a bake sale.

Trailblazers Fundraiser

The Trailblazers are hosting a fundraiser for \$100 United Super gift cards. Tickets are \$1 each and five winners will be drawn today and another five will be drawn on Dec. 19. Both drawings will be held at noon during lunch. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets may be purchased from any Trailblazers' board member.

Thanksgiving Festival

The St. Philip Neri

Catholic Church in Pep, Texas will host their 69th annual Thanksgiving Festival on Thanksgiving Day, Nov 27, 2014 at St. Philip Neri Hall. The self-serve dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Cost for adult plates will be \$10 and \$5 for children under 6. Take out plates will be available until 2 p.m. at a cost of \$10. For any information on Nov 25th, 26th, or 27th please call the parish hall at 806-933-4355.

Star Lighting

The 21st Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain at the Borden County Museum, Courthouse and Courtyard in Gail, will begin Friday, Nov. 28, 2014 (day after Thanksgiving). The Courthouse and Museum will open at 5:30 p.m. for viewing, reminiscing, fellowship and refreshments. Santa Claus will be available to visit with the children.

The Greatest Gift

The OS Museum invites you to view "The Greatest Gift" A spectacular exhibit of Nativities, Creches and ornaments gathered around the world. Viewing is Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 - 5 p.m. (closed major holidays) 201 East Main and Ave. I (806) 495-3570 upstairs-handicap accessible

Gifted and talented program

Post ISD student may be nominated for the Gifted and Talented (GT) program no later than March 13, 2015. Teachers, counselors, parents or guardians may make nominations. If you would like to nominate a child for the Post GT program please contact your child's school.

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Post All-District Football



Aron Lopez #17
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First Team Punter
First Team Tight End



Shandon Wiley #2
First Team Receiver
Second Team
Secondary



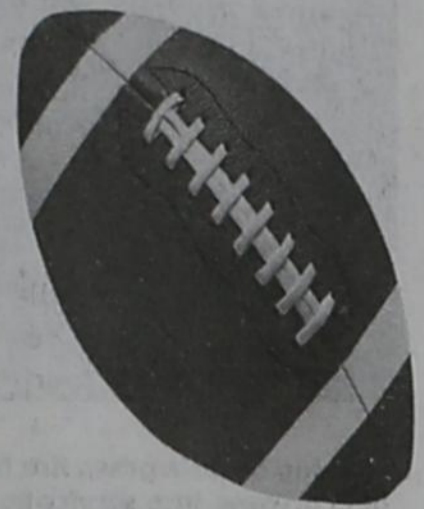
Cambry Gilbert #25
First Team Secondary
First Team Running Back



Jaybren Rodriguez #55
First Team Def. Line
First Team Off. Line



Jayson Walden #77
First Team Off. Line
Second Team Def. Line



Southland All-District Football



Kevin Dorman #1
District MVP
First Team Kicker
First Team Safety



Christian Sanchez #6
Newcomer of the Year
First Team Running Back
First team Corner Back



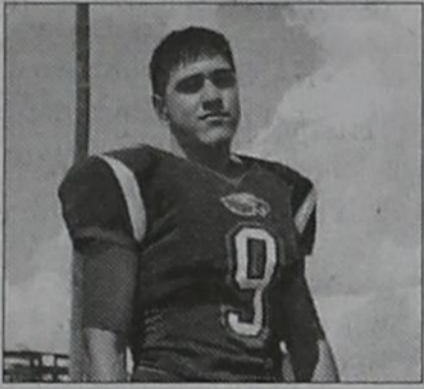
Zachary Vizcaino #26
First Team Running Back
First Team Def. Line



Ethan Self #44
First Team Tight End
First Team Linebacker



Demaria Fisher #12
First Team Utility Player
Second Team Linebacker



Zaron Garza #9
First Team Off. Line
Second Team Wide Receiver

District 3-3A, Div. II District Awards

- District MVP**
Jaquan Hemphill Sr. Coleman
- Offensive MVP**
Cord Norris Sr. Coleman
- Lineman MVP**
Jeremiah Salizar Sr. Colorado
- Defensive MVP**
Royce Harris Sr. Coleman
- Utility Player**
Michael Pherguson Fr. Post
- District Newcomer**
A.J. Reed So. Post
- First Team Offense**
Interior Linemen
Jace King, Fr. Ballinger
Oliver Sosa Sr. Colorado
Brandon Barrios Sr. Coleman
Walt Arnold So. Coleman
Jaybren Rodriguez Jr. Post
Jayson Walden Sr. Post
Zak Walton Sr. Coahoma
Phillip Bacon Sr. Coahoma
- Tight End**
Mason Burkey Jr. Coleman
Aron Lopez Jr. Post
- Receivers**
Jonathan Jackson Sr. Colorado
Trinnon Jackson Jr. Colorado
Shandon Wiley Jr. Da. Ballinger
Da. Michalewicz So. Coahoma
Ben Chapa Sr. Coahoma
- Quarterbacks**
Braxton Iden Sr. Coahoma
Dillon Gainey Sr. Colorado
- Running Backs**
Cambry Gilbert Jr. Post
David Sanchez Sr. Colorado
Kyler Franks Jr. Coahoma
- Full Backs**
Joe Melendez Sr. Coahoma
Kyle Boyet Jr. Coleman
- Kicker**
Aron Lopez Jr. Post
- Punter**
Aron Lopez Jr. Post
- Second Team Offense**
Interior Lineman
Weston Phelps Sr. Stanton
Rafael Gonzales Jr. Post
Cayden Steffey So. Coleman
Dylan Robles So. Coleman
Dakota Taylor Jr. Coleman
Justin Carson Sr. Ballinger
Brayden Thompson Sr. Coahoma
Austin Browne Sr. Colorado
- Receivers**
Jon Tomlinson Sr. Stanton
Skyler Buitla Sr. Coleman
Car. Kirkpatrick Sr. Post
Bryson Hammond So. Coleman

- Isiah Jennings Jr. Colorado**
- Quarterbacks**
Austin Garza Sr. Post
K.J. Glaspie Sr. Stanton
- Running Backs**
Alex Martinez So. Stanton
Clayten Crabb Jr. Ballinger
- Full Backs**
Blaine Reece Jr. Post
- Tight Ends**
Garrett Parrish Sr. Coahoma
- Kicker**
Alan DeSantiago Sr. Colorado
- Defense First Team**
Defensive Line
Trey Sartain So. Coleman
Kyle Boyet Jr. Coleman
Jace King Fr. Ballinger
Jaybren Rodriguez Jr. Post
Ramsey So. Coahoma
Thomas Rivera Sr. Colorado
- Inside Linebackers**
Joe Melendez Sr. Coahoma
Alejo Rodriguez Sr. Post
Cayden Steffy So. Coleman
- Outside Linebackers**
Chr. Van Wey Sr. Coahoma
Riley Harris So. Coleman
A.J. Escobedo So. Post
Trinnon Jackson Jr. Colorado
- Secondary**
Braxton Iden Sr. Coahoma
Matt Andersen Sr. Coleman
Cambry Gilbert Jr. Post
Jonathan Jackson Sr. Colorado
Mark Munoz Jr. Colorado
- Defense Second Team**
Defensive Line
Jayson Walden Sr. Post
Brandon Barrios Sr. Coleman
Mason Burkey Jr. Coleman
Alex Salinas Sr. Colorado
Oliver Sosa Sr. Colorado
Patrick Laws Sr. Coahoma
Brody Kelso So. Post
- Inside Linebackers**
Xavier Martinez Sr. Stanton
Anthony Soto Jr. Post
Reid Marschek So. Ballinger
- Outside Linebackers**
Bryson Hammonds So. Coleman
Alex Ramirez Jr. Post
- Secondary**
Rusty Fischer Jr. Ballinger
Jon Tomlinson Sr. Stanton
Shandon Wiley Jr. Post
Kody Barber So. Coahoma
Dylan Pearson Sr. Post

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I wrote the other day about traveling back from Austin. There is another observation I made during the trip.

U.S. 287 was in poor condition from the time we hit the weather east of Wichita Falls until we got west of Chillicothe.

Why?
My short answer is the Texas Department of Transportation Childress District begins around there. The remainder of the trip was much faster due to clear roads.

From Wichita Falls to Chillicothe, we saw 10 vehicles which either wrecked or slid off the road. The rest of the trip was uneventful.

I asked some TxDOT employees why this would be and their answer was that U.S. 287 and U.S. 83 were the priorities for this district where the other districts had larger cities they had to concentrate on.

I remember the Super Bowl a few years ago and workers and equipment from the Childress District were called in to help crews around the DFW area get the roads in good enough shape to have the game. I saw that on the national news.

I live on the highway so I am well aware of the effort involved by Childress District personnel to keep area highways safe. Well before severe weather hits, crews are out spraying and sanding roads. Once it hits, the snow plows come out. It's impressive.

I'm thankful to those men and women who brave the elements to keep our roads as safe as

possible. This district does as good of a job as any in the country.

When I was a kid, I loved looking at the toys in the Sears Catalog. Page after page of the latest and greatest toys!

Today ... wow! If your children or grandchildren watch programming for children or teens, I don't have to tell you how many ads are on TV this time of year for Christmas. And if your children are anything like mine, you're told about something they want every other day.

If it's not the TV, it's the ads on your computer or smartphone. If it's not one of those, it's a game system (which is basically a computer or and TV). And if you lack all of the above, you still have their friends to get word to them about all of the wonderful things out there for children.

In other words, unless you live in a cave, your kids know exactly what's out there.

The other day my youngest son presented about 10 items that he would like for Christmas.

After I was finished speaking to him (once again) about the true meaning of Christmas and how important it was to ask for only a few things, he kept his list at 10 but decided he'd give five of those things to other children. I guess that's progress...

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CHRIS BLACKBURN

The 501 Get rid of guests with fire



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

Nothing beats a grass fire for giving a visitor a memorable send-off, especially if the visitor gets pressed into service to fight the flames with a piece of cardboard.

If it's time for guests to leave, set the yard on fire. It worked for me.

No, I wasn't the one who started the fire. I was the guest.

If you want the conflagration to burn convincingly, be sure there's a breeze. Pine needles help. So does dry grass.

My Arkansas friend Beverly might have wanted me to stay longer, but her mother, Marcie, wanted me to hit the

road - either because she was getting a bit tired of me being around or because she was worried about me driving after dark. Or both.

Marcie is 87. She walks with a cane. She's frail. She's tough. She's stubborn. Not a good combination. Against her daughter's wishes, she rakes up rubbish and burns it outside. Regularly.

I was about to leave for Oklahoma when someone knocked loudly on Beverly's door. He told us Marcie's lawn was on fire. Beverly shot out the door, telling me to call the fire department. I managed to call 9-1-1, describe the situation and furnish the location. Those three unforgettable numbers that have changed the way we report emergencies.

Back in pre-9-1-1 days, my friend Charmaine's father, Abby, caught the house on fire when he was cooking bacon. He'd left the skillet unattended. Abby told Charmaine's mother, Gilda, to call the fire department. Gilda was easily rattled. She ran out into the front yard and stood waving her arms and yelling, "Fire department! Fire department!"

Charmaine did worse. She grabbed the baby of the family and headed to an interior room. Meanwhile, Abby had removed his underwear to beat out the fire. (It was early in the day; that's all he was wearing.) Her brothers decided to fight the flames with a tablecloth jerked off the top of the refrigerator. (Somehow the objects setting on the refrigerator didn't move; think magic act.)

Charmaine's family and house ended up sooty but essentially unscathed despite all the flustered reactions to the event.

Beverly's mother, on the other hand, didn't get flustered. She filled and refilled her plastic bucket and carried it to the fire. Meanwhile, Beverly, the passer-by and I were beating out the flames with big pieces of cardboard snatched from the garden (where they'd been protecting something from freezing).

By the time we'd extinguished the pervasive blaze, I'd become an expert in wielding cardboard -- don't try this at home -- to extinguish burning grass. Rather than swinging the cardboard down like a wet toesack, just place the cardboard on the flames and walk on it. Fwoomph. Fwoomph. Fwoomph. I perfected my technique at the end, when the real firefighters arrived. Note: If the grass is high and the terrain is rough and all you have is a piece of cardboard, run.

Anyway, when all was said and done and the rest of us were simply staring at the big patch of blackened lawn, Marcy was still carrying buckets of water, as if she were powered by a set of long-lasting batteries.

I think maybe she is.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. MEDICINE: What condition does a deficiency of iron cause?
2. FOOD AND DRINK: What is bergamot?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Lake Tahoe lies between which two U.S. states?
4. MOVIES: Which animated movie contains the line: "Squirrel!"?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional birthstone for September?
6. PUBLISHING: What magazine was headed by Helen Gurley Brown for 32 years?
7. ASTRONOMY: How many moons does the planet Mars have?
8. MYTHOLOGY: What is the Greek god of the sun called?
9. LANGUAGE: What is the only word

in the English language that ends in the letters "mt"?

10. LITERATURE: What was the name of Dick and Jane's dog in the famous early readers?

Answers

1. Anemia
2. A type of citrus fruit
3. California and Nevada
4. "Up"
5. Sapphire
6. Cosmopolitan
7. Two, Phobos and Deimos
8. Helios
9. Dreamt
10. Spot

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LOPES

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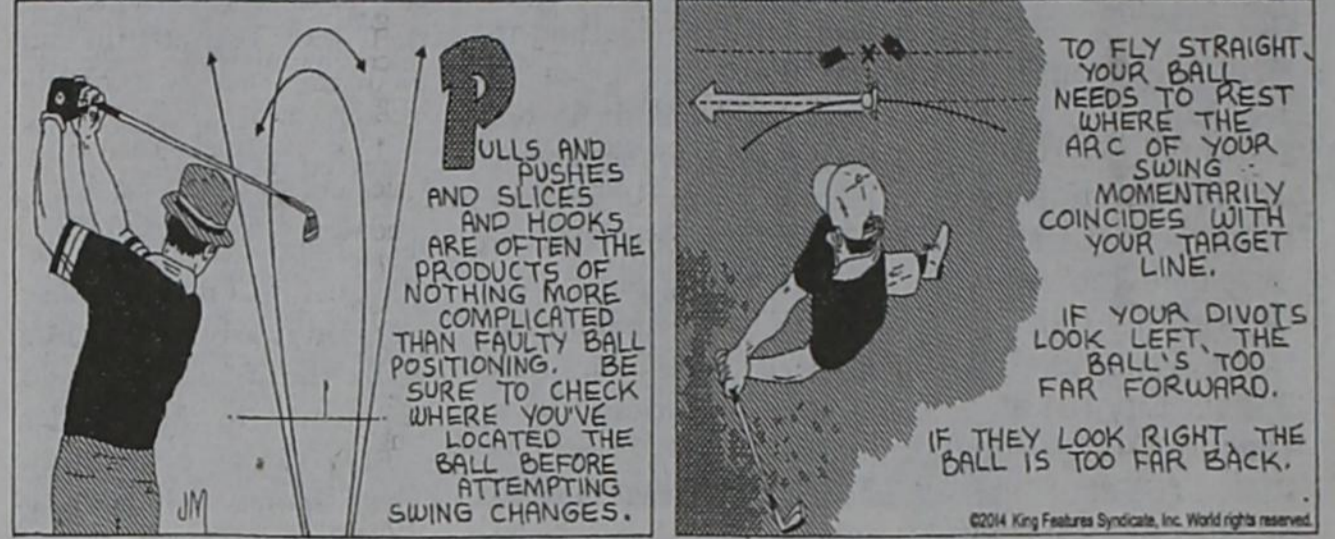
for us tonight," she said. Turnovers were still a problem, but not as in great a number as in past games.

The point-guard play was better, only turning the ball over eight times in the entire game.

Kelsey Griffin led the Lady Lopes with six rebounds, followed by Kelbie Oden, Kelby Tidwell, Record and

Odom, each with four. The Lady Lopes played Canyon junior varsity on Tuesday night at Lubbock Christian University. They will play Morton Friday night at 6 p.m. at Antelope Arena.

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HONORS

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team All District Tight End; Lopez is coming off this season as the third leading scorer for Post with one receiving TD, seven field goals and 27 PAT's. On a team that didn't pass a lot, he had two receptions, one of which was a touchdown. But on just about any sweep, Lopez was out on the edge blocking. Punting stats were not included in the end-of-the-year package.

Jaybren Rodriguez, Junior, First Team All-District Offensive Lineman, First Team All District Defensive Lineman; Of the interior defensive linemen, he led the team with 48 tackles, three sacks, 11 tackles for loss, caused two fumbles, broke up a pass and pressured the QB twice. Offensively speaking, those gaping holes the Lopes' running back had to run through didn't just magically appear by themselves.

Jayson Walden, Senior, First Team All District Offensive Lineman, Second Team All District Defensive lineman; 43 tackles, two sacks, six tackles for loss and four QB pressures, defensively. As far as his offensive play, he opened holes for his Mac Truck running backs to slide through.

Cambry Gilbert, Junior, First Team All District Running Back, First Team All District Secondary; Gilbert was 18 yards short of a 1,000-yard season and he missed one game. His 982 yards and 10 touchdowns were

second only to Reed. He had no receiving yards. Defensively, he was second on the team with 105 tackles, one sack, four tackles for loss, three interceptions, and seven pass breakups.

Shandon Wiley, Junior, First Team All District Receiver, Second Team All District Secondary; Wiley always had big catches with a 26-yard average on just four receptions and one touchdown. Defensively he had 55 tackles, one for a loss, caused two fumbles, intercepted opposing QB's three times and had seven pass breakups.

Southland individual awards
Kevin Dorman, Junior, District MVP, First Team All District Kicker, First Team All District Safety; Dorman had a league-leading seven interceptions, three of which he returned for TD's. He had 30 solo tackles and 63 total tackles. He handled the kicking duties, which were mainly kickoffs. Southland didn't punt much this season.

Christian Sanchez, Freshman, District Newcomer of the Year, First Team All District Running Back, First Team All District Cornerback; Sanchez was one of two 1,000-yard rushers for the Eagles on 103 carries. As a safety, he recorded 22 solo tackles and 49 total tackles. He also had one fumble recovery and two sacks.

Zachary Vizcaino, Junior, First Team All District Running Back, First Team All District Defensive Lineman; the other half of the Eagles' "one-two

punch" on the offense was also a 1,000-plus yard rusher and led the team in TDs with 28. Defensively, he had 20 solo tackles and 63 total tackles with five sacks.

Ethan Self, Senior, First Team All District Tight End, First Team All District Linebacker; Self was one of a few seniors on the team, but was a leader in all respects. For playing on the run-heavy Eagles' offense, Self had 10 catches for 251 yards and three touchdowns. Defensively, he led the team in total tackles with 96 with 46 solo tackles and two INTs.

Demaria Fisher, Senior, First Team All District Utility Player, Second Team All District Linebacker; Fisher wore several hats for the Eagles. He was a back-up QB, accounted for about one-third of the PAT's on the season as he scored 14 out of 19 times for 28 points. Defensively, he had 10 solo tackles and 20 total tackles.

Zaron Garza, Senior, First Team All District Defensive Lineman, Second Team All District Receiver. Another senior to make the list, Garza was second in total tackles on the team with 67, including 22 solo tackles, one fumble recovery and two sacks.

Although Garza only had one catch, a 55-yard TD, as a receiver in six-man, it is equally important that the defender has to make it seem the ball is coming to him on every play.

Puzzle of the Week

- CLUES ACROSS**
- One of a pair
 - Females entering society
 - Green regions of desert
 - Gorse genus
 - A way out
 - Botswanan monetary units
 - ___ne: tranquil
 - Beget
 - Wipe out recorded information
 - Common spa garment
 - ___bral: intellectual
 - Auricle
 - Something unusual
 - Bungalows
 - Nights prior
 - The 18th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
 - Pie ___ mode
 - Roman Demeter
 - Imitate
 - Scad genus
 - Japanese airline
 - Sea eagles
 - European defense organization
 - Curatives
 - Conditions of balance
 - Women's undergarment
 - Water parsnip genus
 - Calling number references
 - Murdered in his bathtub
 - Highly excited
 - Profligate
 - The upper crust
 - Conc ___ cement
 - ___ Pound, poet
 - Supplied with microphone
 - A military dining room
 - Distribute playing cards

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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CLUES DOWN

- Anything indispensable
- Away from wind
- ___ace: patio
- Training by multiple repetitions
- Catch sight of
- Expel from a country
- Kind of ballpoint pen
- ___son: fedora
- Performs surgery
- Roman goddess of the dawn
- Thick piece of something
- ___ into things
- Midway between south and southeast
- Thus far
- 8th Hebrew letter
- Go over
- Oats genus
- Past tense of rerun

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Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Charlie Brown

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Nancy's Notions

Holiday beverages

The winter season is chock full of delicious dishes and treats, but no one likes the extra calories and added pounds that can come with the seasonal food. Use these smart tips on substitutions and choices to enjoy your favorite winter beverages.



NANCY MCDONALD

- Mix it up. Fill your glass with half- to three-quarter-parts of low-fat or skim milk and one part eggnog. You'll still get the flavor without all the calories.
- Act like a kid. Take out the alcohol. This simple step will reduce the caloric content.
- Cut the fluff. Pass on that big dollop of whipped cream to avoid the extra sugar and saturated fat.
- Find an alternative. This holiday classic has many low-fat or non-dairy versions.
- Hot Chocolate
- Skip the heavy stuff. If you order hot chocolate at a restaurant or coffee shop, ask that it be made with low-fat or skim milk, and without the whipped cream.
- Do some research. To make instant hot chocolate at home, look for product packets marked "low-fat/fat-free" or "low-sugar/sugar-free." Be sure to add the mix to low-fat milk, skim milk or hot water.

BUSTS

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A further search of the vehicle yielded 10 grams of raw marijuana and four grams of hash. Some meth pills in the weight of 2.2 grams were also found. Both were charged with possession of a controlled substance on four separate counts.

The are both Asian nationals. In a separate incident, deputies stopped 23-year-old male who was reported to be driving recklessly on North US Highway 84 on Wednesday of last week. A call came into the dispatcher about someone in a gold Chevy HHR with buyer's tags on it. The truck was located at McDonalds in the 100

block of North Broadway. The deputy asked the driver, Isaac Lee Rodriguez of Lubbock, to exit the truck, which he did. While identifying the driver, a green, leafy substance was seen on the driver's seat. The deputy observed Rodriguez to be "very tired, sluggish and lacking sleep." Bobby Dean, who was already on the scene for

assistance, was asked to conduct a search of the truck. Dean and his K9 Zara conducted a search, which "heat incense" and "iBLOWN" were found. Rodriguez was charged and booked into Garza County Jail on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, a class C misdemeanor.

BANQUET

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Recipient. Oden has been in 4-H for 10 years. She served as president, vice president, secretary and reporter for the Golden Clover Club, and as youth leader in the photography project. Oden's projects have been in plants and soil science,

photography, clothing & textiles, record books and consumer education. Her Accessory Storyboard received first place in the 2011 state Round Up contest and she has received numerous blue ribbons in the state photography contest. She has helped organize clothing tours, canned food drives, and has helped feed the first responders. Gold Star is the highest honor a 4-H

member can receive on the county level. Mark Kirkpatrick was recognized as Garza County's Distinguished Leader during the banquet. He has served as a 4-H leader for 16 years and helped start the Garza County Trap Program. His passion for the sport has enabled the program to grow. Honorees were received by Greg Henley of Lyntegar

Electric, Michael Clawson of AgriLife Extension Service and Mary Whistler, representative for Randy Neugebauer. Tori Huckaby represented Garza county as a greeter for the event. Other attending include: Lee and Marsha Norman, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Rodney and Marci Oden, Nancy McDonald and Greg Jones.

Legends



Part three, and the final chapter of REMEMBERING POLLY, takes us from Post, Texas to Hollywood, California. Film star Greer Garson and little Polly O'Neal made the movie short entitled "Victory Springs" produced at Warner Bros. Studios at Burbank, California. The movie was shown in motion picture theatres throughout Texas from December 25, 1954 until New Year's Day, 1955. The film was also shown at the Tower Theatre in Post.

The purpose of the film was to aid in the collection of contributions to the Texas Theatre's Cripple Children's Fund to benefit the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation, a non-profit, charitable, rehabilitation hospital that accepts patients from all over Texas. Those suffering the effects of infantile paralysis, as well as other crippling conditions, were eligible for treatment at this Texas treatment center, regardless of race, creed, or financial condition. Polly was featured with Miss Greer Garson to make the appeal to thousands of theatre patrons during Christmas week. Several other patients from the hospital appeared in the film. Polly and her mother spent approximately two weeks in Los Angeles. The picture took about 11 days to film.

During her stay in Los Angeles, Polly appeared on the Pinky Lee television show, and was seen by many viewers in Post.

On their way home, Mrs. O'Neal and Polly stopped off in Phoenix, Arizona, to visit Mrs. O'Neal's sister and Polly's namesake, Mrs. Paulyne Seydler.

Upon their return Mrs. O'Neal and Polly expressed their thanks to Post firms, churches, and organizations who presented them with gifts for their trip. "Our trip to and from Los Angeles and the time we spent there were all very enjoyable, we had a wonderful time."

[Linda's note] I never knew any of the O'Neal family until Charles O'Neal walked into my office recently and told me about his sister Polly and her bout with polio. He donated Polly's family history to the museum. I ask him if I could write about her in my Legends column, and he said okay. Right away I became so emotionally connected to this little angel of a girl, I just want to cry every time I think of her. As I have shared with you, beautiful photos and events of her short life, having surgery to straighten her little back, or going to Hollywood to make a movie. My goodness, that was a lot for a little girl who just turned seven years old on March 23rd (1955) to overcome so many obstacles and then go on to star in a movie short at six years old. Who knew when she was admitted at Treadway-Daniel Hospital in Brownfield for surgery that she would perish due to cardiac complications. The date was June 3, 1955, 9am, poof she was gone just like a whisper. Next time you visit the Terrace Cemetery; have John Goen show you her little grave just to let her know we remember her. Are you in the second grade class photo of 1954? If so give me a call at the museum 495-2207. Have a great holiday and be thankful.



LINDA PUCKETT

Notice To All Persons having claims against the estate of Normagene Beverly Godfrey, Cause#2014 Garza County, Texas Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of testamentary upon the estate of Normagene Beverly Godfrey, deceased, were issued to the undersigned 25th day of November, 2014, in the proceeding indicated above, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in Garza County, are hereby required to present the same at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to my attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356 or myself at 408 Osage, Post, Garza County, Texas 79356, Independent Executrix.

Susan Pennell, Ind. Executrix
Dated 25 November 2014


Notice to All persons Having Claims Against the Estate of Sherita Ann Harper Hair, Cause # 2013 Garza County, Texas. Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of testamentary upon the estate of Sherita Ann Harper Hair, deceased, were issued to the undersigned 25th day of November, 2014, in the proceeding indicated above, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in Garza County, are hereby required to present the same at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to my attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356 or myself at 512 N. Broadway, Post Garza County, Texas 79356, Independent Administrator

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"This program will cover a wide spectrum of topics of interest to our region's agricultural producers while offering them the opportunity to earn a hefty handful of Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units," said Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County.

"Topics this year will range from cattle parasites to vineyard management, and, as has become our tradition, we'll also provide a great lunch as part of the preregistration fee."

Individual preregistration is \$35 by Dec. 10 and \$45 thereafter and at the door, with no lunch guarantee. For more information, contact Scott at 806-775-1680 or rj-scott@tamu.edu.

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integrated pest management, one laws and regulations and three general — will be offered.

All the scheduled speakers except Dr. Ted McCollum, are AgriLife Extension personnel headquartered at Lubbock. McCollum is the AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist at Amarillo.

- Topics and presenters will include:
- Beef Cattle Internal and External Parasite Control, McCollum.
 - Grape Vineyard Management, Dr. Ed Hellman, viticulturist.
 - New Systems Technology for Weed Resistance, Dr. Mark Kelley, agronomist.
 - Exploring the Benefits of a Cover Crop, Dr. Calvin Trostle, agronomist.
 - 2015 Program Updates, Scott, Dr. Mark Brown, county agent and Vikram Baliga, county horticulturist.
 - Managing Pigweed Resistance, Dr. Peter Dotray, weed specialist.
 - Pesticide Laws and Regulations, speaker to be announced.
 - Farm Bill Update, Dr. Jackie Smith, economist.

TFB ready for annual meeting this weekend

WACO, Texas—Future needs of Texas agriculture will be addressed Dec. 6-8 in Corpus Christi as farmers and ranchers from across the state attend the 81st Annual Meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB).

Members from the state's 206 county Farm Bureaus will work together to craft policy positions and prepare for the challenges agriculture faces.

"Farm Bureau policy originates at the grassroots level, reflecting the needs of those who produce our food and fiber," TFB President Kenneth Dierschke said. "The decisions we make during the annual meeting affect the men and women who ensure we have a supply of safe and affordable food and fiber, and we take the responsibility seriously."

An expected 1,000 Texas farmers and ranchers will convene in Corpus Christi

during the annual meeting to discuss the latest agricultural issues, recognize successes from the past year and evaluate the organization's policies. This year's policy discussions likely will center on water, private property rights, ammonium nitrate storage, endangered species and more.

The meeting will begin in the American Bank Center, Dec. 6, with registration from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday's events include TFB Member Services exhibits, the Free Enterprise Speech Contest, Discussion Meet, Young Farmer & Rancher silent auction and several expert speakers. Congressman Ralph Hall also will accept the Distinguished Service Award from the agricultural organization.

The meeting will continue on Sunday, Dec. 7, with a devotional, followed by membership recognition awards, Pioneer Award pre-

sentations and the naming of the 2014 Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher and Excellence in Agriculture awards. Sunday afternoon will feature the president's annual address to the TFB delegates.

The TFB Annual Meeting will conclude Monday, Dec. 8, with the organization's annual business session.

Delegates also will shape the face of the organization during this year's presidential election. TFB President Kenneth Dierschke is not seeking re-election to the seat he's held for 12 years. Current board secretary-treasurer Russell Boening and past board members Lloyd Arthur, Bobby Nedbalek and Richard Cortese are vying for the seat.

For more information about the 81st annual meeting of TFB, visit www.texasfarmbureau.org.

Cops are cracking down on drunk driving

The holiday season is right around the corner. As Americans prepare for festivities with family and friends, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Watch UR BAC program wants to remind all drivers that it's dangerous to drive after drinking. You have to choose your role before drinking begins: will you drink or will you drive? Remember, even if you only have a little bit to drink and think you're "okay to drive," you could still be over the legal limit.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent Nancy McDonald reminds drivers that the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign runs from now until January 1, 2015.

Due to the increase in drunk-driving related fatalities around the holidays each year, law enforcement agencies will be out in force. According to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Texas DWI fatalities during the holiday season December 1-31, 2013, resulted in 86 fatalities. But not

everyone dies in a crash. Many live with lifelong, debilitating injuries as a result of their own drunk driving or that of a complete stranger.

The consequences and costs are significant if you are caught driving while intoxicated, costing you \$17,000 or more, the loss of your driver license, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses.

Even a little holiday cheer can impair a person's driving. Plan ahead if you are going to drink alcohol. The message is out there, but it only works if you join our efforts this holiday season by pledging to give or be the gift of a sober driver. Find out how to pledge at soberrides.org.

Other tips include:

Designate a non-drinking driver before festivities begin. Even one drink can impair your judgment.

If you have been drinking, do not drive. Phone a sober friend or family member, call a cab, or spend the night where you are.

Step up and step in — don't let friends drive if they've been drinking. Give someone a gift by being their sober, designated driver.

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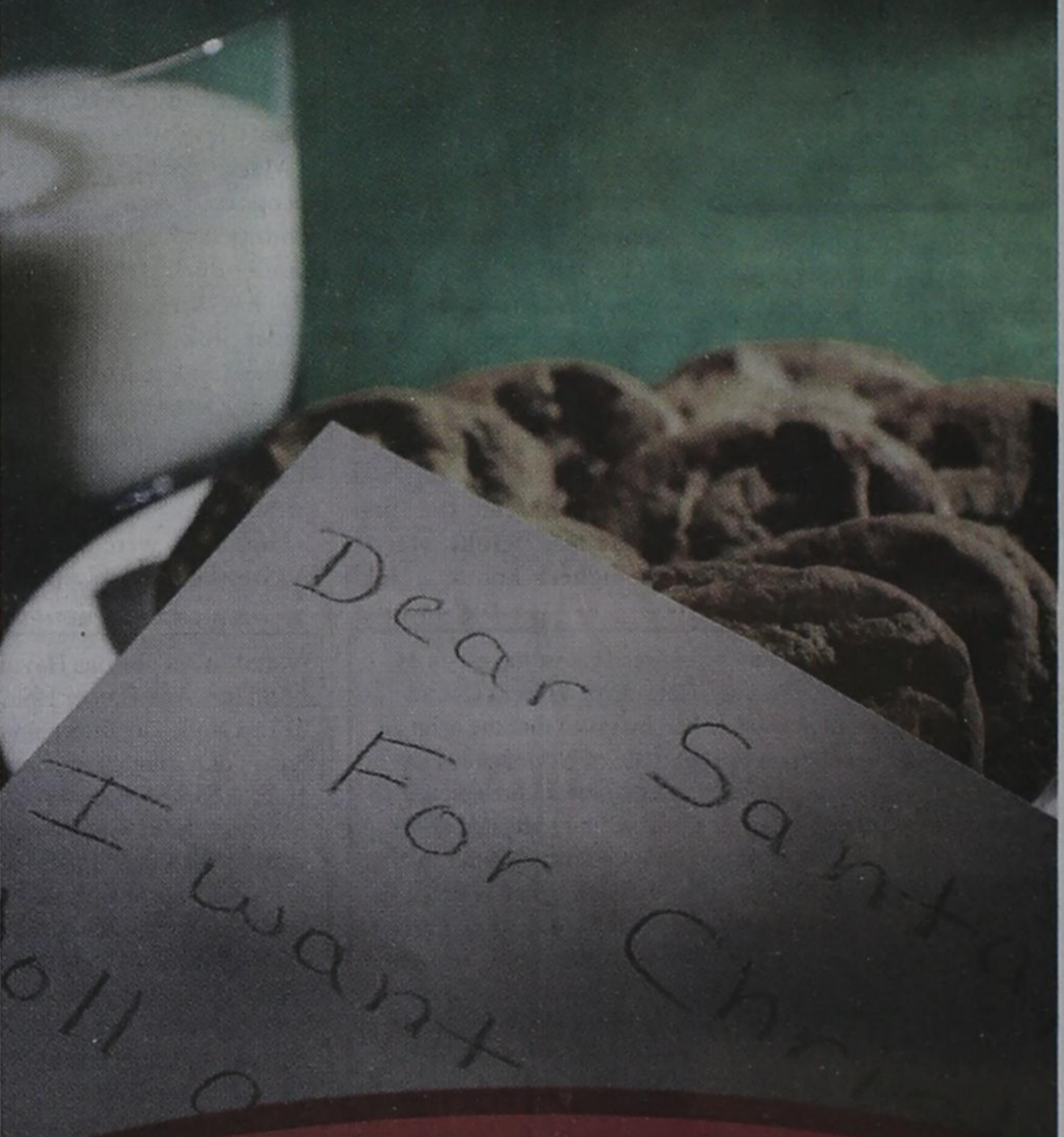
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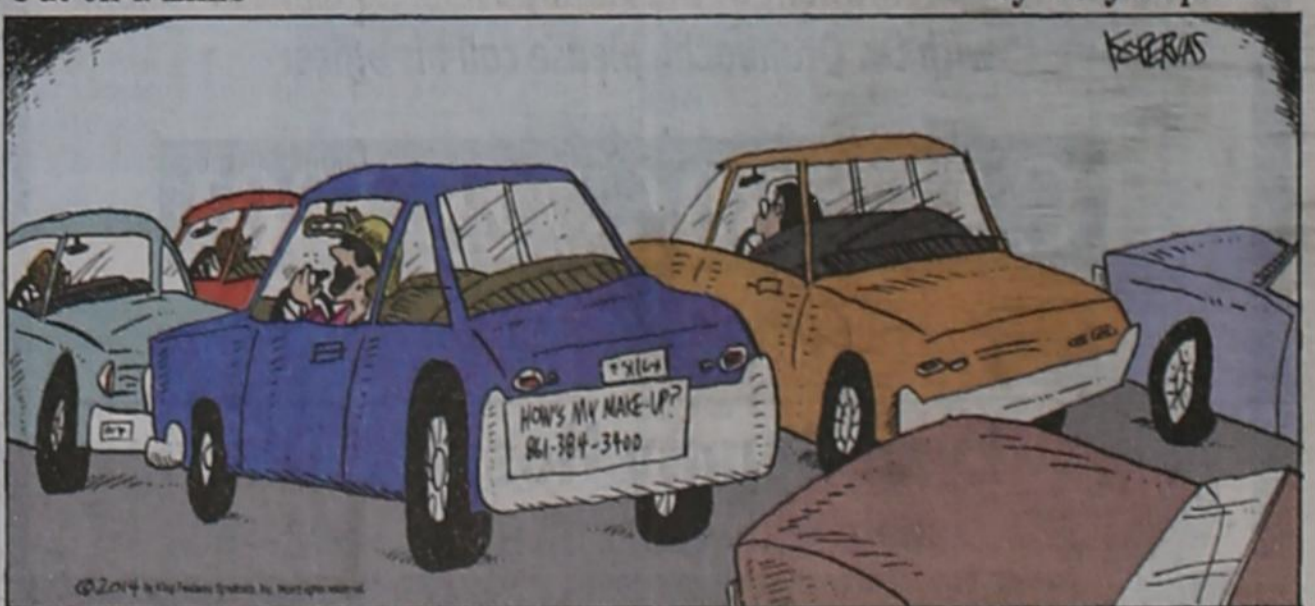
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| | | | | | | |
| Friday Sunny 70 / 42 | Saturday Partly Cloudy 57 / 41 | Sunday Mostly Cloudy 60 / 39 | Monday Partly Cloudy 56 / 38 | Tuesday Partly Cloudy 52 / 34 | Wednesday Mostly Sunny 55 / 34 | Thursday Partly Cloudy 54 / 32 |

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 sunny skies with a high temperature of 70°, humidity of 48%. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 77° set in 1977. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 42°. North northeast wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 20° set in 1964. Saturday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 57°, humidity of 44%. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Skies will be mostly cloudy Saturday night with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 41°. East wind 5 mph.

Weather Trivia

Which is denser, dry or humid air?

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Answer: Dry air.

Weather History

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Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

| | Peak Times | | Peak Times | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Day | AM | PM | Day | AM | PM |
| | Fri | 11:47-1:47 | 11:17-1:17 | Tue | 2:52-4:42 | 3:22-5:22 |
| | Sat | 12:11-2:11 | 12:41-2:41 | Wed | 3:44-5:44 | 4:14-6:14 |
| | Sun | 1:05-3:05 | 1:35-3:35 | Thu | 4:35-6:35 | 5:05-7:05 |
| | Mon | 1:59-3:59 | 2:29-4:29 | www.WhatsOurWeather.com | | |

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| | Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset |
|---------------|-----|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Full 12/6 | Fri | 7:34 a.m. | 5:38 p.m. | 5:23 p.m. | 6:33 a.m. |
| | Sat | 7:35 a.m. | 5:38 p.m. | 6:13 p.m. | 7:31 a.m. |
| | Sun | 7:36 a.m. | 5:38 p.m. | 7:05 p.m. | 8:24 a.m. |
| Last 12/14 | Mon | 7:37 a.m. | 5:38 p.m. | 7:59 p.m. | 9:13 a.m. |
| | Tue | 7:37 a.m. | 5:38 p.m. | 8:53 p.m. | 9:57 a.m. |
| | Wed | 7:38 a.m. | 5:38 p.m. | 9:47 p.m. | 10:37 a.m. |
| | Thu | 7:39 a.m. | 5:39 p.m. | 10:40 p.m. | 11:14 a.m. |

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

| Date | High | Low | Normals | Precip | Farmer's Growing Degree Days | |
|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|------------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | | Date | Degree Days |
| 11/25 | 55 | 26 | 58/31 | 0.00" | 11/25 | 0 |
| 11/26 | 59 | 36 | 58/31 | 0.00" | 11/29 | 8 |
| 11/27 | 59 | 28 | 57/30 | 0.00" | 11/26 | 0 |
| 11/28 | 77 | 38 | 57/30 | 0.00" | 11/27 | 0 |
| 11/29 | 80 | 37 | 57/30 | 0.00" | 11/28 | 8 |
| 11/30 | 79 | 33 | 56/30 | 0.00" | | |
| 12/1 | 40 | 18 | 56/29 | 0.00" | | |

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

Kent's Korner A Charlie Brown Christmas

My step-grandfather Bill was the major male figure in my life after dad passed away when I was five.

Bill got me hooked on baseball at an early age. Several summer evenings we would sit on the front porch and listen to the St. Louis Cardinals on the 9-volt transistor radio. Jack Buck and Harry Cary were the announcers (this was "pre-Royals" era).

For some strange reason, Bill would call me Charlie Brown. I never saw the resemblance. I like third base, personally.

This was also about the same time that the Peanuts Gang television shows were on seasonally.

A Charlie Brown Christmas was always a favorite. Linus steals the show with his soliloquy on "The True Meaning of Christmas".

Despite Charlie Brown's best efforts he cannot find a suitable tree for the gang.

It's ironic in human nature that we must try to find or acquire those things which we cannot have.

Personally, I'm not a materialistic person. What I have is what I have. I'll share it with you. I may even go out and get you something similar if I see you have taken a liking to something I have.

Example: I know people who just have to have the latest gadgets at Christmas, whether that be computers, phone, mechanized toys... whatever.

I remember a lady back home who would go down to the Cadillac dealer in town on Jan. 2 and get a new car for the one she just purchased the previous year. I never understood that.

Charlie Brown doesn't strike me as materialistic person either. And over the years, it has become more and more apparent to me why my Bill called me Charlie Brown.

Charlie Brown lived his life to a certain degree of trying to please those around him, but he had a gentle soul. He was likeable, admittedly too trusting and a romantic at heart, as he pined for the little redhead girl in class.

Bill was my "step" grandfather and like I said, was a major influence in my life.

It used to gall my mom to death that had picked up some of his traits. She was not his biggest fan. (another story, but probably not.)

"I don't know why you have to be so much like your grandfather," she would say, usually pointing to some negative behavior trait I had picked up.

I've been told that I have a kind spirit, which I believe is true. I'm fiercely loyal to my friends and I stick up for what I believe in even to a fault.

Bill saw those traits in me long before I ever realized them. It's funny how grandparent-like figures see traits in the young people long before they ever surface.

I look at some of our young people and I can see some who are going down the right path and will be productive citizens.

I see others who may not see their 15th class reunion, and that is sad. As I said a couple of weeks ago, a mind is a terrible thing to waste.

But as we head into the Christmas season, I want all of us to search out the Charlie Browns in our lives and tell them just how important they have been over the years. A true Charlie Brown would never seek this attention out personally. He is too humble, too shy, not confident enough.

I've grown away somewhat from that nature, in that, journalism has made me a bit of a cynic.

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