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Puppy Mill Discovered in Garza County



Volunteers who assisted the local Sheriff's Office hold up a Yorkie to show faces matted in the dogs hair. (Courtesy Photo)



This is a file photo of a healthy Toy Yorkshire Terrier compared to the Yorkshire Terrier covered in fecal matter. Yorkies vary in size from Small Toy Yorkies to Micro Tiny Teacup Yorkies and can weigh from 3 to 6 pounds. Pricing for the popular Yorkies can range from \$1000 up to \$10,000. (Courtesy Photo)



Photos were taken inside the house where dogs were found in the kitchen area. Feces and urine covered the floor requiring officials to wear protective gear before entering. (Courtesy Photo)

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An anonymous phone call has led the discovery of an alleged puppy mill operating in Garza County. A warrant to seize cruelly treated animals was issued by Justice of the Peace 1, Gordon Terry on Thursday, July 13, 2018 ordering officials to seize 60 dogs including 41 Yorkies, 10 puppies, 9 mixed breed dogs, 1 bird and 4 cats.

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BBQ Cook-off return to Post Summer Reading Program ends with Dallas entertainer



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Post Rotary Club will host the 8th Annual Smokin' in the Park state championship barbecue cook-off this Friday and Saturday, July 20 and July 21 at the Post City Park. Proceeds from the event help to fund Post Rotary's scholarships and is sanctioned by Lonestar Barbecue Society.

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Tricia Gregory, The Merry Maker, returned to the Post Public Library last Wednesday afternoon to perform her hilarious art and share her talents with the audience. The show was part of the library's summer reading program which concluded last week.

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EMS Ambulance responded to a call earlier in the day removing the only person at the house and transporting to UMC.

Officials responded to the residence at 840-B West Hwy 380 where they found several large dogs and some cans in barrels underneath a carpet. Officials knocked on the door to the house and heard numerous dogs barking. Since there was no response at the door and it was determined there was no one home officials entered the house where they found Yorkies dogs staying throughout a covered in feces and urine and bring in deplorable conditions.

Sherril Terry L. Morgan was in contact with County Attorney Tom Warren who advised officials they could remove the dogs immediately if they felt the conditions such the animals did not have sufficient care.

The warrant identified Sheila Proctor as the alleged owner of the animals. A hearing has been scheduled in the 371 Court on Friday, July 20th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., to determine whether the animals have been properly treated.

It was determined Ms. Proctor had recently moved to

Ga. Reports allege she transported her entire hoard of dogs to relocate in Texas. An anonymous caller stated that the house that Proctor had just left in Georgia was left in horrific condition and that she believed that she had at least 50 Yorkies dogs, along with some other breeds.

Ms. Proctor's website delandahillcountry.com states her name is Sheila Wilborn. The information on the website says she has been in business for 25 years raising Yorkies. The website also says she offers a 2-year warranty contract on all genetic disorders that might occur during the two years along with being an advocate against puppy mills. Urging boys to always buy from a reputable breeder.

Whether Dictionary defines puppy mill as "a commercial breeding operation in which purebred dogs are raised in large numbers and often in substandard or poor conditions."

Internet searches revealed unfavorable reports from buyers regarding the health of their Yorkies purchased from Sheila's Baby Doll Yorkies.

City Manager Debra Smith granted permission for Post

Animal Control to assist in the seizure.

Also assisting with moving the dogs was Post Animal Rescue Center. Janice Plummer, director for PARC said the facility can only house 25 dogs. Volunteers from the Center helped with moving the dogs and provided assistance in cleaning up the animals. Plummer said, "The main concern of the Post Animal Rescue center is the well-being of the animals we deal with. In this situation we offered boarding for some of the dogs in an emergency situation. Hopefully this is an eye-opener to people who are buying pure-bred dogs. If you are buying from a breeder insist on seeing where the puppies have been raised. If you want to make a real difference, adopt from an animal shelter or rescue."

Shelters are an full all the time and about 20% of shelter animals are pure-bred. Owners of the property where Ms. Proctor is staying with friends, said they were unaware there was a dog breeding operation on the property.

Animal Control is a Class A Misdemeanor and carries a maximum sentence of one year in jail and up to a 4,000 fine.

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Chris Atkinson, treasurer for the local rotary club, said, "The first cook-off hosted 19 cookers. 2016 was the largest with 71 cookers and 44 teams competed last year. We will have over \$12,000 in payouts this year, paying ten places in each meat category." Brisket, spareribs, chicken and pork butt makes up the four categories with the entry fee \$125 for all four. Atkinson said cooks must cook all meat categories to qualify for the Grand and Reserve Champions with a guaranteed payout of \$1500 for the grand champions and \$1,000 for the reserve grand champion.

If you have never attended this event it's a treat to see and taste. With so many categories and cookers there are always judging positions to fill.

Rotary member Lee Norman is in charge of filling the judge positions and is always looking for people to help out.

Linda Pickett, Rotary President said she's excited Post is hosting the cookoff. "I look forward to this event every year, its fun and brings a lot of people to Post," Pickett told the Dispatch.

Cooking teams will begin arriving on Friday to scope out their "camp" with RVs and camping trailers. If you're into grilling you will definitely find a variety of cooking sets used during the competition. Cooking

team registrations will be accepted until the cooks meeting on Saturday morning, and all cooks must be registered before entering the park.

On Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. the Post Rotary Club will be selling BBQ sandwich plates. Go early! They sell out quick. The Texas Cadillac Jack Band will play a free concert from 9 p.m. to midnight. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the music or dance the night away.

Saturday morning will start with a cooks meeting at 9:00 a.m. The first judging time will start at 11:00 a.m. under the pavilion with the Jackpot Bean competition. Entry fee is \$15 and Winner Takes All. Pork butt will be judged at 12:00, chicken at 1:30, spareribs at 3:00 and brisket at 4:30. The winners and awards will be announced shortly after the final judging.

Last year's award ceremony was delayed due to a fast moving rain storm that preceded over once inch of rain and with temperatures dropping to cool 72-degrees. We can only hope for a delay this year due to rain and cool weather. Current forecasts call for 100-plus temperatures for the weekend and no change of rain.

The event is free to the public. Vendors will be set up with food and drink. Go early and cheer on your favorite cooking team.

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The show was 50% theatrical magic, singing, dancing and a lot of balloons. Each child received a balloon made by Tricia as part of their reward for completing the 2018 Rockin' the Library Summer Reading Program.

Children registered at the first of June and pledged to read 20 minutes each day. After the consecutive days of 100 minutes of reading a prize was awarded as a bonus to reach reading goals and to improve and excel in reading during the summer. Over 100 kids participated in the program reading over 100 minutes.

Each week Peggy Ability and Linda Collins provided special activities. Author Nathan Dahlstrom made a trip to the library in early June to talk about his newest book "The Adventures of Wilder Good" series kicking off the summer reading program.

During the rock & roll art creative arts and

crafts were a daily pastime. Macramé, tie-dyed t-shirts, rock painting and bookwork were some of the popular crafts. Readers tried their hand at rock painting and enjoyed taking home their projects.

"Musical Chairs" was a popular game during the time. The library changed the name to "Musical Puzles" to put together while rock 'n' roll music played. When the music stopped everyone had to stop and back away from their puzzle. The person with the most pieces in their puzzle or who finished was awarded prizes.

George Washington visited the library with his second and oldest history lesson on Independence Day. Those attending received an American flag and had fun dressing up in patriotic costumes and posing for the camera.

The library gave book bags to the kids who registered for the program.

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