



## Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy Ballentine Bush

Hello,  
Well, welcome back to summer! It has been so warm the last three days, and now they say we may hit the century mark tomorrow. Where is the football weather?? I'm ready for fall, how bout yall?  
**GET WELL MESSAGE**  
I wanted to send a special get-well message to Latricia Willborn and

her three children, Haylee, Ryan and Justin.  
As you all probably know, they were involved in the accident on Hwy. 84 last Friday.  
I believe Justin is still in ICU but is on the mend as are his mom, sister and brother.  
Just wanted them to know they

are in my prayers and hope they are all up and around real soon.  
**WHAT A TRIP**  
Visited with Janet Ratliff today and she was telling me all about the cruise she and husband Chuck just returned from.

The trip was to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Their daughters, Dorthy Timms and Carolyn Ray and Chucks sister and brother-in-law, Ken and Mary Jo Bryan of West Virginia and their daughter Kenda of Ohio all joined Chuck and Janet for the cruise.

Janet said they had the most wonderful time and suggested that if you have ever thought of taking a cruise to please do so, it is a great vacation.

Mr. Chuck will also celebrate his birthday the 24th of this month and his granddaughter Tiffany Graves will celebrate hers on the 25th. Now I know Tiffany will be 28, and yes I know Chucks age but will not put it in print. Don't want him mad at me.

**CALL ME**  
I have had a few folks ask again for the number to call in your news. Please just call me at Cellular One, 495-0277, and I will GLADLY take your information.

While at it, thank you for all the calls about the reunions. I had several calls that did not get to attend and they were so glad to see the names of the ones that did.  
Glad I was able to pass on that information

**A WOMAN'S PRAYER**  
(from Jerry Taylor)  
A woman was leaving a convenience store with her morning coffee when she noticed a most unusual funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery.

A long black hearse was followed by a second long black hearse about 50 feet behind the first one. Behind the second hearse was a solitary woman walking a pit bull on a leash. Behind her, a short distance back, were 200 women walking single file.

The woman was so curious that she respectfully approached the woman walking the dog and said, "I am so sorry for your loss, and I know now is a bad time to disturb you, but I have never seen a funeral like this." "Whose funeral is it?"

"My husbands."  
"What happened to him?"  
The woman replied, "My dog attacked him and killed him."  
She inquired further, "Well, who is in the second hearse?"

The woman answered, "My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my husband when the dog turned on her."

A poignant and thoughtful moment of silence passed between the two women.  
"Can I borrow the dog?"

"Get 'n line"  
**PRAYER**  
Dear Lord,  
I pray for:  
Wisdom, to understand a man  
Love, to forgive him and;  
Patience, for his moods.

Because Lord, if I pray for strength—I'll just beat him to death.  
**TILL NEXT WEEK**  
Guess that it for this week. May God smile of each of you and bless you.  
See you next time  
Judy



Celebrating Ignacio Mike Gonzales' (center) 70th birthday recently are his son, Danny (right), grandson Steve (left) of Irving and great grandson Steve Ignacio of Irving.

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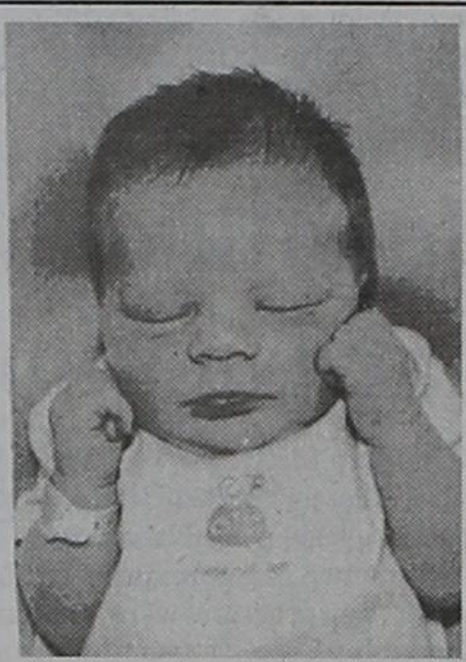
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## Births



Michael Wayne Tadlock

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Rick and Christy Tadlock of Rockwall are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Michael Wayne Tadlock, at 2:07 p.m. on Aug. 9, 2005, at the Lake Point Medical Center.

The infant weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 18 1/2 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Chris and Glenna Reiter of Post, Travis and Joyce Tadlock of Princeton and John and Lannette Hall of Marshfield, Missouri. Great-grandparents are Sam and JoAnn Bevers of Justiceburg and Bob and Betty Reiter of Post.



SEPTEMBER 30  
OCTOBER 1&2



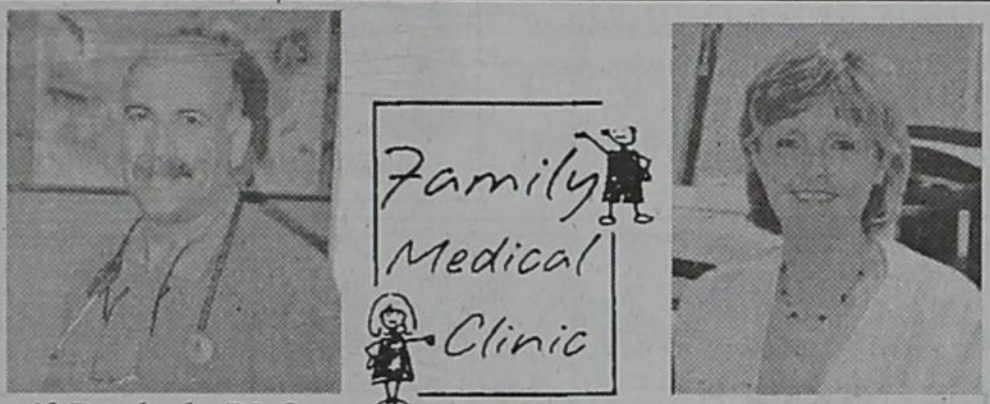
### Post Commerce and Tourism celebrates grand opening of Divine Appointment

Sharing in the grand opening of Divine Appointment on Tuesday are Post Commerce and Tourism members (back row left to right), Gregg Tidmore, Yvonne Kennedy, Donna Degan and Linda Puckett (front row), Wanda Mitchell, Leslie Stark (owner and operator of Divine Appointment), Erika McNeely (Assistant) and Thressa Harp. Standing in front is Cutter McNeely.



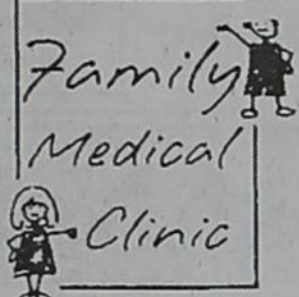
### Post Commerce and Tourism welcomes grand opening of Mom's Place

Post Commerce and Tourism announced the grand opening of Mom's Place on Tuesday, September 20. Joining in the event are (back row left to right), Gregg Tidmore, Donna Degan, Linda Puckett, Cindy Reiter and Yvonne Kennedy (front row), Thressa Harp, Sue Atkinson (owner and operator), Don Atkinson and Wanda Mitchell.  
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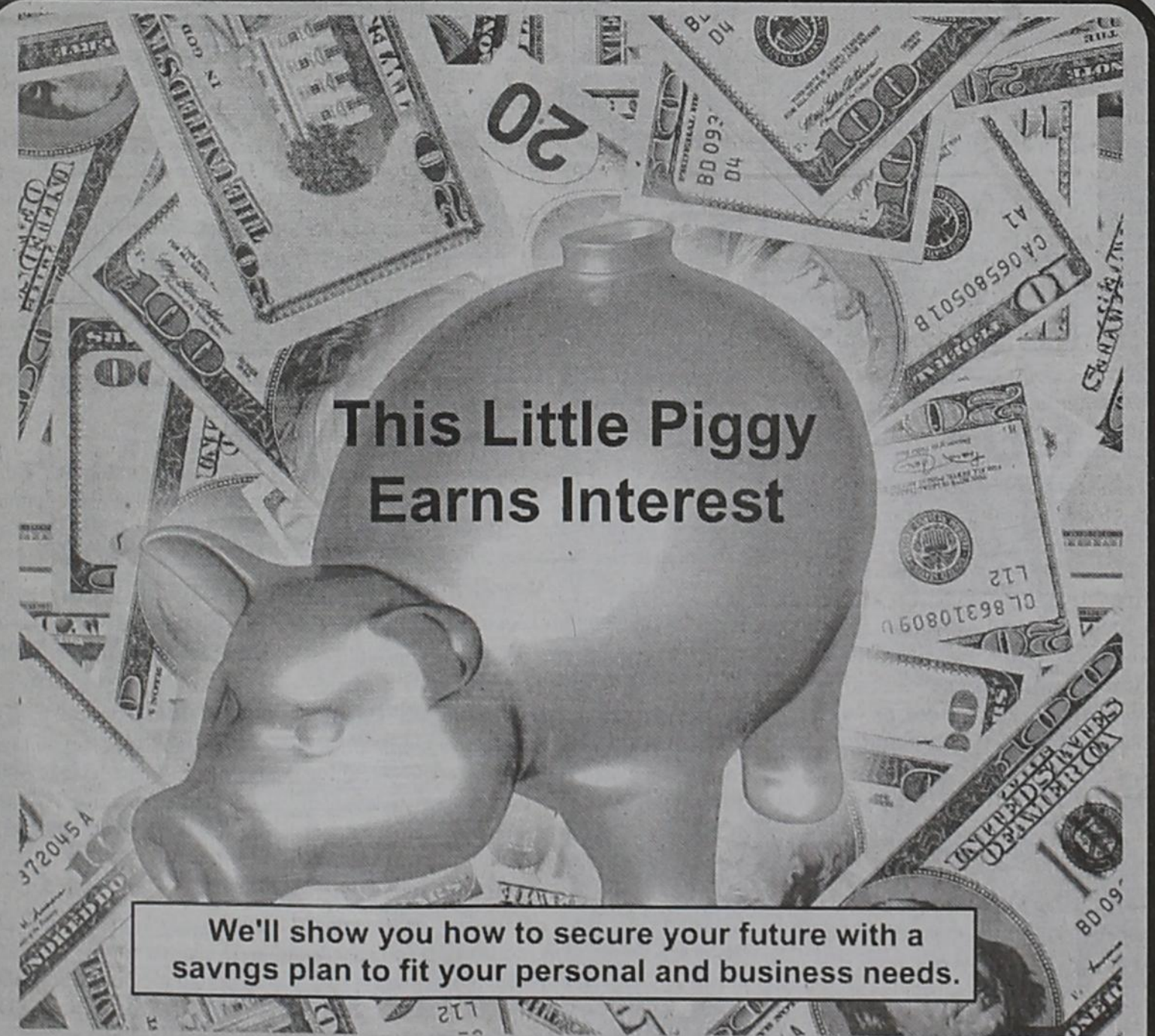
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**National 4-H Workdays**  
4-H members are encouraged to come to the Extension office Tuesday and/or Wednesday, September 27 and 28, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. to work on posters for National 4-H Week.

**West Texas Fair Results**  
Garza County 4-H members participated in the West Texas Fair last weekend with excellent results. Congratulations to the following 4-Hers for a job well done.

Lt. Wt. Hereford Class - Skylar Jones-2nd.; Miranda Hair-4th.; Middle Wt. Polled Herefords - Jarrett Blevins-3rd.; Heavy Wt. Polled Herefords - Skylar Jones-2nd.; Heavy Wt. Red Angus - Chelci Hair-2nd., Reserve Breed Champion; Heavy Wt. Simbrah - Corlee Green-2nd.; Middle Wt. ABC - Pake Jones-1st., Breed Champion; Heavy Wt. ABC - Steven Hair-2nd.; Middle Wt. Limo - Allison Blevins-1st.; Middle Wt. Maine-Anjou - Steven Hair-4th.

Heavy Wt. Maine-Anjou - Ja D. Young-2nd.; Middle Wt. Simmental - Pake Jones-3rd.; Lt. Heavy Wt. AOB - Ja D. Young-4th.; Progress - ABC - Kevin Strube-2nd.

Fifteen Garza County 4-H youth will be participating in the Panhandle-South Plains Fair September 23-October 1, 2005. Good luck to these exhibitors as they represent Garza County.

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Jeanne Sweet is surrounded by the herd of Stickhorse Bulls that she made to be used during the OS Ranch Steer Roping & Art Exhibit Reunion. Sweet owns and operates The Craft Barn located in Herring Plaza, Suit A-2. (Staff photo Jackie Miner)

**County sets speed limit at 20 mph on Southland roads**

The speed limit on Southland's streets and roadways will be curbed to 20 mph in most locations following action taken last week by the Garza County Commissioners Court.

In a Sept. 8 public hearing, commissioners determined that "actual and potential hazards exist upon the streets of Southland that warrant a modification of the... speed limits," according to the regulation signed by the court.

Circumstances leading to the speed limit change, as discussed during the session, included:

- The fact that Southland is largely a residential district surrounding a public school;
- All streets in the community are narrow and without curbs;
- Other than two blocks along 9th Street and five blocks on 8th Street, none of the streets in Southland are paved;
- None of the intersections in Southland are controlled; and
- CR 130 crosses a Santa Fe Railroad track.

According to the court document, the speed limit on CR 130, beginning at the crossing on the Santa Fe Railroad track and extending eastward on the road for 1.5 miles, will be 30 mph.

"Driving above such speed at such locations is unreasonable and unsafe," the court order reads.

County attorney Les Acker said the move to alter the speed limits resulted from concerns voiced to Gary McDaniel, a Garza County commissioner who lives in the Southland area. Southland residents said speed limit changes were needed, particularly in the area around the school.

About 20 area residents attended the public hearing, which was conducted in the Southland school cafeteria. No opposition to the court's plan was voiced during the hearing, Acker said.

The new speed limits will be effective immediately, but it may be two or three weeks before signs are erected in and around the Southland community.

Motorists traveling through Southland on Hwy. 84 will be unaffected by the change.

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**PHS Class of '55 news...**  
The Class of 1955 met for its 50th reunion on Sept. 9 in the Wells Fargo Bank Room.

Several members stayed and visited while others attended the homecoming game, followed by a return for more visitation.

On the following day, several class members met at George's Restaurant for breakfast, and then returned to the bank room to reminisce. At 11 a.m., tours of the old high school building (today's middle school) and the new arena were offered. A light lunch was served at the bank. By 6 p.m., several others joined the group for a meal catered by Danny's Hinns & Finns of Lubbock.

A total of 21 class members and 10 spouses were present. Everyone was glad Wyvonne Kennedy was able to be present Saturday evening after she had been ill during the week.

Present were Franklin and Naomi Maxey from Corpus Christi, Jimmy and Jackie Hutton of Fort Stockton, Moody and Barbara Graham of Fort Stockton, Bowen Stephens of Plains, Norma (Ritchie) and Guy Sanders of Hawley, Jake Mason, Arleta Gary of Brownwood, Mildred (Wells) and Noel Wilson of San Angelo, Don El Dale and Laurie of Las Cruces, N.M., and Katie (McClellan) and Roger O'Neal of Burney.

Also, Anna Castro and Caleb Vaca of Wilson, Glenda (Askins) Gilstrap of Denver City, Sandra (Ray) Huffman and Mary Lou (Hedgepath) Ivers of Lubbock, Darrel and Nancy Norman of Slaton, Naomi (Nichols) Matsler, Jane (Ballentine) and Mack Terry, Wyvonne (Morris) and Gene Kennedy, Rheba (Hays) Prost and Jeannie (Peel) Byrd, all of Post.

Visitors on Friday were Royce and Frances Josey of Post and Nita Ray (McClellan) Aimo.

The next reunion will be in 2007 at Post's centennial celebration.

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8:00 AM BREAKFAST OS RANCH  
9:30 AM CHURCH SERVICES AND MEMORIAL ROLL CALL WITH JIM FULLINGIM  
10:00 AM ART SHOW AND SALE OS RANCH  
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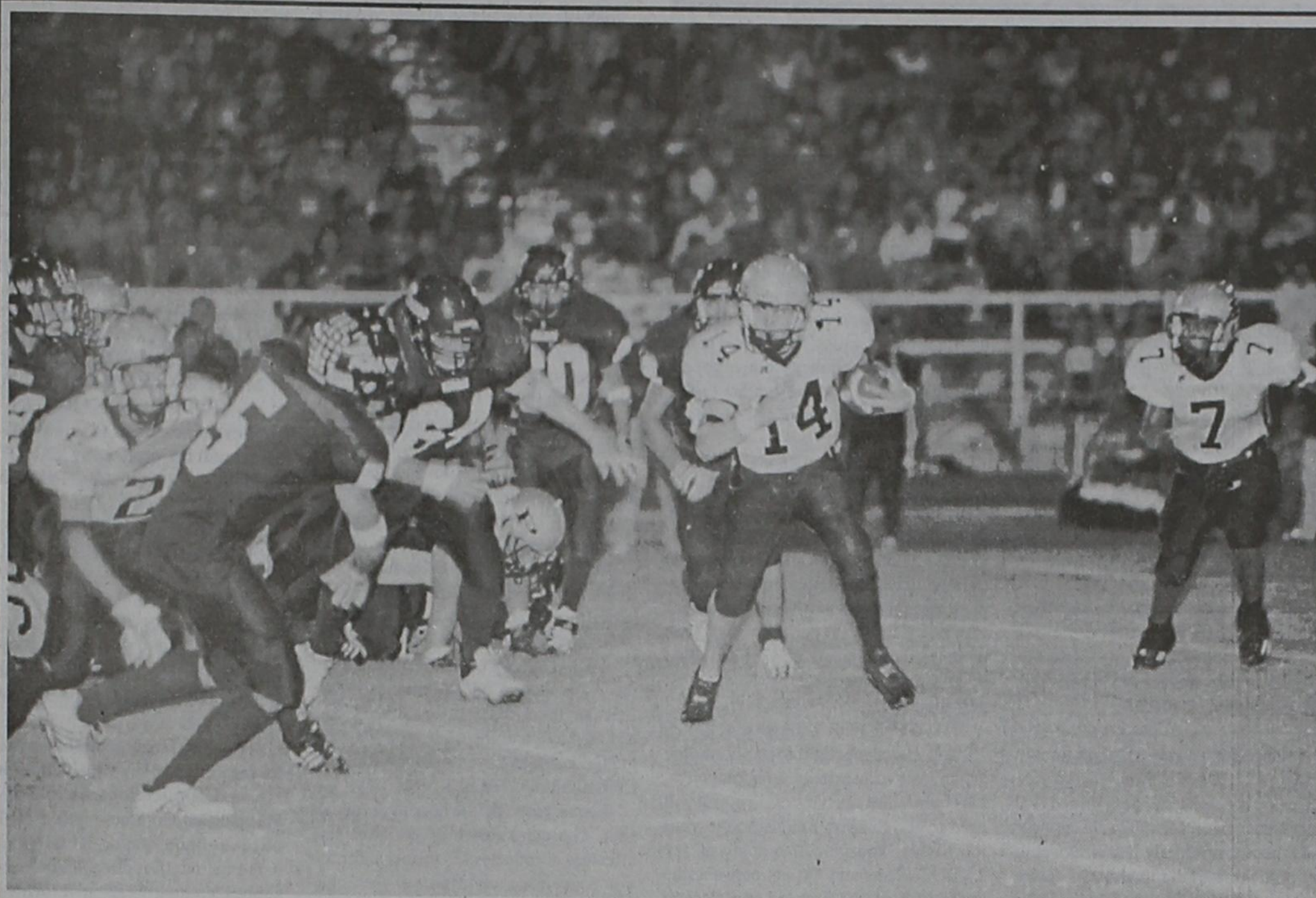
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# Bold Gold Antelopes!



Post Antelope quarter back Sterling Smith (14) skirts the defensive line for more yards after facing an onslaught of

tacklers during last Friday's game at Roscoe. In on the play is DJ Baiza (2) and Roosevelt Brown (7).



Jonathan McGregor (80) catches a first down pass from quarterback Sterling Smith in action at Roscoe last Friday. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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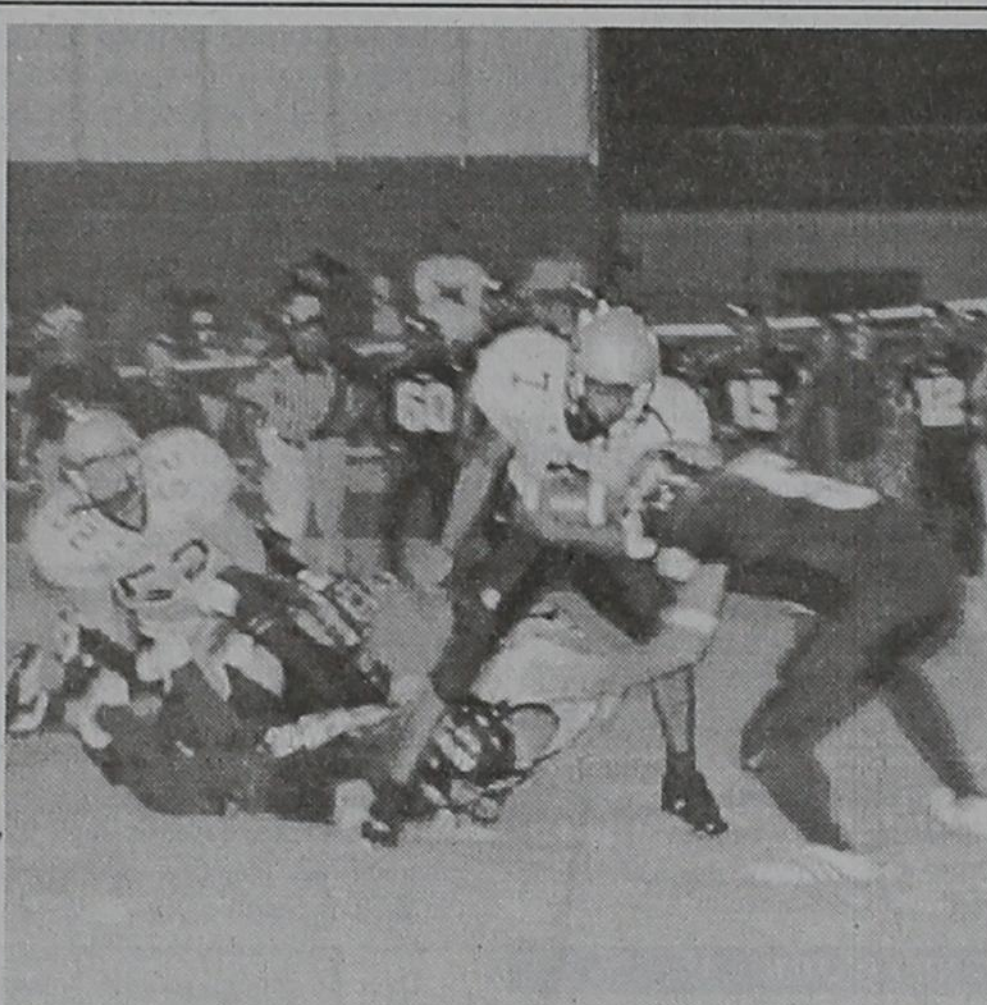
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Antelope tackle Blake Nichols (55) wrestles down a shifty running back with the help of Steven Hair (22) and Kenny Garay (84) as the Lopes faced the Roscoe Plowboys last Friday at Roscoe.

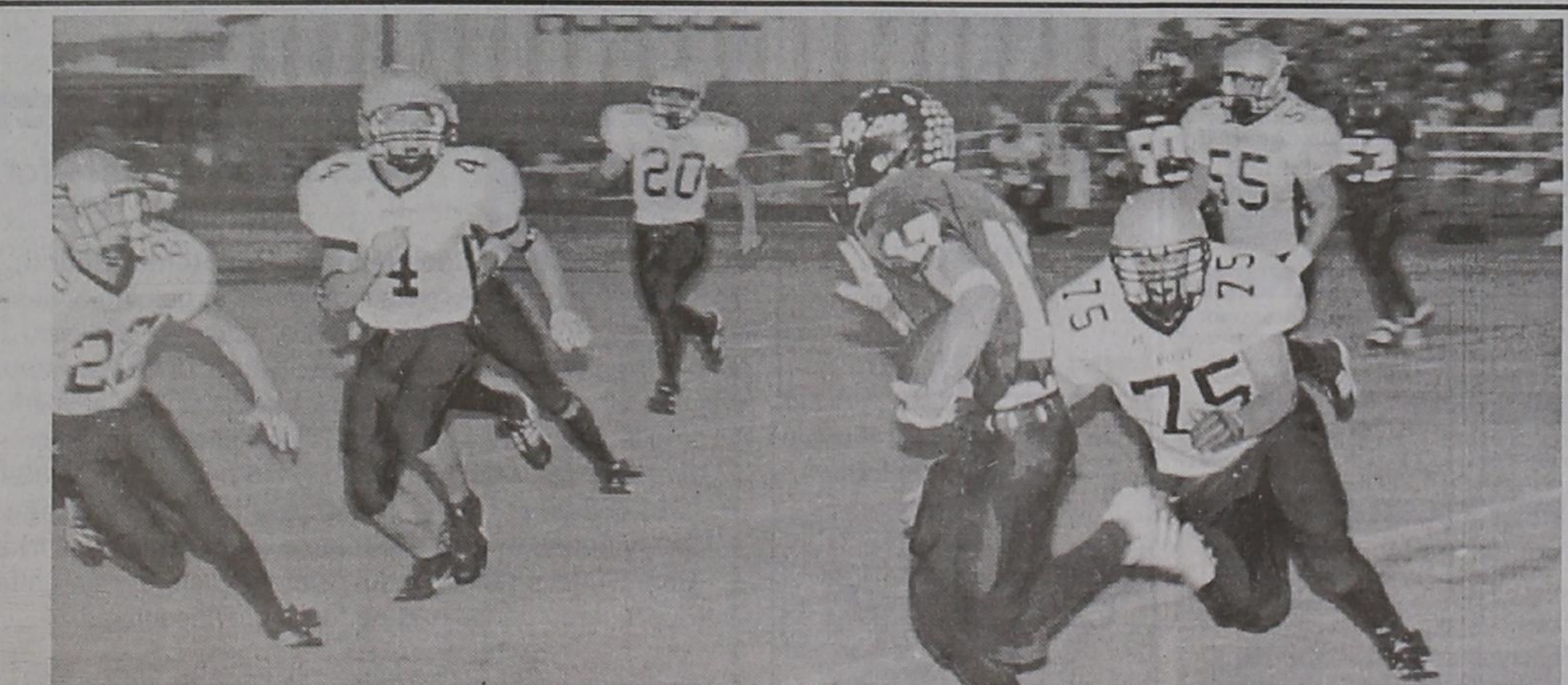


Post Antelope Roosevelt Brown (7) is poised on the defense to retrieve a loose ball during last Friday's football action at Roscoe. Also in on the action is Jace Pollard (52).



Kenny Garay (84) takes the ball down field following a pass reception as the Antelopes faced up with the Roscoe

Plowboys on Friday at Roscoe. Assisting with blocking are Preston Ortiz (75) and Colter Creech (33).



Antelope tight end Preston Ortiz (75) takes chase toward the Plowboy quarter back during last Friday's game at Roscoe.

Also bearing down on the quarter back are (left to right), Steven Hair (22) and Wilson Cash (4). In the background are Zack Sanchez (20) and Blake Nichols (55).





Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago

September 25, 1995 "Gunfight on East Main Street" was staged downtown last Saturday as part of the entertainment for 1995 Founders' Day activities.

September 25, 1985 Heidi Ehret was crowned PHS Homecoming Queen during the celebration last Friday.

September 23, 1995 White River Lake will open to bank fishermen on October 1st, announced Al O'Brien, manager of the district.

Glenda Shobe donated special megaphones for PHS students in celebration of homecoming last week.

September 17, 1975 The Calvary Baptist Church voted unanimously Sunday to call Jimmy Kennedy as their new pastor.

In the VOE spotlight this week is Christy Davis. Christy is a senior at Post High School and employed by Dr. B. E. Young.

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mits for lake fishing. No trot line fishing will be permitted, nor will boats yet be permitted on the lake.

Antelope Track: Some of the favorite movies seen by junior high students are "Love and Kisses," "Shenandoah," "Goldfinger," "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World," "Beach Blanket Bingo," and "What's New, Pussy Cat?"

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South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA) began construction of a new Early Head Start (EHS) facility on Monday, September 19 in Post. Board members involved in the ground breaking ceremony on 208 S. Ave. E are shown above (left to right), Richard Luera, Bill Powell (Executive Director), Liz Whetstone (E.H.S. Program Coordinator), Larry Harvey (Architect), Jim Hunter (Contractor), Donald Windham, Pixie Grisham, Jim Walker (Chairman of the Board), Billie Williams (Community Services) and Nancy Langdon (E.H.S. Oversight Director).

SPCAA breaks ground for new Head Start facility

In 2000, South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. received a grant award to begin providing Early Head Start services in Garza and Cochran counties.

In Garza County, the South Plains Early Head Start program currently serves 12 children ages birth to 3 years, and 3 pregnant women.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norman was observed on September 16, at their home on Route 3. Mr. and Mrs. Norman were married in 1895.

White River Lake Weekly Report Sept. 19, 2005 Gauge reading: 2350.00 Feet below spillway; 22'6" Rise - 0" Rainfall (past week); .87" Rain to-date; 13.98"

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These agencies work with families to ensure that a broad range of services are available to support families as they work to achieve self-sufficiency.

South Plains Early Head Start currently employs two individuals from the Post community. Janie Ayala is the Family Support Worker for the county and is a certified in the Parents As

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# Garza County Museum honors E.L. Short with reception

A former state representative and state senator will be recognized with a new exhibit to open Oct. 1 at the Garza County Historical Museum.

E.L. Short of Tahoka, a Democrat who served in the House from 1969 to 1977 and the Texas Senate from 1979 until 1983, will be spotlighted in the display is slated to become a part of the museum's permanent collection.

A reception to kick off the exhibit's opening will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 1, according to museum representative Linda Puckett.

Raised in the Grassland community, Short was the son of C.E. Short and Lena McCord Short, whose parents had moved to the area after responding to C.W. Post's advertisements of new land. He attended school in Grassland and graduated from Tahoka High School in 1943. He joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Theater, then returned to meet and marry Ernestine (Dink) Fortenberry from Welch in 1947.

Short farmed and ranched in Lynn County and opened and operated Cotton Seed Acid Delinters and Tahoka Auto Supply.

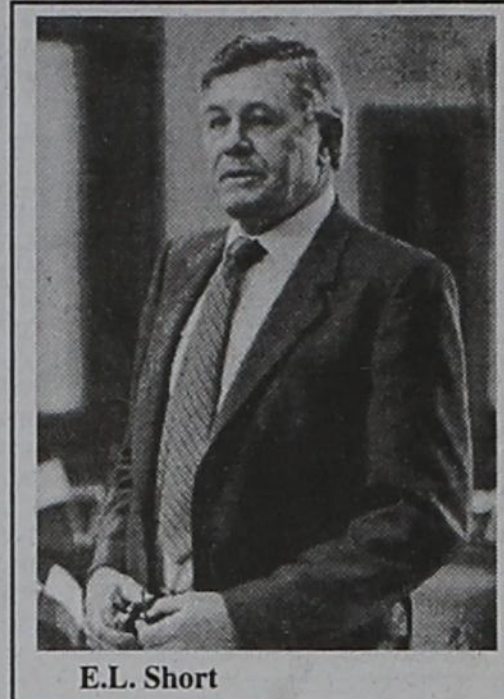
Heavily involved in community activities, Short was persuaded to seek the office of state representative vacated by Randy Pendleton of Lamesa. Successful in that campaign, he served almost nine years in the House prior to completing four years on the Texas State Senate.

Short served under four Texas governors - Preston Smith, Dolph Briscoe, Bill Clements and Mark White - while representing the following counties: Garza, Andrews, Borden, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Lubbock, Lynn, Morton, Terry and Yoakum.

During his terms, Short chaired the Internal Government Affairs and Agri-

culture committees and served on several finance committees. He also played a role in the formation of the Texas Tech Medical School in Lubbock.

Short and his wife, who was active in the Senate Wives Club, are the parents of four grown daughters: Vivian Burns of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Leah Taylor of Tahoka, Patty Kilpatrick of Brownwood and Robin Taylor of Brownfield.



E.L. Short

"The Garza County Historical Museum is proud to become a depository for one of our former representatives and a former senator of the State of Texas," said JoAnn Mock of the Caprock Cultural Association, co-sponsor of the event. "These experiences of those in local and state government are so important to preserve as part of our history development."



The Pride of Post marching band entertains the home crowd with the classic "Blue Ridge Saga" during last Friday's Antelope football game at Roscoe. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

## U.S. cotton crop looking good ...

Excellent growing conditions for the U.S. cotton crop and the anticipated increase in domestic and world cotton production contained in USDA's September supply/demand report helped to fuel bearish sentiments in the market this week.

USDA's second objective assessment of U.S. production prospects for 2005-06 placed the cotton crop at 22.28 million bales, 991,000 bales more than the August forecast and just 968,700 bales shy of the record-breaking 2004 crop.

In its re-evaluation of planted and harvested acreage, the department put plantings at 13.91 million acres and the harvested acreage at 13.67 million, suggesting an abandonment of just 3.5 percent of plantings. Estimated yield was raised 34 pounds per acre from August to a total of 782 pounds.

Estimated production in the Southwest was raised by 1.13 million bales to a total of 7.6 million. The boost was primarily due to a 1.10 million-bale addition to the Texas crop. The area for harvest remained unchanged at 5.50 million acres in Texas, but yields were boosted 94 pounds to a total of 630 pounds per acre. Prospective turnout on the Texas High Plains was raised to a record 4.93 million bales based on an average yield of 684 pounds per acre. On the Rolling Plains, production was estimated at 780,000 bales, 95,000 more than the August forecast.

The improvement in production estimates for Texas cotton producers was boosted in part by additional and heavier bolls on the cotton. Observers are optimistic that if conditions stay hot and dry the crop will continue to improve. On the High Plains, harvest could begin as early as the first part of October.

"Last year, as we went through the process, the crop just kept getting better and better," a local analyst said. "It looks like, for the Texas Panhandle, that we're mirroring last year's crop very closely."

In world numbers, the 2005-06 cotton production figure rose to 111.53 million bales from 109.79 million. Ending stocks shot up 1.39 million bales to 51.20 million from 49.81 million in the department's August report.

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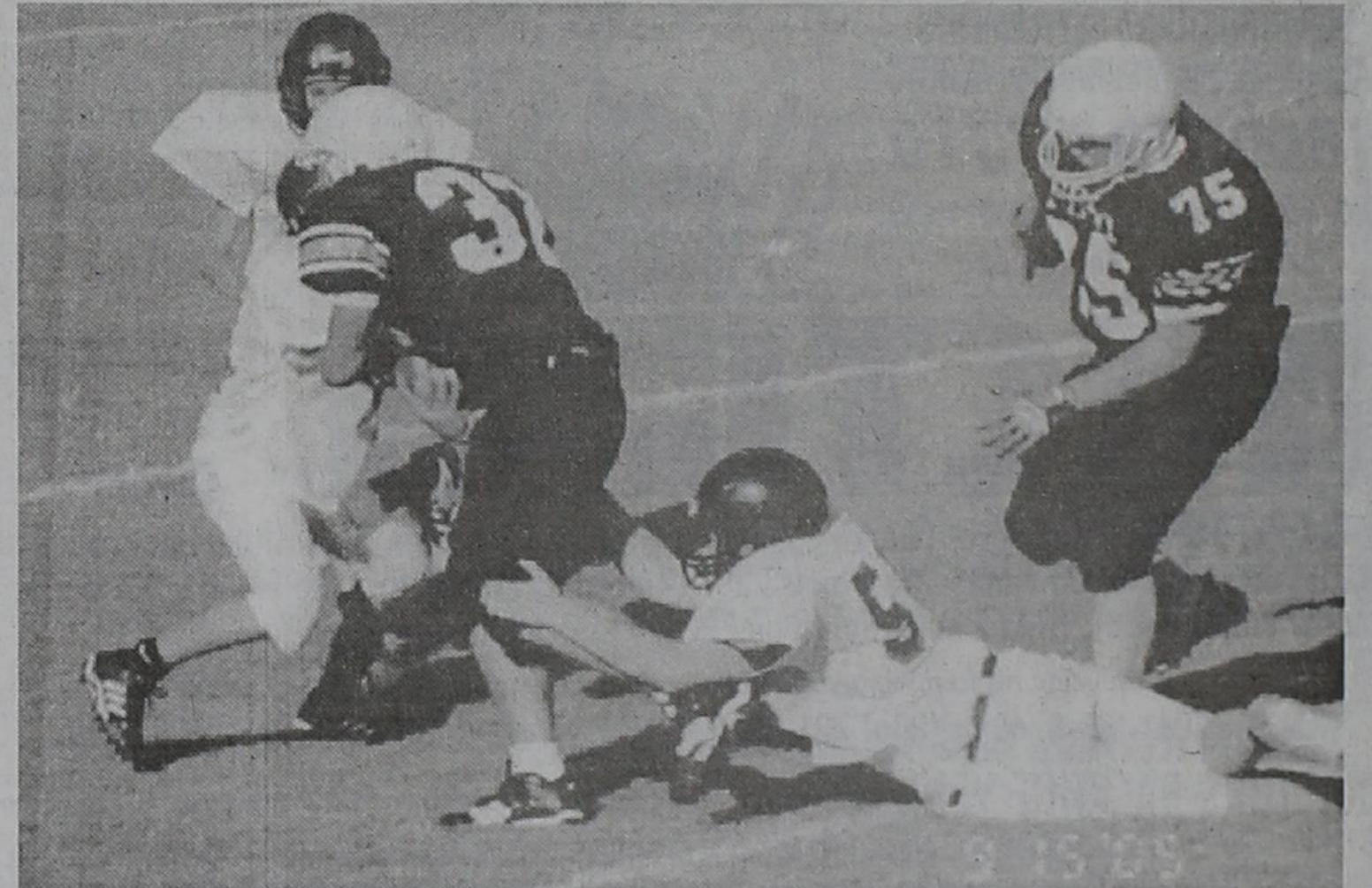
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Post Antelope 8th grade quarter back Travis Bergin (20) sets to hand off the ball as the Antelope offensive line holds the defense during last Thursday's game against Roscoe at Antelope Stadium. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Post Antelope 8th grade running back Giles Dalby (32) leaves his tacklers on the ground while dashing for more yards during last Thursday's game against Roscoe at Antelope Stadium. In on the action is Heath Palmer (75). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Nominated for the Southland Eagles Homecoming King and Queen are (left to right), Kristin Lewis, Stace Norman, Sunny Barbosa (voted Queen) and Israel Barbosa. Not pictured are Jessica Mender, Javier Galindo, Allison Olson and Cory Powell (voted King). (Photo by Rhonda Norman)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS  
SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2005

**PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)**  
HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

**PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)**  
HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

**PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)**  
HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

**PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)**  
SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

**PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)**  
SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

**PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)**  
HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

**PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)**  
SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the

amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

**PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)**  
SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

**PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)**  
HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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