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OMTD announces plans to close its doors

Final event slated for Feb. 1-3

by Sheri Lewis

Old Mill Trade Days, which at one time ushered in thousands of visitors to Post every month, will observe its final event in February.

The board of directors for OMTD voted earlier this month to make the Feb. 1-3 event the final one.

"You have to stay in the black or you just can't keep the doors open," Jacky Harp, board president, said Wednesday morning.

Attendance and vendor participation have faded since OMTD's heyday in 2001, he said.

"Poor attendance, no vendors, vendors leaving, vendors leaving without paying rent - various reasons," Harp said when asked about OMTD's downward spiral. "Weather was a big part of it. In half of our events for 2007 we had below-freezing temperatures. People just don't want to get out in bad weather."

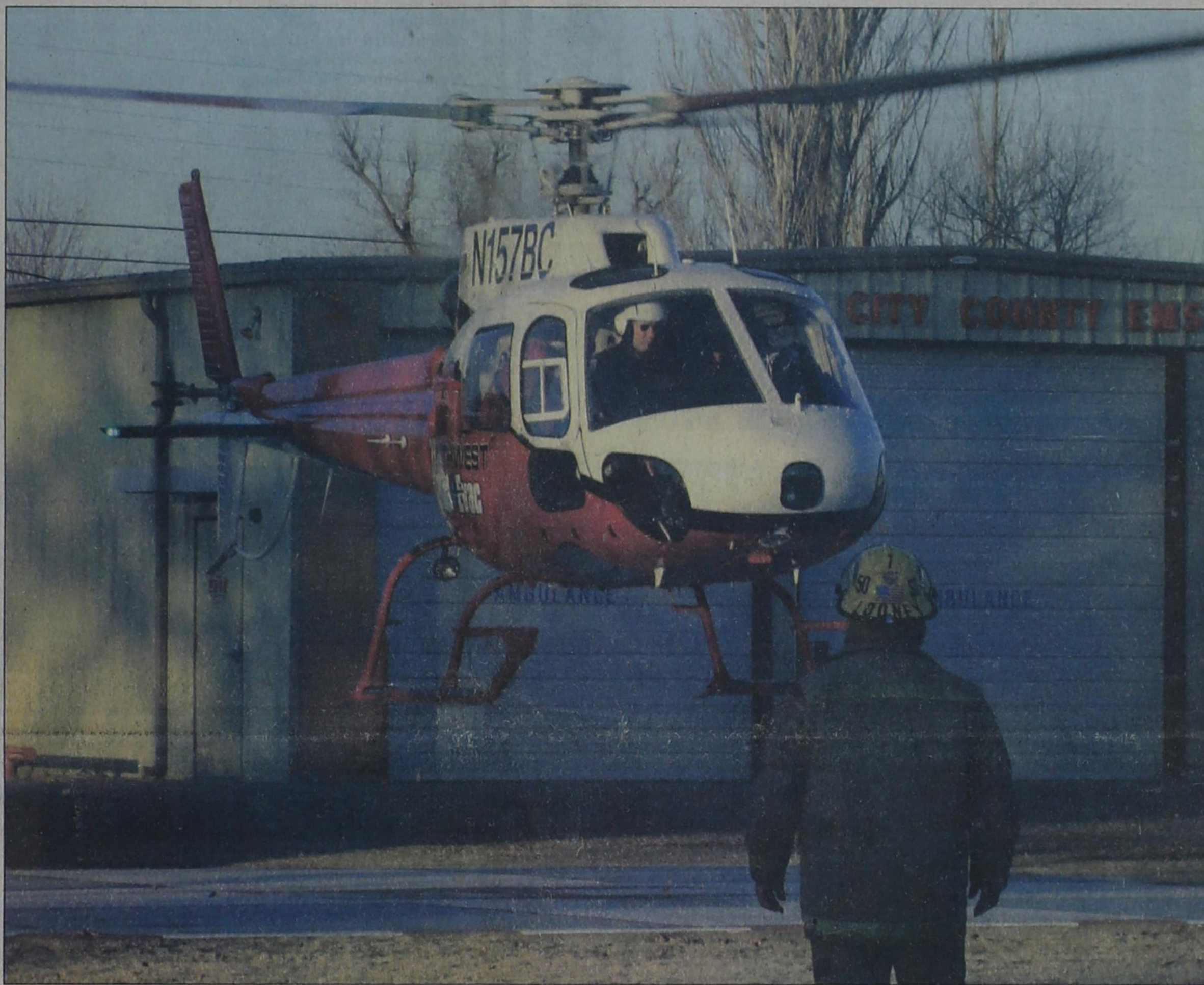
Rosa Latimer, OMTD general manager, said the January event drew 47 vendors and fewer than 600 attendants.

A Web search for OMTD produced information that indicated the event once boasted approximately 7,000 visitors each month to its 100,000-square-foot facilities.

"It's had a long run," Latimer said.

In talking with vendors and individuals who manage Trade Days-type events in other parts of Texas, Latimer said she's learned that quarterly, semi-annual or annual functions are

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Southwest Med Vac takes off from the helipad next to the Garza County Health Care Clinic after responding to a call early Monday evening. The rapid response emergency flight crew, from Snyder, responded to a call from Post-Garza EMS. According to EMS Administrator Rodney Tidwell, the patient, Mary Ann Nolan of Garza County, died while still in the Post EMS ambulance. An autopsy is expected to be conducted. Post Volunteer Fire Department's Bryan Looney assists at the helipad.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Post Notes

Account established for Chris Clark

An account has been opened at Wells Fargo Bank for Chris Clark, Assistant Manager of McDonald's in Post. The benefit account is to help with a kidney transplant. The funds will also assist with financial and medical needs for Clark and his family including two children ages six and three. For more information contact Suzie Barboza at 495-2804.

"Grandma Brag Page" deadline February 1

The Post Dispatch annual "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published Friday, February 8, with a Friday, February 1 deadline for entries. The popular annual tradition features photos of grandchildren in advance of Valentine's Day. Call 495-2816 for details.

Nazarene Church holds revival

Post Church of the Nazarene will be holding Revival Services with Pat and Donna Burkhalter. The revival will be from Wednesday, February 6 through Sunday, February 10. The services will be held each evening at 7 p.m. Sunday services will begin at 11 a.m. and at 6 p.m. For more information please contact the church at 495-3044 or call Pastor Campbell at 559-9365.

PISD Bad Weather Day re-scheduled

Due to changes in the testing calendar by the state, the Bad Weather day scheduled for April 28 has been moved up to Friday, February 18. Be sure to check with your child's teacher or campus to make sure before making any plans. If this date changes or any other changes take place it will posted on the internet.

GED classes to begin

GED classes have started again for the spring semester and are free to the public. Classes are conducted from 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Post High School at 495-2770 and leave your name and phone number. Your call will be returned by the GED instructor.

Rummage sale fund-raiser set Saturday

Rural Community Leaders will sponsor a rummage sale on Saturday, January 26, from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Post 4-H Barn. All funds will benefit the Skate Park Project. Anyone wishing to donate items or clothing may contact Reyes Pequeno at 778-2628 or Krisha Bush at 781-3986. Deadline for donated items will be Friday, January 25.

Complaint forwarded to Texas Rangers

County Attorney responds to newspaper's Open Records request

by Sheri Lewis

A complaint sent to the Garza County sheriff last week by The Post Dispatch has been forwarded to the Texas Rangers for further review.

Sheriff Cliff Laws said Wednesday that Dispatch publisher Wesley Burnett's request for a criminal investigation has been discussed with a Texas Rangers representative who works the area. That individual is "conferring with his supervisors," the sheriff said.

"I'm hoping I can refer it (the complaint) to them," Laws said.

The complaint, mailed to the sheriff's office on Jan. 16, requested a criminal investigation into actions taken on Nov. 8 at the Garza County Courthouse. On that date, according to the complaint, a Post Dispatch photographer and two Lubbock TV station videographers were denied access to the courthouse during the sentencing phase of the Pablo Soto murder trial, which took place in the 106th District Courtroom.

According to the complaint, the law enforcement agents who prohibited the media personnel from entering the courthouse with cameras violated Texas Penal Code, Section 39.03, which carries the title 'Official Oppression.' A violation is defined as any situation wherein a public official "intentionally denies or impedes another in the exercise or enjoyment of any right, privilege, power or immunity, knowing his conduct is unlawful...."

Laws said it might be another week before he learns whether or not the Rangers choose to open an investigation.

"When it comes to political topics, they sometimes shy away and don't do those investigations," he said. "I've contacted the Rangers. We'll see where it goes."

In an effort to obtain further information related to its complaint, The Post Dispatch sent an opens record request to County Judge Lee Norman on Jan. 7. The request asked for a copy of records disclosing the names of county personnel "responsible for denying The Post Dispatch photographer and other Lubbock television press access to the Garza County Courthouse building... on Nov. 8, 2007" and a copy of 106th District Judge Carter Schildknecht's order denying the press access to the courthouse.

This week, the newspaper received a two-page written response from the county attorney, Leslie Acker.

The county attorney essentially opens his letter, dated Jan. 16, by pointing out that the Public Information Act "excepts from required disclosure any information relating to litigation of a civil or criminal nature to which the state or a political subdivision is or may be a party.... In view of your Nov. 15, 2007, editorial stating that 'The Post Dispatch will seek relief in a lawful court of jurisdiction to make sure this type of behavior comes to a screeching halt,' Judge Norman, acting on behalf of Garza County, can reasonably anticipate a lawsuit by you and accordingly is not required to respond to your request for records under the Public Information Act."

Burnett said he does not now nor did he ever plan to file a lawsuit against Garza County in connection with this incident.

"Contrary to what Mr. Acker wrote, we have never planned to file a lawsuit against the county," Burnett said. "Individual government agents, not the people of Garza County, violated our rights. The criminal complaint we filed names individuals as offending our First Amendment right. Those individual government officials are personally responsible for their actions, and they do not have the authority to seek cover at the expense of Garza County taxpayers."

In his letter, Acker goes on to provide a list of individuals charged with serving as bailiffs and/or security officers at the courthouse on that date, but the information was prefaced with the following phrase: "While denying that any Garza County staff members participated in any wrongful conduct...."

Individuals listed included Eric Cravy, Daniel Yarbrow, Michael Isbell, Brian Smith, Donna Evans, Mike Taylor, Bob Zivac and Romero Rodriguez.

Acker also advised there is "no written record in Garza County's custody of any order issued by Judge Schildknecht concerning ac-

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Coloring contest offered by NRHC

The National Ranching Heritage Center's Education Department has created a new coloring contest for children ages 3 through 12.

The contest page, as well as

complete rules for the competition, may be found online at www.nrhc.com/body_kidspage.htm.

Entries must be received by March 31.

Winners in three age groups - 3 through 6, 7 through 9 and 10 through 12 - will be selected on April 1.

Wilson, Bufe wed in double-ring ceremony

Ashley Wilson, daughter of Robert and Julie Wilson of Post, and Ryan Bufe, son of Harold and Linda Bufe of Abernathy, were married at 6 p.m. on Jan. 5, 2008, in the Graham Chapel Church of Christ in Post.

Steve Gauntt of Abernathy officiating the double-ring ceremony.

The front of the church featured white columns, greenery and white tulle entwined with white sparkling lights. An array of candles completed the décor.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless white taffeta gown from the

designers of Allure Bridal. The dress featured a fitted bodice and corset back accented with crystals and beading. The A-line skirt was further embellished with delicate pick-ups to create a bustled appearance. The skirt fell gracefully to the floor and swept into a semi-cathedral-length train.

The bridal bouquet was comprised of pink roses, pink enchantment lilies, soft pink mini carnations, baby's breath and English ivy.

Maid of honor was Amber Wilson, the bride's sister. Bridesmaids were Shannon Rasbeary, Kylie Easterling, Amy Turner, Kembra Albracht and Stephanie Fleming. Each wore a vibrant pink, tea-length strapless dress accented by pink crystal earrings and a necklace and carried a bouquet of enchantment lilies, pink roses and mini carnations.

Flower girls were Taelor Liess and Addison Liess, nieces of the groom. Each wore a white crepe dress with a fitted bodice and a four-tiered skirt.

The groom wore a two-button tuxedo jacket with black pants, a white shirt, silver vest and a solid silver Windsor tie.

Serving as best man was Luke Frazier. Groomsmen were Vince Nelson, Matt Pierce, Josh Faith, Tyler Engle and Landon Jackson. They were attired in black tuxedo jackets, black pants, white shirts, black vests and pink Windsor ties.

Ring bearer was Austin Gauntt, who wore a black tuxedo jacket, black pants, a white shirt, black vest and a pink Windsor tie.

Ushers were Timothy Wilson, the bride's brother, and Allen Calvert and Jerod Harrelson.

Candle lighters were Timothy Wilson and Allen Calvert.

Registering guests was Emily Marcum.

A PowerPoint presentation featuring photos of the bride and groom growing up with families and friends was shown. The ceremony, which featured music that included personal favorites of the bride and groom, opened with a prayer led by the groom's father. A prayer by the bride's father closed the ceremony.

A reception followed at the Post Church of Christ.

Tables, decorated with lace tablecloths, featured candle-and-mirror centerpieces, floating candles, rose petals and bridal and engagement photos.

The bride's cake featured three tiers - a square one at the base, a round middle tier and a square top layer - all of which were decorated differently. All layers were French vanilla decorated with butter cream frosting, with decorations consisting of white icing with tiny hearts and swirl designs in pink and pink icing, diamond imprints and small hearts.

The two-layer groom's cake was triple chocolate in flavor with milk chocolate icing. A dark chocolate glaze adorned the top and sides. Chocolate-dipped strawberries topped the cake, and the front was lined with a dozen chocolate-and-white chocolate-dipped strawberries made to look like tuxedos. The center strawberries were decorated to represent the bride and groom.

The table that held the punch fountain was adorned with

the bride's bouquet, assorted candles and scattered rose petals.

Following a wedding trip to Lubbock, the couple is at home in Canyon.

The bride, a 2006 graduate of Post High School, attended Lubbock Christian University for a year and a half. While there, she participated in the university's Honors Program and Kappa Phi Kappa social club. She currently is enrolled at West Texas A&M in Canyon where she is majoring in math with an engineering minor in the Honors Program.

The groom graduated from Abernathy High School in 2003 and graduated from Lubbock Christian in December with a degree in business management. He served as president of Alpha Chi Delta social club during his collegiate career. He is employed with Enterprise International in Amarillo.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was catered by Ruby Tequila's. Beef and chicken fajitas and all the trimmings were served.

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Mrs. Ryan Bufe

Sign-ups under way for Miss Garza County '08

Applications are being accepted for contestants for the title of 2008 Miss Garza County International.

Miss Garza County International will become an ambassador for the county and this area. Miss Garza County also will represent her county at the Miss Texas Pageant April 11-13 at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio.

The young woman crowned Miss Texas will receive a prize package valued at more than \$11,000 and will have the opportunity to represent the state

at the 2008 Miss International Pageant in Chicago.

The reigning Miss Texas, Monika Stewart of Houston, serves as a spokesperson for the Boys & Girls Club of America. She travels the state, attending Boys & Girls Club functions where she serves as a keynote speaker and mentors children one-on-one.

Young women between the ages of 19 and 29 who are single, have never been married and have never given birth are eligible to apply for the local competition.

Contestants will compete in

personal interview, fitness wear, fun fashion wear and evening gown. There is no talent or swimming competition, and no previous pageant experience is required to compete.

Interested and eligible women living, working or attending school in Garza County who would like an application should write to Miss Texas, International Pageant, 14427 Brookhollow, Suite 197, San Antonio, TX 78232; call 210-403-0589; or visit the Web site www.misstexasinternational.com for more information.

White River Lake Weekly Report Jan. 7, 2008

Gauge reading: 2343.40
Feet below spillway: 29'1"
Rise - 0"
Rainfall (past week): 0"
Rain to-date: 0"

Rainfall 2004: 43.58"
Rainfall 2005: 15.57"
Rainfall 2006: 28.85"
Rainfall 2007: 24.19"

White River Lake has 1,123,860,099 billion gallons left available at the intake, or 13 percent capacity (3,449 acre feet). Subtract 52,136,160 MG for evaporation this month, leaving 1,071,723,939 BG available.

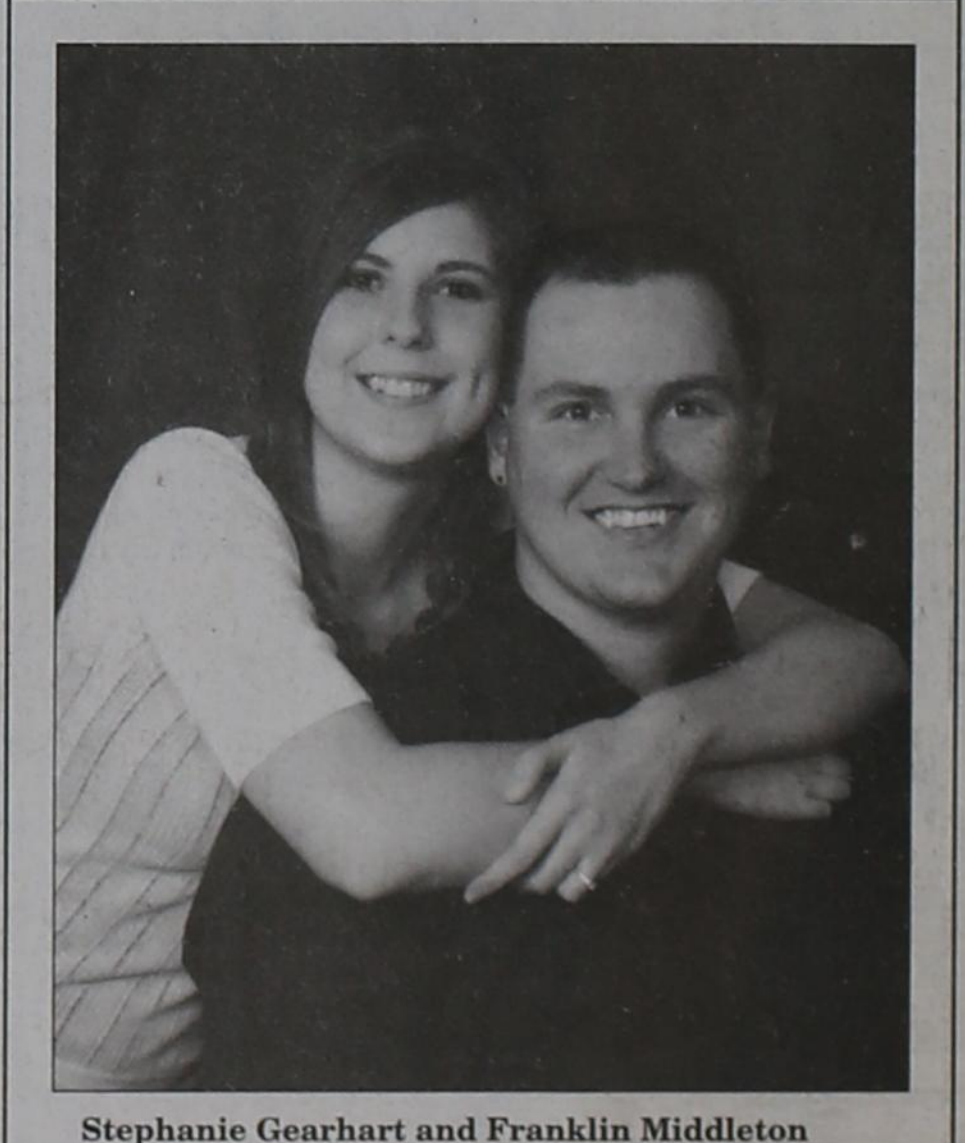
White River's daily average demand for water in 2006 was 1.45 million gallons per day.

The well field wells produce 1.90 million gallons per day.

The oil company using water for mining has been stopped until the lake level rises.

White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its drought contingency plan.

Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager



Stephanie Gearhart and Franklin Middleton

Gearhart, Middleton announce June wedding

John and Renee Gearhart of Post are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Ann Gearhart, to Franklin Bryce Middleton, son of Dennis and Jackie Middleton of Seagraves.

A June wedding is planned.

The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Post High School and a student at Texas Tech University where she is majoring in education. The prospective bridegroom is a 2001 graduate of the Denver City high school. He is employed as a measurement technician with Targa Resources in San Angelo.

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Melvin and Bessie Lee

Lees celebrating 45th anniversary

Melvin and Bessie Lee celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary this week.

The couple went to see their granddaughter, Ashley, play basketball in Slaton Monday. Following the game, they marked their anniversary with dinner at Bryan's Steak House in Lubbock.

They were married Jan. 21, 1963, in Tahoka.

The Lees are the parents of five children: James A. Lee of Colorado Springs, Colo., Dennis R. Lee of Lubbock, Marvin Lee of Andrews, Lannie D. Lee of Odessa and Sharon D. Lee of Slaton.

County advances funds for land purchase, moves forward with financing for new jail

Garza County Commissioners set in motion the plan to construct a new county jail/law enforcement facility during their Jan. 14 meeting.

The court approved a \$63,223.78 line-item transfer of reserve funds for the purchase of land for the new jail facility and authorized the issuance of combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation totaling \$9.24 million to finance the project.

Commissioners noted that the advance of reserve funding will be reimbursed to the county once the certificates of obligating funding is in place.

In addition to authorizing the issuance of the certificates of obligation, the court also approved the levy of an ad valorem tax and pledged a lien "on certain revenues in support of the certificates," approved a paying agent/registrar agreement and authorized "other matters related to the certificates."

County Judge Lee Norman advised that the county needs to "start budgeting ahead" to cover the financial costs until the facility is open and revenue-producing contracts to house inmates from outside sources are in place.

The county's annual payment will be approximately \$702,000, Norman said, but the opening of the facility will reduce the county's law enforcement expenditures by about \$200,000 per year. Those reductions will be realized when the county no longer will be forced to transport overflow prisoners to out-of-town jail facilities.

The county also will realize additional savings when the current law enforcement facility is converted to office space for employees currently housed in space rented by Garza County.

"This is an investment in our county," he said, "in our future."

The court also heard from James Parkey of Corplan Corrections, who reported that following the county's recent advertisement for requests for proposals, one proposal was received from Hale Mills. Negotiations with the firm are under way.

In other business, commissioners:

- Agreed to accept a U.S. Department of Justice grant for \$4,584.91 awarded for the purchase of bulletproof vests for county-related law enforcement personnel.
- Appointed Commissioner John Valdez as county judge pro-tem for 2008.
- Approved the 2008 holiday schedule.
- Approved the annual contract of the county code enforcer. The agreement is basically the same as what was agreed upon the previous year, except this contract will expire in September instead of December.
- Approved appointments to the 2008 Grievance Committee, all of whom were randomly drawn from the outgoing grand jury members. Members are Robert Williams, Missy Morin, Norman Baumann and Jerry Moore. Also on the committee for the year are the county judge, the clerk, treasurer, tax assessor and the sheriff.
- Approved the appointment of commissioners to various boards for 2008.
- Approved the appointment of citizens to the 2008 Lake Alan Henry Zoning Board.
- Approved bonds for elected officials.
- Approved the 2008 County Court Terms as follows: February, May, August and November.
- Approved an expansion deed for the Dalby Cemetery.
- Appointed early voting poll workers for the March 4 primary. Workers accepted included Terri Laurence, clerk; Rebecca Quintana, deputy; and Lina Rodriguez, clerk.
- Appointed co-presiding judges and co-alternate judges for the March 4 joint primary election as nominated by the county party chairs.
- Approved the establishment of the central court station and its members for the March 4 primary election.
- Approved an order re-establishing the Lake Alan Henry Post Fire Station #2 polling place for Voting Box Pct. #6.
- Received a report from the county clerk of the Jan. 31 meeting of the County Election Board. The board, comprised of the clerk, judge, sheriff, voter registrar and both county chairs, will meet at 4 p.m. and consider members of the Early Voting Ballot Board.
- Denied a \$1,000 bid from Angelia Berkley for Lot 13, Block 143 at 507 S. Ave. H. The \$1,000 bid covered the taxes due on the property, but not the court costs.
- Approved accounts payable for Dec. 22 through Jan. 14.
- Received various reports from offices throughout the courthouse.
- Approved minutes from the Dec. 21 regular session and the Jan. 7 special meeting as presented.
- Conducted an executive session beginning at 10:50 a.m. The closed-door meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.
- Once the court returned to regular session, the court accepted the resignation of Community Service Supervisor Julie Hernandez effective immediately. The motion to accept the resignation carried with a unanimous vote.



Sara and Ray Gonzales

Gonzales celebrate 46th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gonzales celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary this week.

Ray Gonzales and Sara Solis were married on Jan. 24, 1962, in Garza County.

They are the parents of five children, Ruth Castenda and Diana Looney, both of Post, Roy Gonzales of Big Spring, Daniel Gonzales of Waco and Ray Gonzales Jr. of Little Elm; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Election Corner

Garza County March 4, 2008

Republican (R) and Democratic (D) Primary Election

VOTER INFORMATION

Voter Registration: Feb. 4 is the last day a person may submit an application to register to vote in the March 4 primary election. Also, Feb. 4 is the last day for a voter who has moved to a different election precinct within the county to submit a change of address to be eligible to vote in the precinct of his or her new residence.

Early Voting: Feb. 19 through Feb. 29 (weekdays) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Garza County Courthouse.

Election Day Joint Polling Places (for both Republican & Democratic voters):

- Voting Box (Precinct) 1-Presbyterian Church
- Voting Box (Precinct) 2-Post Community Center
- Voting Box (Precinct) 3-Citizens Bank
- Voting Box (Precinct) 4-Wells Fargo Bank
- Voting Box (Precinct) 5-Southland School
- Voting Box (Precinct) 6-Lake Alan Henry Fire Station

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidates who have filed an Application for a Place on the (party) General Primary Ballot with a Garza County Party Chairman by the filing deadline of 6 p.m. on Jan. 1:

Sheriff: Cliff Laws (D), Maurice "Mo" Herridge (D), Phil Mathews (R)
County Attorney: (none)
Tax Assessor-Collector: Judy M. Bush (D)
County Commissioner, Precinct 1: Jerry Hays (R), Gary L. McDaniel (R)

County Commissioner, Precinct 3: Ted A. Brannon (D), David Woods (D).

Tommy Young (D), Cain Abraham (R)
Constable, #1: Daniel A. Yarbro (D)
Constable, #2: Eric D. Cravy (D)

Republican Party County Chair: Scott Creech
Democratic Party County Chair: Lewis Earl

Candidates who have filed an Application for a Place on the (party) General Primary Ballot with the state party by the filing deadline of 6 p.m. on Jan. 2:

District Attorney, 106th Judicial District: Brian Kingston (R), Sammy McCrary (R)

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Party on

by Bill O'Reilly

If you ask Americans how many political parties are in the presidential contest this year, most will say two. They are wrong. Right now there are five parties in play: two on the Democratic side and three in the Republican arena.

On the Democratic front, the establishment candidate is Hillary Clinton. That means the old guard Dems who supported Bill Clinton are now using their organizational capacities to help his wife become president. New Hampshire was a great example: Clinton people from all over the country poured into the Granite State, making sure traditional Democratic voters got to the polls. That effort made the difference for Sen. Clinton.

The other Democratic Party-within-the-Party is the far-left element, the "give peace a chance" crowd. I call them Yoko Ono Democrats. They are adamantly against the Iraq war and aggressively challenging worldwide terrorism. These people feel Hillary Clinton is too nuanced in her Iraq posture and don't trust her to set up the "new" America they desperately want.

By the way, the Yoko Ono Dems are split between John Edwards and Barack Obama.

On the GOP side, there is no establishment candidate, which is why we are seeing a virtual free-for-all in the voting. The social conservative choice is Mike Huckabee, who is ardently pro-life and pro-traditional marriage. Economic conservatives like Mitt Romney, who is a big-business guy. And moderate Republicans support either John McCain or Rudy Giuliani.

So there are really three separate and distinct Grand Old Party voting blocs. If the big issue is "values," then Huckabee wins as he did in Iowa. If the primary concern is security and cutting waste, then McCain and Giuliani score. But if "it's the economy, stupid," Mitt Romney comes out on top.

Of course, nobody knows how all of this will shake down in the general election and that's why the 2008 campaign is so interesting. I suspect the Clinton machine will prevail on the Democratic side, but at this point, Obama has come too far to be dismissed. So expect him to be the vice-presidential nominee.

On the Republican side of the court, it is still a jump ball, with Romney and McCain best positioned. Traditional Republicans realize Gov. Huckabee would have big trouble in the general election, not being able to compete in big states like California and New York.

Rudy Giuliani could compete in those states but got clobbered in the initial voting, so Florida is his last stand. But remember, the mayor is one terror incident away from reigning. And if he does well in the Sunshine State, he's back in contention.

So there you have it — a great presidential campaign so far. No spin. Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?" To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web site www.billoreilly.com. COPYRIGHT 2008 Bill O'Reilly.

Editor's Note: Mr O'Reilly failed to mention the candidacy of Congressman Ron Paul who placed second in the Nevada caucus and has raised more campaign contributions from individuals than any other of the Republican candidates.

More victims of immigration control

by Sheldon Richman

Consistent advocates of individual liberty often point out that government restrictions on free immigration violate the rights of people not born in the United States. Not only are they denied their freedom to move and improve their lot in life, but if they make it into the United States, they are subjected to police-state raids and exploitation because their illegal status denies them access to justice.

While the immigrants themselves bear the brunt of U.S. immigration policy and will suffer even more regardless of who becomes president next year, they are not the only victims. Additional victims are to be found among American citizens. For example, business owners who are threatened with huge fines and imprisonment for hiring workers not approved by the government are victims. They have violated no one's person or property. All they have done is engage in voluntary exchange with workers who do not have government permission to be here. Big deal! I thought we believed in free enterprise in this country. That the political party which claims to embrace free markets countenances employer sanctions and interference with the right of association speaks volumes. Could hypocrisy be more plain?

But employers are not the only victims. Another group is found on the U.S.-Mexico border. They are property owners who refuse to let federal agents onto their property to determine whether the proposed border fence should be built there.

The Associated Press reports, "The government is readying 102 court cases against landowners in Arizona, California, and Texas for blocking efforts to select sites for a fence along the Mexican border, a Homeland Security Department official said...."

With the lawsuits expected soon, the legal action would mark an escalation in the clash between the government and the property owners. The Bush administration wants to build 370 miles of fencing and 300 miles of vehicle barriers by the end of the year.

A number of property owners have granted the government access to their land. But others have refused.

The AP goes on to report, "The government may not need all the properties for the project. Officials need to determine which to buy or seize through eminent domain, or whether alternatives such as lighting, more Border Patrol agents, or technology would work better in those areas" [emphasis added].

Apparently, at least some of 102 landowners fear the government will steal their land — using the euphemism "eminent domain" — to build a fence to keep independent immigrants out of the country. Who can blame them for not letting the federal agents on their land? Eminent domain is the doctrine that government

Opinions



Tyranny update ...

by Walter E. Williams

Last December, President Bush signed an energy bill that will ban the sale of Edison's incandescent bulb, starting with the 100-watt bulb in 2012 and ending with the 40-watt bulb by 2014. You say, "Hey, Williams, what's wrong with saving energy, reducing our carbon footprint and stopping global warming?" Before you get too enthused over governmental energy-saving efforts, you might ponder what's down the road.

The California Energy Commission has recently proposed amendments to its standards for energy efficiency (www.energy.ca.gov/2007publications/CEC-400-2007-017/CEC-400-2007-017-45DAY.PDF). These standards include a requirement that any new or modified heating or air conditioning system must include a programmable communicating thermostat (PCT) whose settings can be remotely controlled by government authorities. A thermostat czar, sitting in Sacramento, would be empowered to remotely reduce the heating or cooling of your house during what he deems as an "emergency event."

Say you disagree with the czar's temperature setting for your house, the California Energy Commission is one step ahead of you with the provision: "The PCT shall not allow customer changes to thermostat settings during emergency events." In other words, the thermostat must be configured in a way that doesn't allow the customer to override the czar's decision.

Some people might agree with this level of government control over their lives, but if these amendments become law, you can safely bet there are other intrusive energy-saving proposals waiting in the wing. For now California's energy Nazis are simply testing how much intrusiveness Californians will peaceably accept. I can easily imagine California's Energy Commission requiring remotely controlled main circuit breaker boxes that control all of the electricity coming into your house. That would enable the energy czar to better manage your electricity use.

Say you're preparing a big dinner. The energy czar might decide that you don't need so much heat in the rest of the house. Or, preparing a big dinner might mean the energy czar would turn off the energy to your washing machine and dryer while the electric stove is on.

There's no end to what the energy czar could do, particularly if he enlists the aid of California's Department of Health Services. Getting six to eight hours sleep each night is healthy; good health lowers health costs. So why not make it possible for the energy czar to turn the lights off at a certain hour? California's Department of Education knows children should do their homework after school rather than sit playing video games or watching television. The energy czar could improve education outcomes simply by turning off the television, or at least turning off all non-educational programs. Of course, there could be a generous provision whereby if an adult is present, he could use a password to operate the television.

You say, "Williams, you must be mad. All that would never happen." That's the same charge one might have made back in the '60s, when the anti-tobacco movement started, if someone predicted that the day would come when some cities, such as Calabasas, Calif., would outlaw smoking on public streets. Back in the '60s, had someone predicted that there'd be bans on restaurants serving foie gras; citations for driving without a seatbelt, that the government said would be unnecessary if cars had airbags; and school bans on kids having peanut butter sandwiches in their lunchbox, I'm sure people would have said that would never happen.

California's Energy Commission, along with its legislature, has the power to mandate that all existing — as well as new — heating and cooling devices have programmable communicating thermostats by 2009. After all, it's never too early to start saving energy or prepare for an "emergency event." The reason they won't is because they would encounter too much political resistance. Their agenda is far more achievable using techniques dear to all tyrants: There's less resistance if liberty is taken away a little bit at a time.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Post Rotarians recognize trio of PHS seniors

The Post Rotary Club recognized three local high school students this month.

Student honorees included Robert Allen Heckaman, Lori Jones and Brenna Postell, all seniors at Post High School.

Heckaman, son of Robert and Nita Jo Heckaman, is involved in band, one-act play, National Honor Society, Student Council and UIL science contests.

"I enjoy shooting targets with my family, and I enjoy camping and being in the outdoors," he wrote on his biographical sheet.

Heckaman also has been active in Boy Scouts and 4-H.

He plans to attend Angelo State University in the fall, but is undecided about his major.

Jones, daughter of Donna Jones, has been active in cheerleading and

basketball and has served as track and field manager for the past four years.

Interests include cheerleading, basketball, photography, spending time with friends and family members, shopping and watching sports.



Brenna Postell

Her awards and honors include National Honor Society, Student Council, class officer, Academic All-District Basketball, Academic All-District Track & Field, football sweetheart nominee and cheerleading captain.

"I plan to attend Texas Tech University and major in radiology," she wrote. "I hope to one day be a nuclear medicine technologist."

"I have had to overcome growing up in a single-parent home. My parents divorced when I was a small child, and ever since then I have lived with my mother. Not having a father figure in my life is a struggle, but my mother is there for anything I need and I would not trade her for anything in the world," Jones wrote.

Postell, daughter of Fred and Kay Postell, is active in basketball, track and UIL computer applications. She also keeps the books for the PHS varsity baseball team.

Her interests include basketball, stock shows, spending time with her family, photography, traveling to Lubbock or the lake and "pot washing" at White River Youth Camp the last three years.

Awards and honors include Academic All-District Track and Basketball, National Honor Society, Student Council and 2007-2008 Garza County 4-H Sweetheart.

"I plan on attending Lubbock Christian University to get my BSM in nursing," she wrote. "I plan on working in pediatrics because of my love for kids. I believe every child deserves a chance to be happy and succeed, even if they are facing a health problem."

Postell said she "can't wait" to begin her college experience, followed by her nursing career.

"Kids are my passion, and I can't think of another way to help them besides nursing," she wrote.



Allen Heckaman



Lori Jones

School board extends Marcum's contract

Superintendent Marlin Marcum earned a favorable appraisal and a three-year contract extension last week from the Post Independent School District Board of Trustees.

During the Jan. 14 school board meeting, trustees OKed an extension to Marcum's contract. With that extension, the contract runs through June 30, 2011.

In other business, board members approved a memorandum of understanding with Hale County to manage the Post ISD's Disciplinary Alternative Education Program, or DAEP. Students routed to the DAEP will be bussed to a central location in Hale County where they will attend a boot camp-type program.

Trustees also voted to leave the EPIC special education cooperative. Instead, the district will conduct its own local program. Self-contained children who now are bussed to Lorenzo will remain in Post and be educated locally effective July 1, the close of the fiscal year.

The board also approved two student transfers; authorized a pair of Garza County Tax Appraisal District roll changes; and approved the consent agenda as presented.

Work continues on new clinic building

The groundbreaking for the new Garza County Hospital District clinic could come as early as mid-February, according to information delivered at the district's Jan. 17 board meeting.

Board members were advised that work on the clinic project is ongoing, and projections indicate the new facility could be completed nine or 10 months after construction begins.

The board also received the clinic report for the month of December. Revenues totaled \$58,729, with expenses of \$53,581, leaving a profit of \$5,148. The clinic had 819 visits for the month, with 1,591 procedures.

The Indigent Care Report for December showed 14 clients in the program with monthly expenses of \$1,233. Year-to-date expenditures total \$5,125, leaving \$94,874 remaining in the indigent care budget.

The board also reviewed and approved financial statements and the payment of monthly bills.

Minutes from the Dec. 20 regular meeting also were approved. The board's next regular meeting is slated for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Community Room at Citizens Bank.

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The Garza County Historical Museum earned this month's recognition as Post City Merchants Business of the Month. Congratulating museum curator Linda Puckett (center, front) are (left to right) Loyd Mashburn, museum assistant Pat Cruse, Daria Frazier and Donna Degan. Staff photo by Merika Strivens

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THE STATE OF TEXAS)	IN THE 106TH DISTRICT COURT
VS)	OF
ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ PEREZ RESPONDENT)	
\$12,000.00 UNITED STATES CURRENCY)	GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ PEEZ, Defendant- GREETING

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable District Court of Garza County, at the Courthouse in said County in Post, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 11th day of October 2007 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Seizure and Intended Forfeiture, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Post, Texas this 4th day of January 2008.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff: Joe Nagy P. O. Box 1124 Lamesa, TX 79331	Clerk of the Court: Jim Plummer P. O. Box 366 Post, TX 79356
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By *Lena Rodriguez* Deputy

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Came to hand on the 7 day of January 2008 at 9:30 o'clock A M and executed this citation by delivering the same to Post Dispatch, a newspaper published in the County of Garza, State of Texas, to be published four times, once in each week for 4 consecutive weeks. Said publications were made respectively on the: _____ 20 _____ 20 _____ 20 _____ 20 _____

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

• As of Tuesday morning our bale count is at 15,900.

• Susan Gonzales has a new ride. Danny bought her and Stevie, their grandson, a belated Christmas present to play around on. So if you are coming through Ragtown, be on the lookout for them. Danny and Susan traveled to babysit for Stevie while his parents, Steve and Flora, attended the annual banquet for Steve's work.

• Melvin and Bessie Lee celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary by going to Slaton to watch their granddaughter, Ashley, play ball, then it was on to Bryan's Steak House in Lubbock. They have five children: James of Colorado Springs, Colo., Dennis of Lubbock, Marvin of Odessa, Lannie of Odessa and Sharon of Slaton. Melvin and Bessie were

married Jan. 21, 1963, in Tahoka and moved to Post in 1967.

• Visitors we've had in the gin this past week have been: Pop and LaVerne, they came by on Saturday, it's always good to see them out and about. Carroll and Helen Pate came back down and Temp Browning came in to visit a little. Speaking of Temp, I have to thank him for the help he and a lot of other people gave us when we lost Daddy's bull calves. Noel White, David Sparlin, Rod Smith, Reece and Josh and anyone else I may have missed. The calves ended up in Mildred Stewart's pasture, thanks to Dicky Wallace for letting them know who they belonged to.

• Jake Morris came in on Tuesday and taught us all how to yo-yo. Jake is 4 years old and pretty good at it, which is more

than I can say for the rest of us.

• Congratulations to all the stock show participants. I think they all did a really good job.

• Remember your loved ones keep them close and pray for our troops. Keep those recipes coming!

Get Wells

We want to send out a big get well to our favorite seed customer, Arnold Sanderson. He is in the hospital in Lubbock.

Birthdays

- Jan. 26 – Daniel Yarbro
- Jan. 26 – Xan Everitt
- Jan. 27 – Nelson Esparza
- Jan. 31 – Jarryd Thomas
- Jan. 31 – Dana Morris Carter

Anniversaries

- Jan. 27 – Jerry and Judy Bush

Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or anyone that may be sick. You can call me at the gin or e-mail me at close.city.coop@pcca.com.

McCrary announces candidacy for District Attorney

I want to announce that I have filed as a candidate for district attorney of the 106th Judicial District, which consists of Garza, Gaines, Dawson and Lynn counties. I will be a candidate in the Republican primary on March 4 for the position now held by Ricky B. Smith, who is retiring at the end of his current term.

Over the past 10 years, I have tried numerous serious cases before juries in the four counties of the 106th Judicial District. Most of the cases I have tried have been against child molesters, career criminals, and defendants charged with murder and attempted murder. While trying these serious cases, I have maintained a 95 percent conviction rate.

In addition, I have argued cases on appeal before the Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Courts of Appeals, as well as the state's highest criminal court, the Court of Criminal Appeals. To date, no criminal I have prosecuted has ever been released from prison due to a reversal on appeal.

I have also represented many victims of domestic violence throughout the district in obtaining protective orders.

In 2002, I earned my certification as an expert in criminal law from the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and I was recertified in criminal law this past year. In addition, I have worked my way up to the position of first assistant district attorney. As first assistant district attorney, I have had the opportunity to train and supervise many new attorneys as they learned to try felony cases.

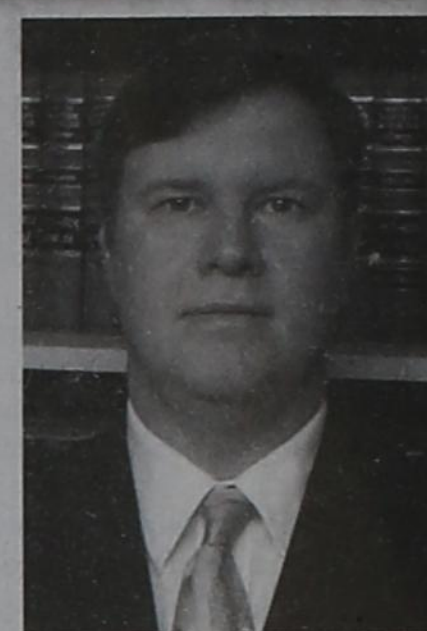
When you go to vote for a district attorney, you are really hiring a lawyer. If you are the victim of a crime, you don't get to go out and hire a lawyer to prosecute the criminal. Instead, you are represented by your elected district attorney and his assistants.

Although you often hear about the rights of criminals, I believe the hardworking citizens of our communities deserve the best legal representation possible.

I have been honored to represent you, the citizens of Garza County, for the past 10 years as your assistant district attorney and first assistant district attorney. My record as a prosecutor is public record in the offices of the district clerks of Dawson, Gaines, Garza and Lynn counties.

This is an important vote that will determine the quality of the lawyer that will represent you if you or your family should become the victim of a crime. I encourage you to review and compare my record. I hope that you will consider the work I have done for you as your first assistant district attorney and give me the opportunity to continue representing you by promoting me to be your district attorney.

Thank you for your support.
Sammy McCrary
First Assistant District Attorney



Letters ...

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MLK Day, come and gone

I don't dwell much on holidays, rainy days, windy days, birthdays or any other day.

I believe Dec. 25 (Jesus' birthday), Fourth of July (America's Independence) and Veterans Day (in honor of our veterans and active duty personnel in the military) may, in my opinion, be the most important days on the calendar. Without these happenings, we wouldn't have much to brag about.

I fully understand why the black folks have a celebration on MLK Day, but actually there shouldn't have to be a MLK Day. President Lincoln supposedly took care of that, but it turned out to be somewhat of a failure.

We'll have to remember that the black folks didn't come to America voluntarily. Mexicans come here looking for a better way of life, and the white folks, well, we come barging in here forcefully and crowded the Native American Indians to the back pew and moved ourselves to the front row.

However it may have happened, I'm glad it did, or none of us might not be here. We can't unscramble eggs, so in my opinion we might as well band together and go for it.

Over in the black part of my world, the Bells, Sapps, Authur Kelly and the list goes on and on are at the top of my list as good friends. I'm married to a Mexican lady, and I have a so-called "half and half black grandson," which I'm pretty fond of. So color ain't got doody squat to do with my choice of people.

A few years ago, when Mom could see that her time was running out, she told me to donate her usable organs. At 88 years old, her eyes was all that had any value. A little while after her passing, I got a letter telling me her retinas had been transplanted into a blind Mexican man in Houston. I met Mom's wishes and I am happy for the man.

I can remember a good many moons ago, I went on defense with a old black man in a bar room in Oklahoma. We won. Thereafter in that town I was called a "N-lover." Ya know what? If I had it to do over, I'd do it again.

I read recently that a Morton group of white folks are upgrading an old forgotten gravesite of a group of buffalo soldiers. If we don't know what buffalo soldiers were... look it up in the history books! I think that is a good move on the white boys' part. Kudos to them. Nevertheless, as far as the white thing, the brown thing or the black thing goes, ta hell with all that crap. Let's join together and make America better.

By the way, to change the subject, last week gasoline was 26 cents cheaper in Slaton than here in Post. Hmmm. That's about a dollar savings every four gallons.

As I see it and my opinion only.

Everyone have a good day.

O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

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Southland assembly rescheduled

The Southland ISD's assembly on Love, Sex and Dating with Ed Ainsworth has been postponed until February. The parent meeting for secondary students will be Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the school board meeting. The assemblies will take place on Feb. 12 and 14. The rescheduling was done to accommodate the speaker's invitation to tape an episode of the Dr. Phil television show that deals with teen pregnancy. Parents with questions should contact Brad Ellison, principal, at 996-5339 or e-mail bellison@southlandisd.net.

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Obituaries

Benjamin Loyd Owen Sr.

Services for Benjamin Owen Sr., 80, of Post were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, 2008, in the First Christian Church with Jack Alexander and Jerry Koch officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

He died Jan. 18, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born April 27, 1927, in Swisher County to George and Elizabeth Owen, he married Edna Mae Pierce on Dec. 28, 1945, in Post. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a carpenter and an avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Mae Owen, of Post; four sons, Benjamin L. (Sherry) Owen Jr. of Post, Kim A. (Lu) Owen of Snyder, Timothy J. (Trussha) Owen of Snyder and Rodney T. (Julie) Owen of Lubbock; one daughter, Pam Jo (Joe) Hall of Graham; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Todd Hall, in 1986.



Donald G. Plummer Sr.

Funeral Liturgy for Donald G. Plummer Sr., 74, was celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in El Paso. The rite of committal and burial will follow at Fort Bliss National Cemetery with Navy honors.

The family received friends and relatives Monday, Jan. 21, in the Chapel of Martin Funeral Home East.

He died Jan. 16. Born May 30, 1933, in Philadelphia, Penn., to Harold S. and Frances Johnson Plummer Sr., he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was owner and operator of D. Gilmore Distributing prior to his retirement. He and his wife, Janet, were communicants at St. Raphael's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Janet M. Plummer; his sons, Donald G. Plummer Jr. and wife, Lisa, of El Paso and James H. Plummer and wife, Janice, of Post; his daughters, Donna Plummer of El Paso and Christine Plummer of Allen; five grandchildren, Amelia, Trey, Marlee, Carleigh and Keenan; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Lisa Plummer; one brother, Harold Plummer Jr.; and one sister, Orthea Smith.

Pallbearers will be Donald Plummer Jr., James H. Plummer, Trey Plummer, Paul Cataldi, Furman Nagle and John Quinn. Honorary pallbearer will be Keenan Acosta.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Ambrosio Guillen Texas State Veterans Home, 9650 Kenworthy, El Paso, TX 79924.

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Mary Ann Nolan

Memorial services for Mary Ann Nolan, 49, of Post will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, in the Graham Chapel Church of Christ with Noel White officiating. Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She died Monday, Jan. 21, at her home.

Born May 13, 1958, in Belle Glade, Fla., to Lowell and Mary Stewart, she married Jim Nolan on May 9, 2000 in Paducah. She was a homemaker and a member of the Graham Chapel Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Nolan of Post; one daughter, GiGi Gorham of Lubbock; two sons, Matt Gorham of Lubbock and Spencer Nolan of Post; and one sister, Gayle Gonzales of Rockledge, Fla.



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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
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The wise men...Matthew 2:1-11

When God in heaven heralded the birth of His son Jesus Christ, He made sure there would be no confusion. Six different times He confirmed that Mary's child was His son. They are listed as follows:

1. Joseph's encounter with the angel, 2. Elizabeth's prophesy right after Mary's salutation, 3. The angel's instructions to the shepherds on the night of Jesus' birth, 4. The prophesy of Simeon during Jesus' circumcision, 5. Anna's prophesy, and 6. The Magi's arrival to the home of Joseph and Mary. The above six events included direct encounters with Mary and Joseph that plainly revealed the child to be God's son. In the Companion Bible, E.W. Bullinger noted the spiritual significance of numbers used in the Bible. He explained that the number six denoted the "human number." He noted that man was formed, made and created on the sixth day. Bullinger also explained the numbers two and tree.

The number two denoted "difference." In context it symbolized the principle that if two different people agree in testimony, then it is conclusive or established. The number three denoted completeness as three straight lines complete a geometric plane. Based on this information, it can be seen that God completely established for Mary, through others, that she was carrying His son, for $3 \times 2 = 6$. When we add Mary's initial encounter with the angel Gabriel, the count comes to seven. Bullinger explained that the number seven denoted spiritual perfection. He noted it was "the number or hallmark of the Holy Spirit's work." We continue with the records of Jesus Christ's birth in Matthew 2:1-11, "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.'"

During the time of Jesus' birth, an unnumbered group of men identified a star that signified the birth of the "King of the Jews." Who were these men? What star did they see? What was so special about this star? In short, the "wise men" were an elite cast of people who committed their lives to tracking the stars. Biblical scholars have suggested they were descendants of the elite people who were instructed by Daniel (see Daniel 2:2, 47-48). If Daniel instructed them, then they were surely instructed according to the truth of God's word. They would have also been instructed on God's word written in the stars.

Genesis 1:14 reads, "And God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.'" God put the stars in the heavens for signs of things to come, for seasons of appointed times and for days and years. Psalms chapter 19 beautifully opens up the subject of God's word in the stars. The "wise men" of Matthew 2:1 no doubt had a solid grasp of the signs and seasons laid out in the heavens. Their knowledge would have been passed down from generation to generation as they continued to track the heavens for signs of things to come, and the seasons of appointed times.

During the time of Jesus' birth, they began to notice very significant signs in the heavens. The astronomical events would have been so significant that they went to Jerusalem to inquire about the birth of the "King of the Jews." They were even prepared to pay homage to the King. There was no doubt in their minds that a "King of the Jews" was born. It was only a matter of finding him.

The next series of articles on the "wise men" and Jesus' star will utilize the excellent research and books by authors Ernest L. Martin, Victor Paul Wierwille and E.W. Bullinger, all of whom reverently synthesized astronomy with God's word written in the stars.

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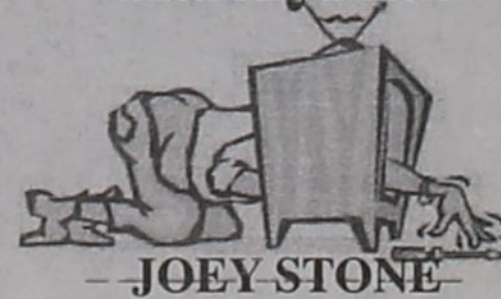
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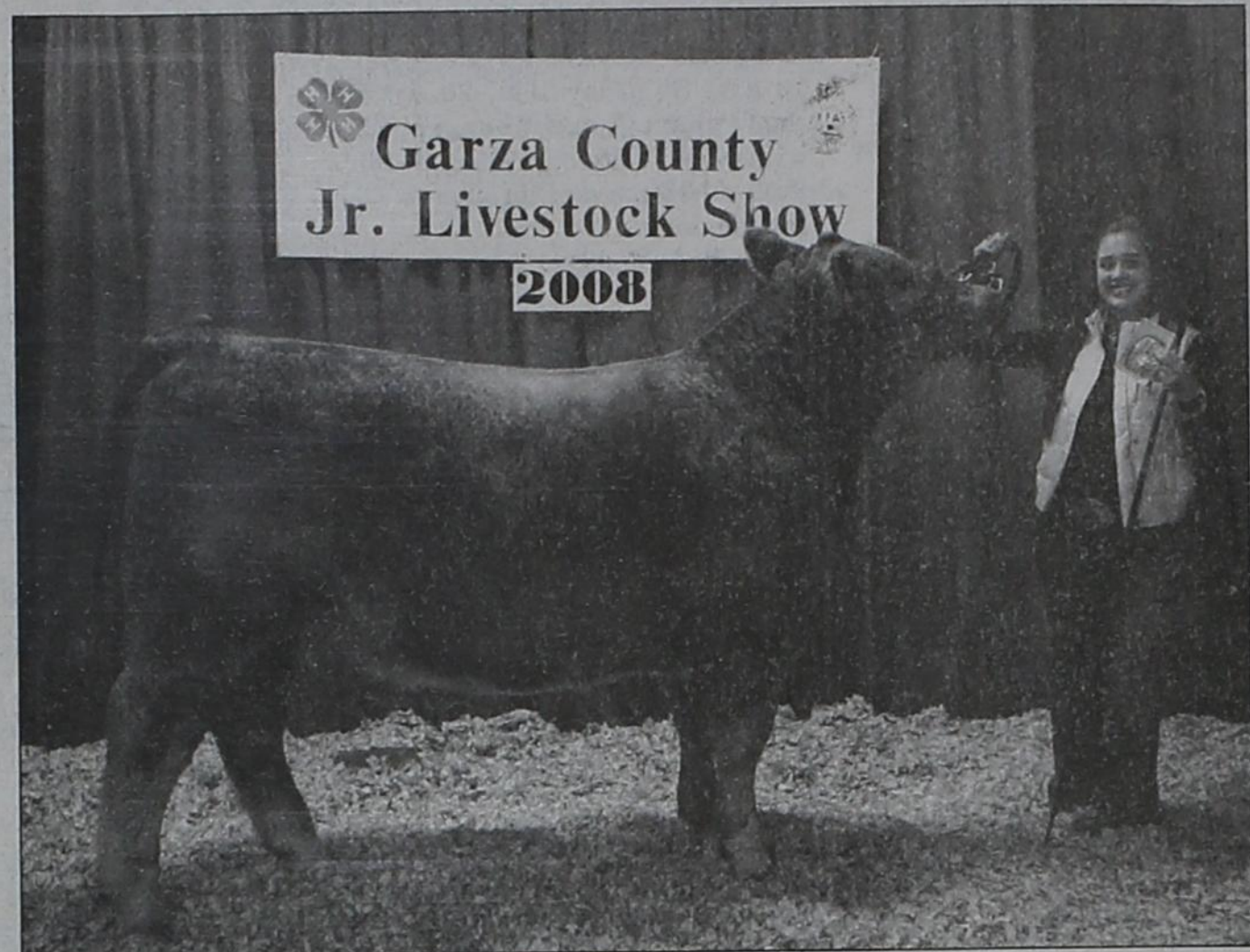
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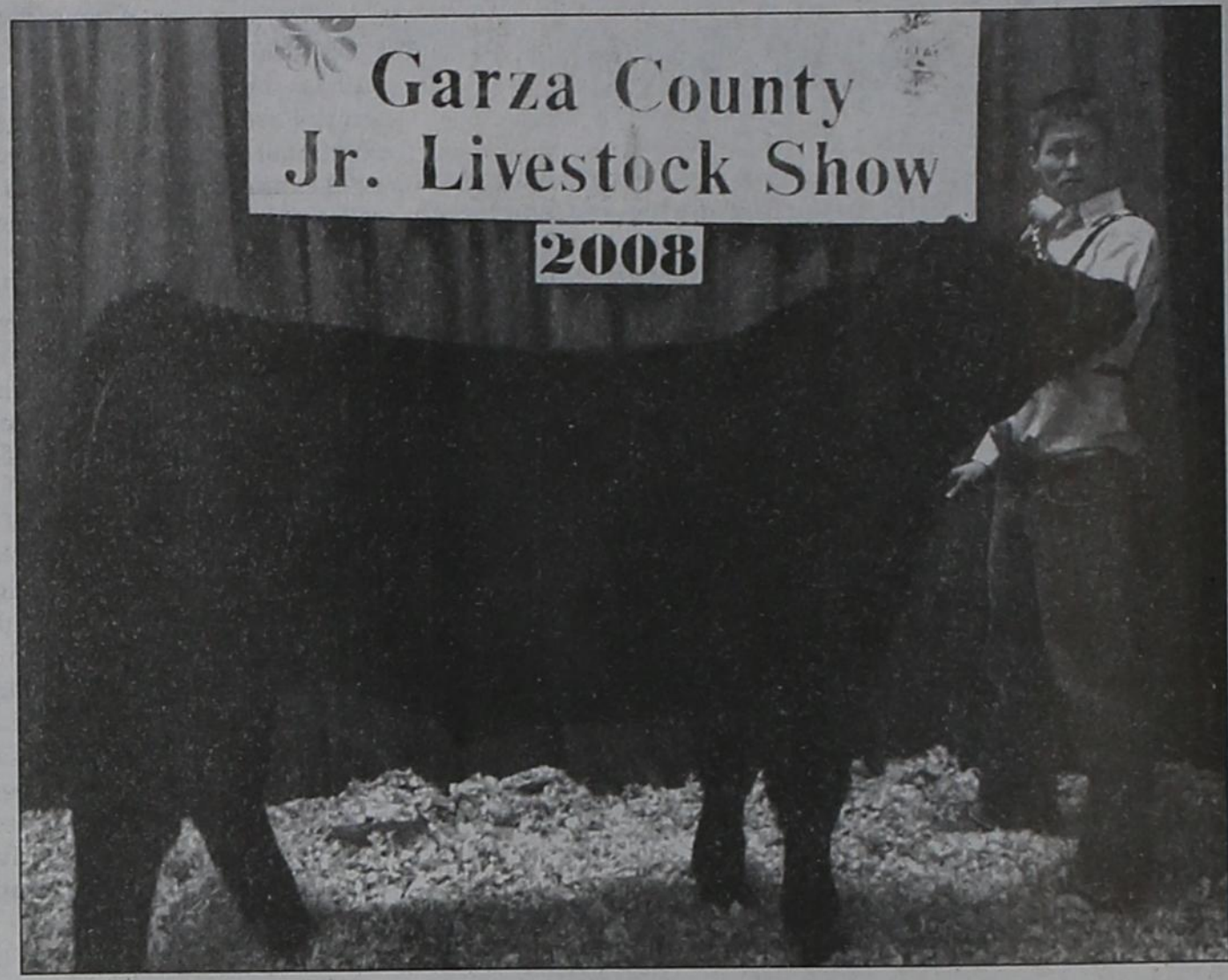
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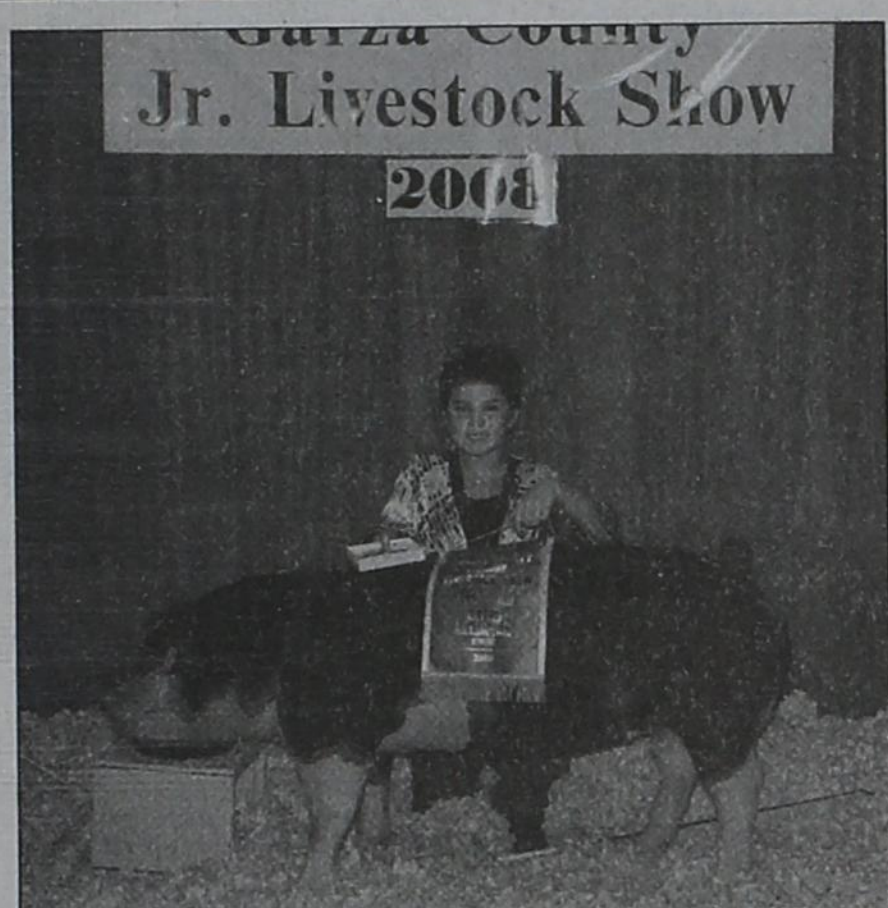
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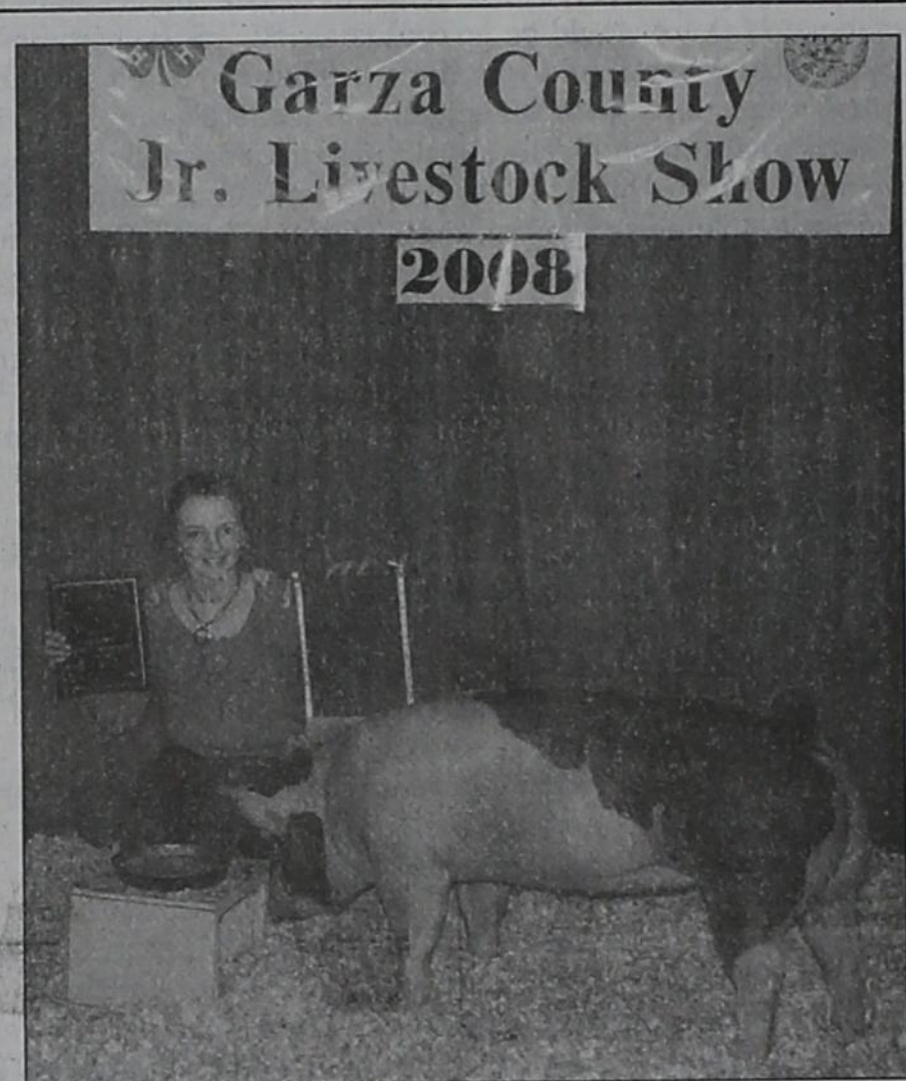
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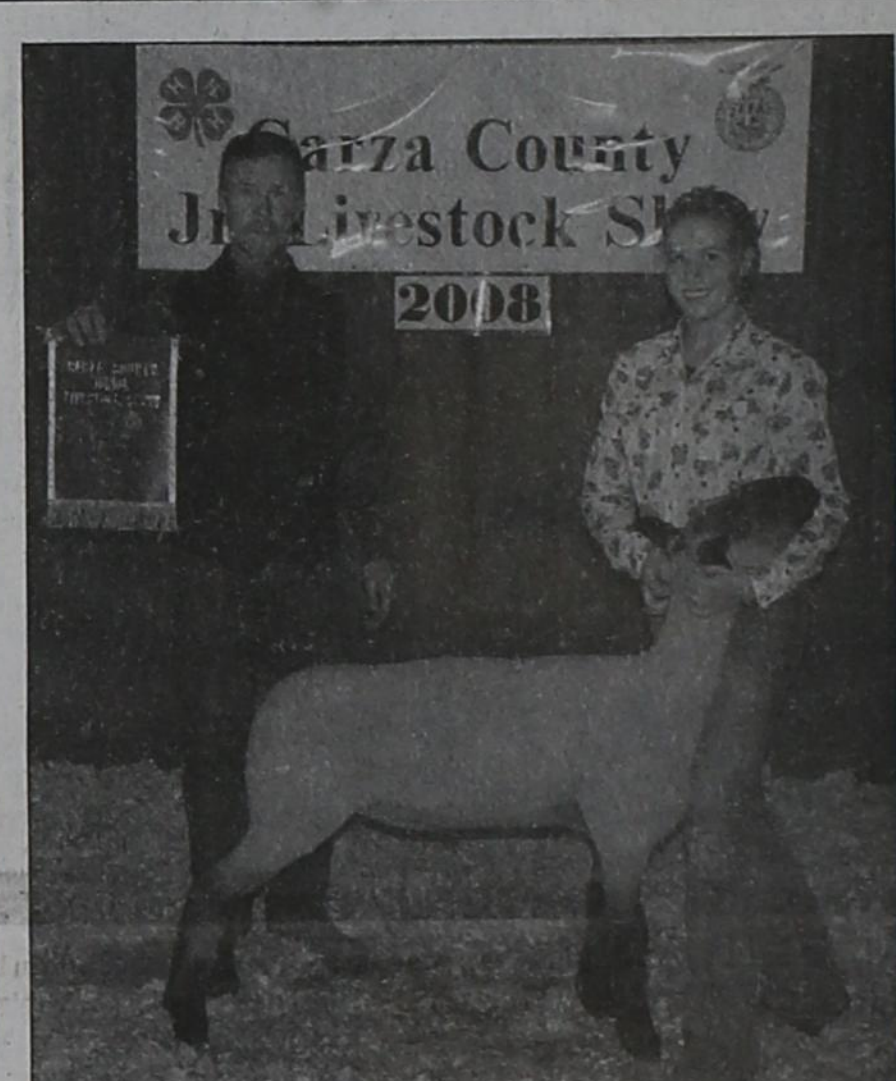
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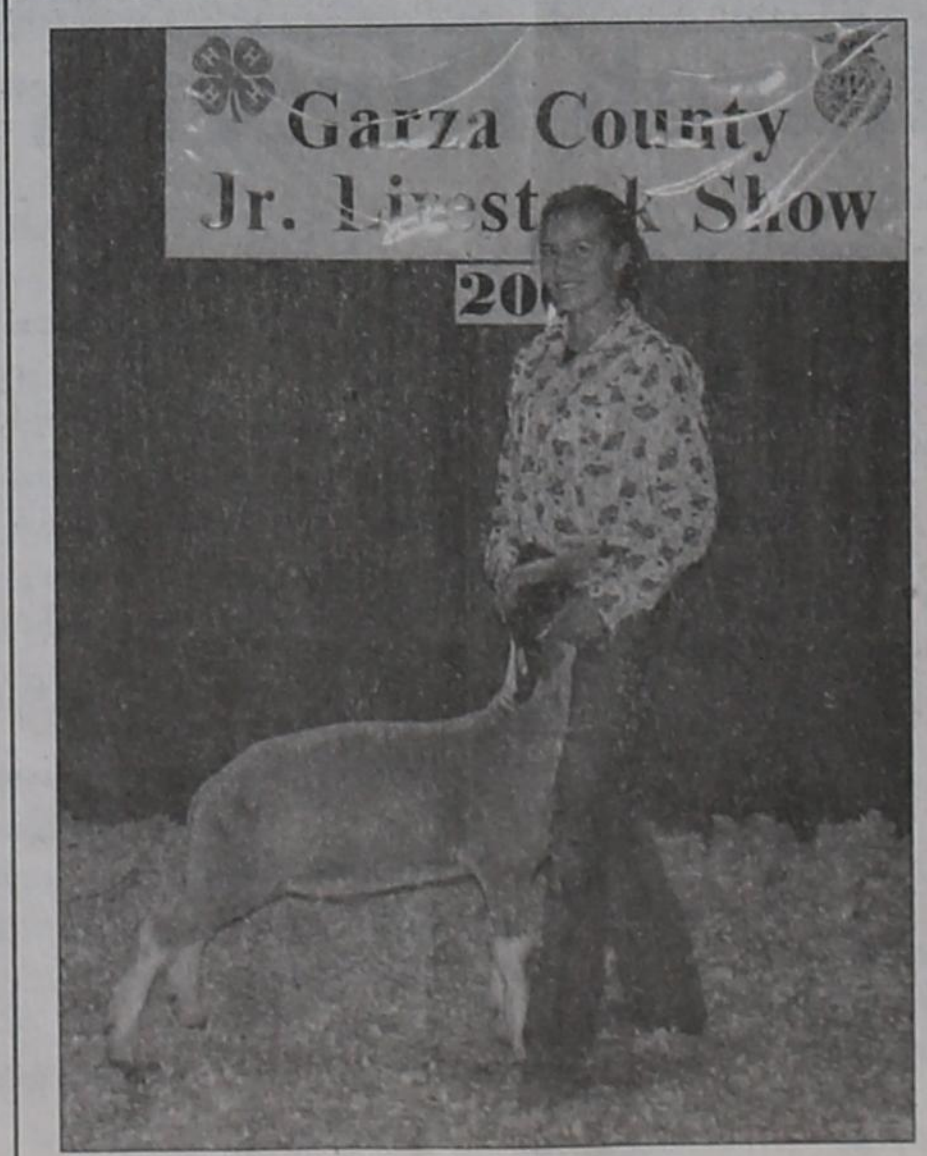
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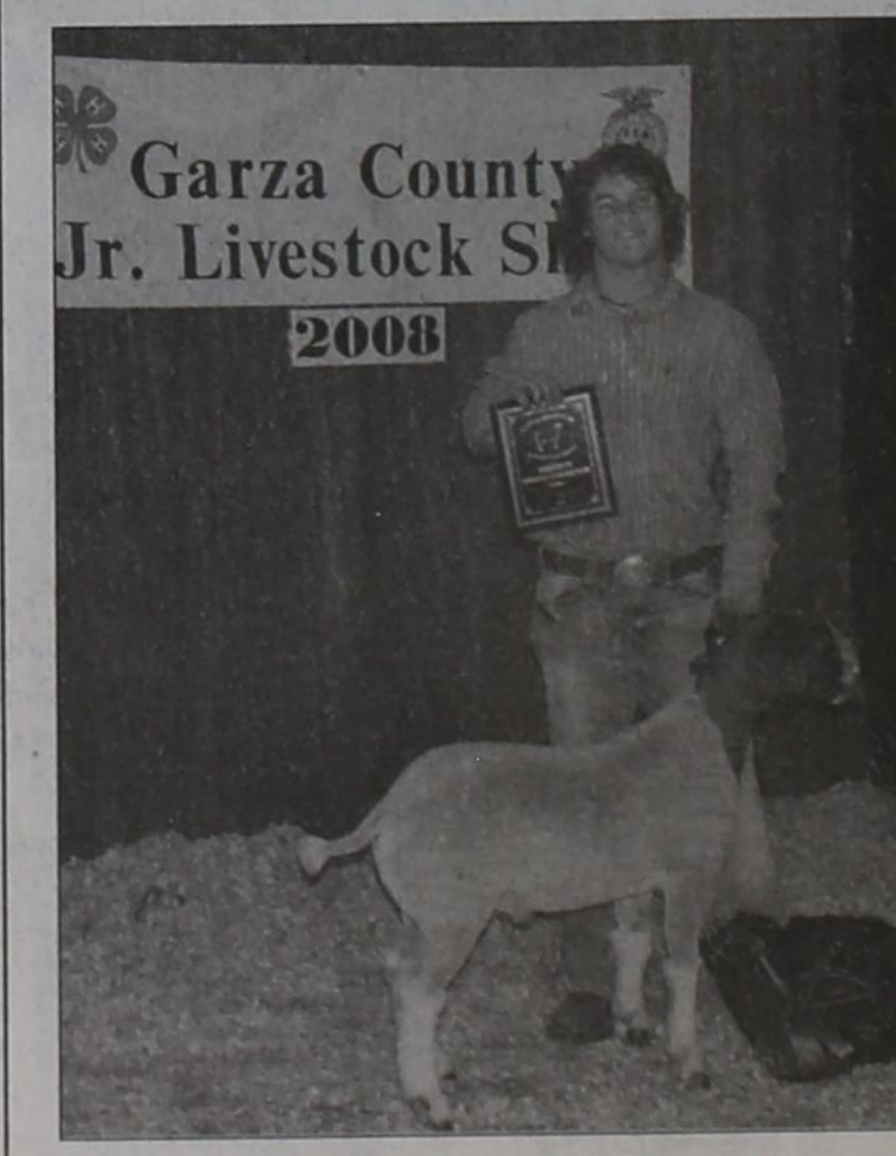
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Jones, Odom, Osborn take top stock show wins

Fifty-eight Garza County 4-H, Post FFA and Southland FFA members exhibited their animal projects last Thursday and Friday at the 44th Annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show. Also participating were 11 pee-wee rabbit and goat exhibitors.

The show started with the weighing in of 10 steers, 65 hogs, 16 lambs and 35 goats on Wednesday.

The show kicked off Thursday afternoon with the Steer Show. Skylar Jones won the Grand Champion belt buckle with her first place heavy-weight Exotic Division Champion. Skylar, a member of Garza County 4-H, is the daughter of Greg and Channa Jones.

Jarrett Blevins won the Reserve Grand Champion plaque and a monogrammed tote bag with his first place light-weight in the Exotic Division. Jarrett is the son of Gary and Jaquita Blevins.

Capturing the Grand Champion buckle in the Swine Division was Callie Odom, who won with her first place heavy-weight Breed Champion OPB.

Callie, a member of Southland FFA, is the daughter of Aaron and Tish Odom of Slaton.

Katie Dunn, a member of Post FFA, won the Reserve Grand Champion plaque and tote bag with her first place medium-weight Breed Champion Cross. Katie is the daughter of Lance and Tonya Dunn.

Friday's activities kicked off with 13 rabbits being judged. Kelbie Oden won Grand Champion honors with her first place entry in the Aged Buck Class. Addie Quintana won Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit with her first place entry in the Aged Doe Class. Both girls are members of Garza County 4-H.

At the end of the regular rabbit show, 4-year-old Addee Williams exhibited in the Pee-Wee Rabbit Show.

Taylor Osborn won the Lamb Grand Champion buckle with her first place heavy-weight Medium Wool. Taylor, a member of Post FFA, is the daughter of Keith and Roxanne Osborn.

The Reserve Grand Champion Lamb plaque and tote bag went to Post FFA member Matti

Smith with her first place Breed Champion Southdown. Matti is the daughter of Perry and Kelli Smith.

Taylor Osborn also won Grand Champion honors with her first place goat in the medium-heavy weight class. Pat Reiter won the Reserve Grand Champion Goat plaque with his first place heavy-weight goat. Pat, a member of Garza County 4-H, is the son of Chris and Glenna Reiter.

Following the regular goat show, 10 youth, ages eight and under, exhibited in the Pee-Wee show. They were Michael Tadlock, age 2; Grant Stahl, age 2; Jake Morris, age 4; Bailey Miller, age 4; Drew Porter, age 4; Dylan Greer, age 5; Shawn Ledbetter, age 5; Landon Greer, age 7; Pacey Blevins, age 8; and Shailey Miller, age 8.

Each exhibitor was presented a trophy.

The GGCJLA would like to thank each exhibitor for his or her hard work and courteousness throughout the show. We want to commend project advisors Greg Jones, CEA-Ag for 4-H, Jason Miller for the Southland FFA and Lance Dunn and Perry Smith for

Post FFA, for a job well done.

We would also like to thank the following businesses and individuals who sponsored awards, including Lyntegar Electric Cooperative Inc. who provided plaques, banners, rosettes and ribbons. Grand Champion Buckle donors included Big Country Electric Cooperative Inc.-Steer; Crown Unlimited Inc.-Swine; South Plains Electric Cooperative Inc.-Dickens Division-Sheep; and Milton and Billie Williams and Keith and Roxanne Osborn-Goat. The monogrammed tote bags for Reserve Grand Champions were provided by Driveline Express of Lubbock.

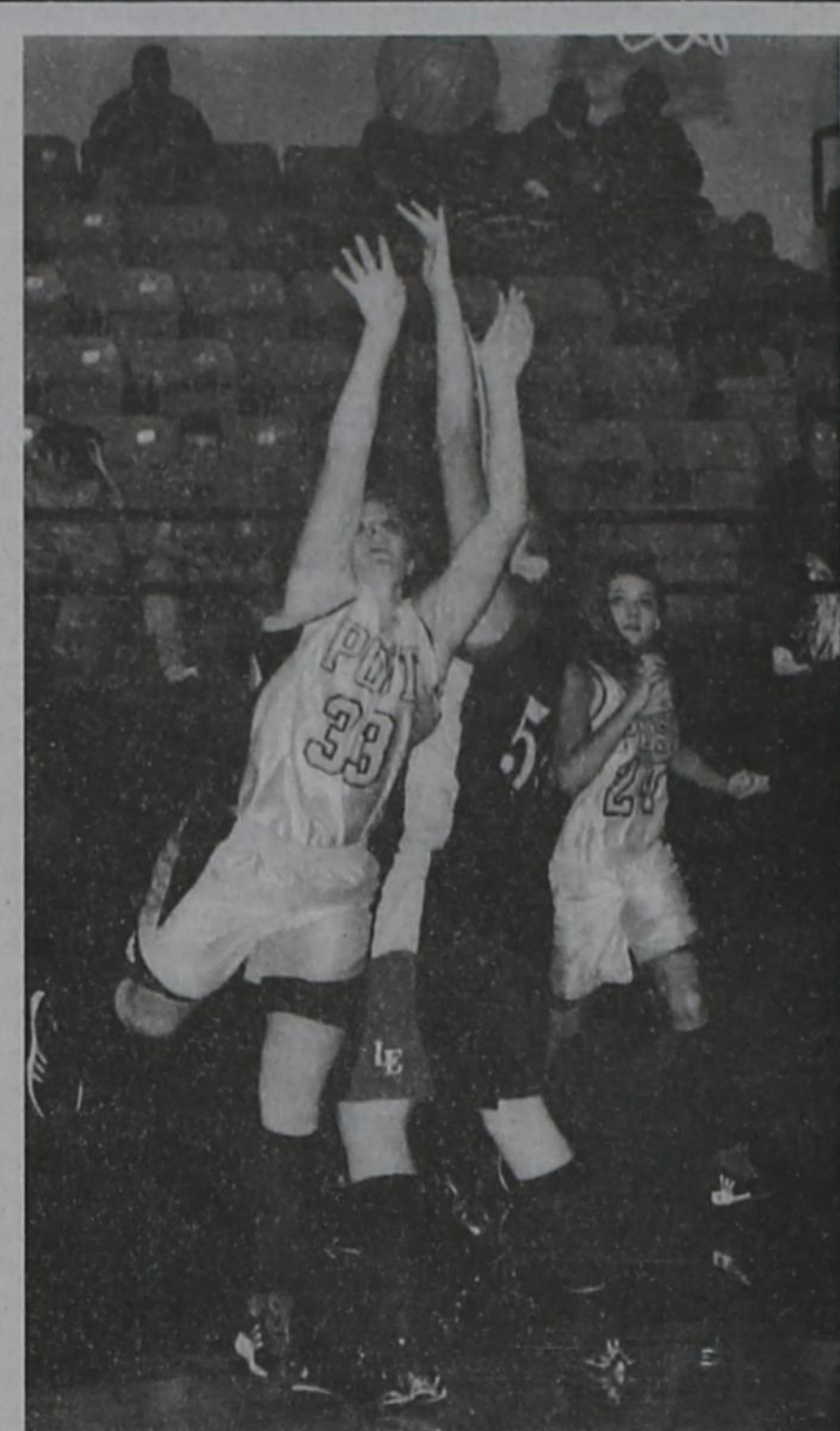
Thanks goes also to everyone who helped weigh in or served as ring help throughout the show; to Syd Conner who served as announcer, Jennifer Henderson-photographer, and Jaquita Blevins, Billie Williams and Nancy Morris who helped with bookkeeping duties.

Thanks to Shellee Odom, who is coordinating a slide show presentation for the sale.

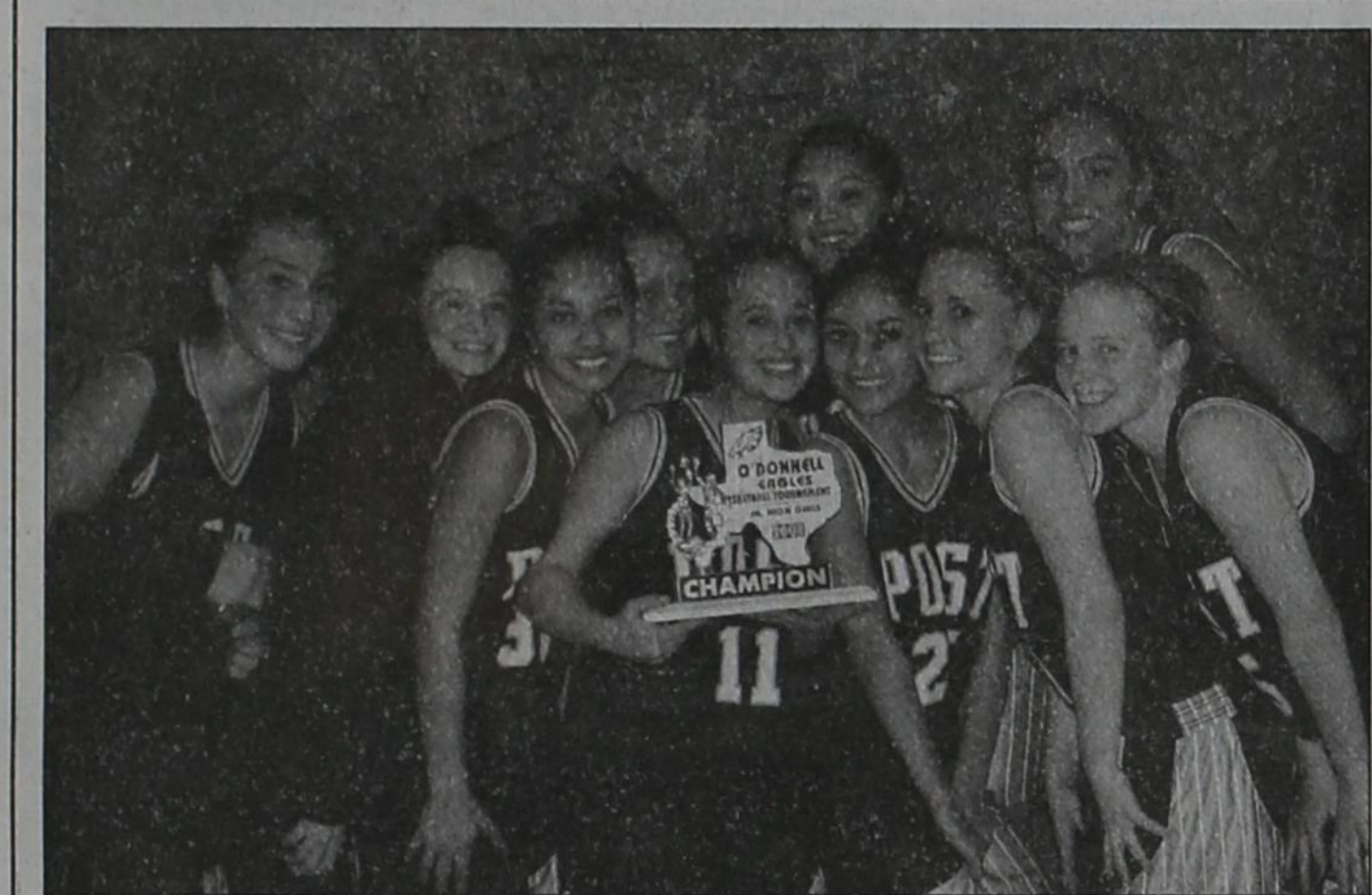
Ribbon presenters included Brooke Morris, Callie Odom, Audrey Williams, Kelbie Oden and Brenna Postell.

A big thanks goes to Nancy McDonald, CEA-FCS, who coordinated the concession stand along with committee members Traci Blanton, Shellee Odom and Ashley Piercy.

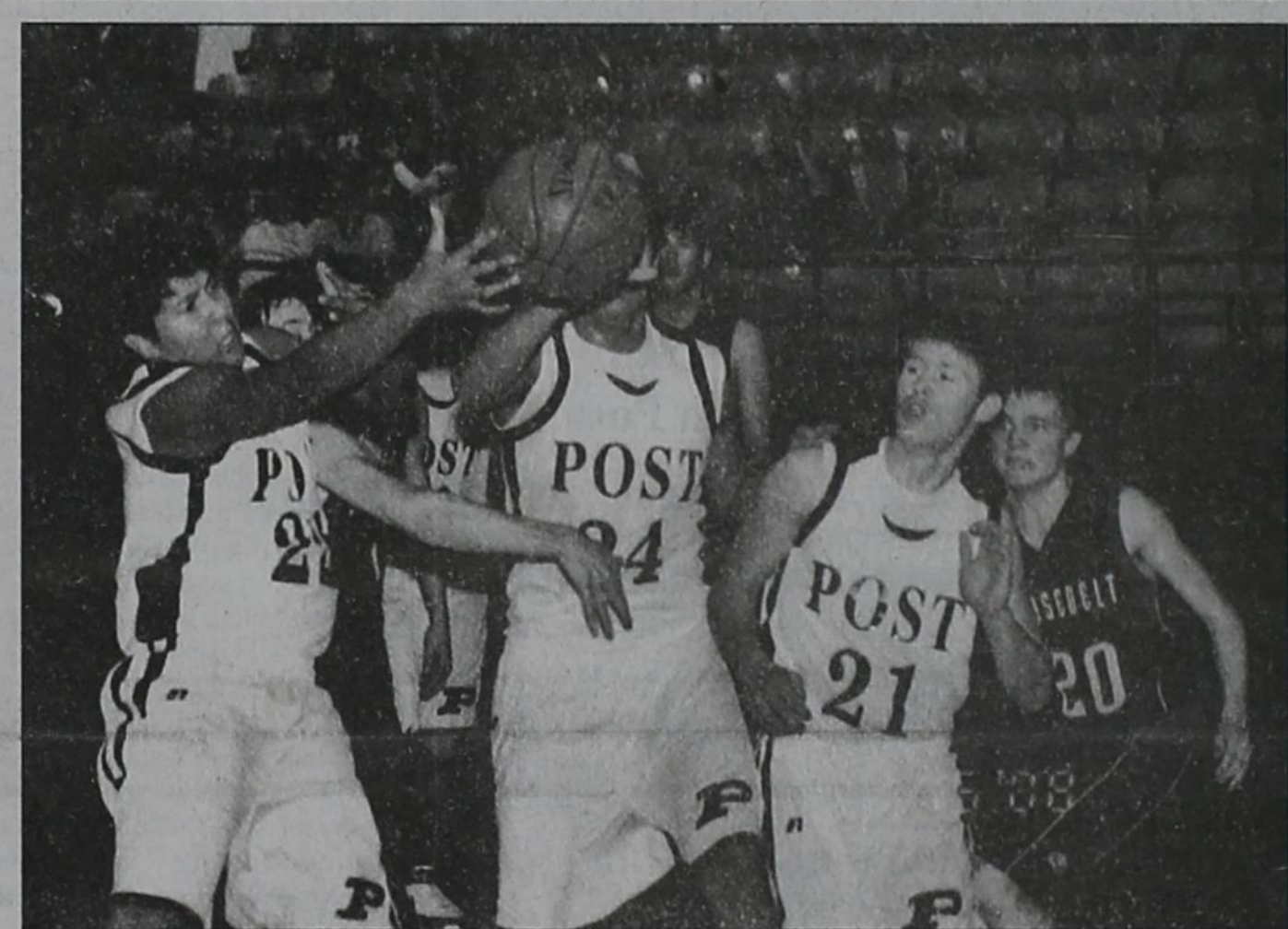
Thanks also to all parents and youth who worked in the concession stand.



Post Lady Lopes Elaena Morrison (33) shoots for two points in the post position during last Tuesday's basketball action against Roosevelt in Antelope Arena. Photo by Jerry Taylor



Post Lady Lopes 8th grade girls winning the championship title in last month's O'Donnell Tournament are (back row left to right) Raegan Belongia, Vanessa Rodriguez, Shirley Araiza, (front row) Paulina Hernandez, Aubree Lester, Nicole Alvidrez, Skylar Jones, Denisse Rodriguez, Madison Cash and Kari Dunn. In their first game of the tournament the girls beat Lubbock Christian 19-11. The team's 32-16 win over O'Donnell secured the championship title. The team is coached by Aleisha Seymour and Traci Heflin. Photo courtesy of Terri Cash



Post Antelopes Jesse Vera (22) passes the ball against a strong Roosevelt defense during last Tuesday game in Antelope Arena. Also in the play is Jovanni Garay (24) and Jarrett Blevins (21). Photo by Jerry Taylor

Lopes dominate Roosevelt 41-32

Post Antelopes take care of Roosevelt 41-32

For the first time in a number of years, the Post Antelope varsity basketball team outscored Roosevelt in the January 15 district contest here 41-32. The Lopes played inspired defense and hit key baskets at critical

times to win the game.

Aaron James led the team with 15 points, followed by Jovanni Garay with nine, Clint Windham with seven, six by Call Windham and two each by Tim Wilson and Jesse Vera.

Denver City edges Lopes
On January 22 the Lopes

dropped a tough loss to Denver City 56-47 at Denver City and on January 18 the team fell behind to Idalou 53-33.

Scoring at Idalou for the Lopes were Clint Windham (10), Call Windham (7), James (7), Tim Wilson (3), Jarrett Blevins (3), Garay (2) and Chad Miller (1).

Lady Lopes edge Roosevelt 46-45

A thriller came down the final seconds January 15 at the Post Antelope Arena with the Post Lady Lope basketball team clinging to a one point win in the district contest. "Our girls played one of their best games ever," coach Chris Edwards exclaimed, "shooting an amazing free throw of 79 percent in the 46-45 win."

"We're still a young team and we've got a lot of work to improve on our consistency and rebounding," he added. "Alex Miller came off the bench for a great defensive game." The coach reported that Cheyenne Miller returned to the line up from a shoulder injury, and was credited with the winning shot at the final buzzer.

David Woods announces for Pct 3 commissioner

My name is David Woods, and I am very happy to announce my candidacy in the Democratic primary for the county commissioner seat in Precinct 3.

I am proud to say I was born in Garza County Sept. 28, 1953, in the Garza Memorial Hospital (back during the time when we were fortunate enough to have a hospital of our own).

I have lived and worked in Garza County all of my working life and have a good understanding of how to work with others and also how to work for others.

My wife, Trena, and I have been married for 34 years, raised two children and are working to help with five grandchildren.

As your Precinct 3 commissioner I would consider not only the county's interest, but also the interest of the individuals that make up our county.

Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated.

Branda Stevens led the team with 14 points, followed by Samantha Hoover with 11 and Elaena Morrison with 10. Other team members scoring included three each by Alex Miller, Cheyenne Miller, Lori Jones and two by Brenda Postell.

Idalou 65, Lady Lopes 46
The Lady Lopes were tripped up by Idalou January 18 in a tough loss 65-46 at Idalou.

Stevens again led scoring with 16 points, followed by Morrison with 14. C. Miller was credited

with eight while Postell and Hoover collect four each.

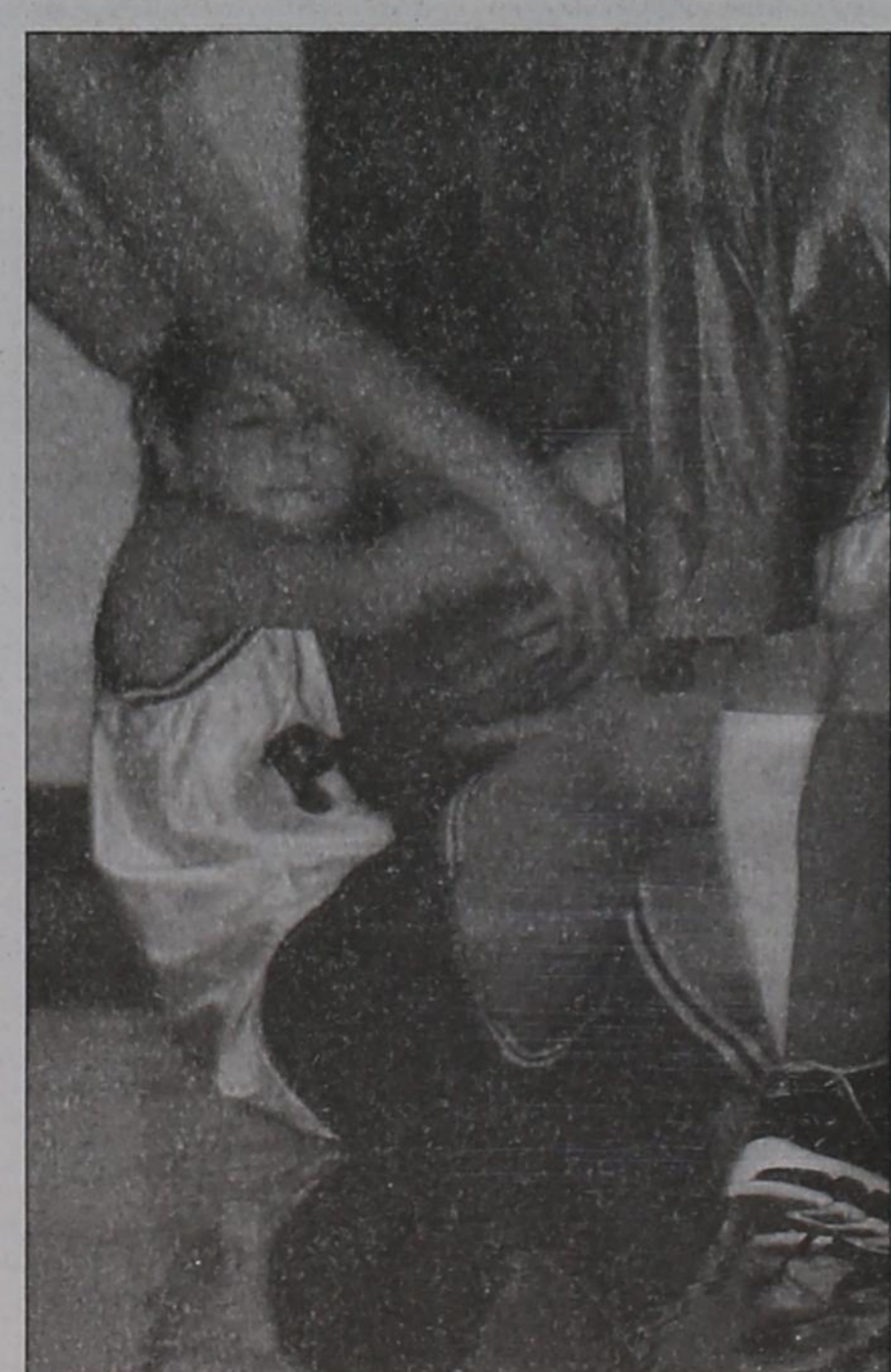
Denver City outscores Lady Lopes

Traveling to Denver City Tuesday, January 22 the Lady Lopes were overcome on a 64-58 contest.

Alex Miller led the team scoring with 11 points and Lori Jones recorded 10. Stevens was held to nine, Cheyenne Miller and Morrison got eight and Hoover was credited with one.



Post Lady Lopes 8th grade Nicole Alvidrez keeps the ball in bounds during Monday's game against Idalou. Idalou won 16-43. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Post Lady Lopes 7th grade Macie Merritt fights for control of the ball against Idalou during Monday's game in Post. Idalou won 14-42. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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Legal Notices

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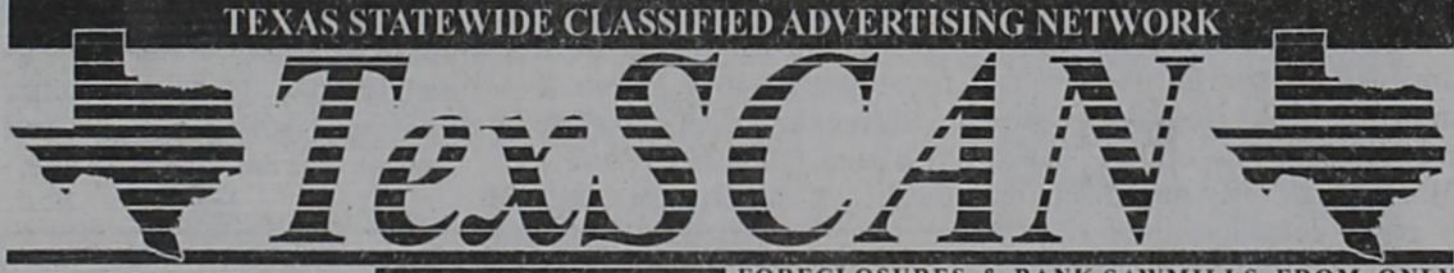
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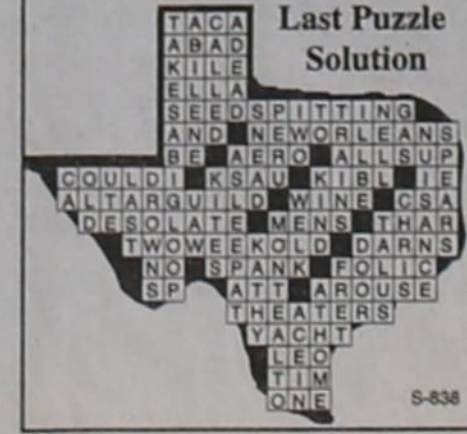
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Yesteryears

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From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago

January 29, 1998
A total of \$35,730 in premiums, floor prizes and awards were received by 91 Garza County youth participating in the 34th Annual Garza County Jr. Livestock Show. Chase Miller exhibited the Grand Champion Steer and Donae Dalby won the Reserve Grand Champion Steer.

Special Agent Russell C. Graves was decorated with the Army Achievement Medal. Graves, son of Ronnie and Diane Graves was assigned to the Wiesbaden Resident Agency at Weisbaden Air Base, Germany.

Garza County officials regretfully accepted the resignation of long-time county employee Laura "Chita" Hataway, the county's tax assessor-collector. Hataway planned to take on another job - that of full-time mother.

Mr. and Mrs. James Murray celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, January 25 at the Grassland Church of the Nazarene. James and the former Nelda Moore were married at Grassland, on January 20, 1948.

20 Years Ago

January 26, 1988
Honored at Post Chamber of Commerce Banquet for "Business of the Year" - Handy Hardware, Handy Oilfield Supplies, and Handy Gifts. Garza County Judge Giles Dalby was presented with a plaque as "Citizen of the Year".

Former Post High School assistant coach Dewayne Osborne was named by the Post ISD board of trustees to fill the vacated position of athletic director for the schools. David Thompson, former athletic director and head football coach assumed the same duties at Big Spring on January 25.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Alredo R. Moore, whose wife, Sylvia, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Curtis of Post, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the

Atlantic Ocean aboard the guided missile frigate USS Underwood, homeported in Mayport, FL.

Brad Sharp of Post enrolled at the University of Texas as an aerospace engineering student, had a 4.0 grade point average for the last semester.

30 Years Ago

January 26, 1978
Larry Willar, president of the First National Bank of Post, announced the promotion of Rob Robinson to vice president and cashier, Jay Bird to vice president, and Linda Waldrip to assistant vice president.

A goal of \$1,000 was raised when the Garza County Unit of the American Cancer Society held their special fund-raising event for 1978 at the Cross H Ranch home of Mrs. Nelda Dalby. The annual bridge-a-thon drew guests from Tahoka, Rotan, Snyder and Post.

A birthday supper honored Laura Hettie Holly on the occasion of her 73rd birthday in the home of her daughter, Brenda Angerer on January 22. Nine of Mrs. Holly's children attended the affair and others called to wish her a Happy Birthday.

A hundred Garza farmers and ranchers turned out for the second American Agriculture Movement meeting in the Post Community Center. A "strike office" had been set up for the local farmers. It was reported that 25,000 farmers and wives had rallied that day in Washington, D.C. to meet with congressmen.

40 Years Ago

January 25, 1968
Coach Jiggs King's Post Doe "B" team members included Sharyn Bilberry, Kay Hundley, Nina Young, Sandy Dixon, Brenda Stelzer, Janet Ray, Brenda Lee, Kathy Jones, Kay Herron, Jan Wilks, Linda Sanchez, Jane Johnston, and Martha Walls.

The Post Chamber of Commerce and Post Industrial Foundation

joined hands for a long-range program to try and organize a six-county junior college district, with the hope of possibly locating the junior college in Post. J. B. Potts, bank president, was unanimously elected as chairman of the project.

Post citizens welcomed two new businesses this week in 1968. Betty and Bill Gary opened The Gary Restaurant in remodeled quarters, formerly occupied by Levi's Restaurant. And Wallace Barnett, former Forrest Lumber Co. manager opened the new Barnett Insurance Agency at 217 W. Main.

50 Years Ago

January 29, 1958
Nine members of the board appointed by the city and county to direct a 10 year improvement program at the park were Alvin Young, Mrs. Ryla Lott, Mrs. Hub Haire, S. E. Camp, Ozell Williams, Floy Richardson, Dr. A. C. Surman, George (Scotty) Samson and Lewis Heron.

Dr. Bob W. Williams of Lubbock announced this week he had leased the medical clinic building across the street from Garza County Memorial Hospital. Dr. Williams had been associated with Dr. J. T. Krueger, well known West Texas surgeon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Pennell observed their 25th wedding anniversary January 22. They were married in Lovington, N. M. and had lived on Route 1, Post since that time. The couple have five children, Tom, Pat, Kenneth, Johnny, and Mrs. Joy Steel of San Antonio.

Coach Cook's undefeated 8th grade boys' basketball team ran their winning streak to 10 straight by defeating Lorenzo. Bobby Beard had seven points to lead the Post scoring. Leslie Acker hit for five, Tommy Bouchier, four, and Dwayne Capps, two.

60 Years Ago

January 29, 1948
Garza County joined two dozen other West Texas Counties in closing their schools and business houses, cooperating with the West Texas Gas Company's emergency program to conserve gas so that towns located near the ends of the pressure lines would not be cut off completely from gas service.

Construction around town: The spacious new home which the Higginbotham-Bartlett Company and Lefty Davies had contracted to build on West Main for the Willard Kirkpatrick family was rapidly progressing toward completion; Laying of foundation began for the four room and bath house for Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pierce on the Tahoka highway; F. M. Bratcher started building a five room and bath structure for Mr. and Mrs. Percy Printz, Bratcher also contracted to build a home for Mrs. M. E. Carmichael on the lots just south of the Giles McCrary home in West Post.

A birthday dinner was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Clary of Post in honor of Herman Maddox of the Close City Community and his twin brother, Thurman Maddox, of Post.

Menus

Post ISD

January 28
Breakfast: Pop tart, sausage, link, fruit, milk

Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato & pickle, tater tots, baby carrots w/ranch, chocolate pudding cup, milk

January 29
Breakfast: Egg omelets, toast, fruit, milk

Lunch: Fish strips, tossed salad, fresh fruit, macaroni & cheese, hot rolls, milk

January 30
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk

Lunch: Carne guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortillas, milk

January 31
Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage, fruit, milk

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Lunch: Chicken & noodles, green beans, fruited gelatin, frozen yogurt, texas toast, milk

February 1
Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

Southland ISD

January 28
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk

Lunch: Sausage wrap, fries, beans, jello cups, milk

January 29
Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Steak fingers, cream potatoes, corn, roll, cake, milk

January 30
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, fruit, milk

Lunch: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, salad, bread sticks, cookie, milk

January 31
Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice,

milk
Lunch: Nacho grande, salad, beans, jello, milk

February 1
Breakfast: French toast, bacon, juice, milk

Lunch: Cheeseburger, HB fixings, fries, ice cream, milk

TrailBlazers

January 28 Chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato & onion, chips, pea salad, bun, pineapple cake

January 29 Hamburger steaks, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, roll, fruit

January 30 Chicken fried rice, boiled cabbage, layered salad, garlic bread, chocolate cake

January 31 Roast, carrots, potatoes, salad, roll, strawberry cake

February 1 Not available at press time

Training planned for FSA loan team

A statewide Farm Loan Program employee training session, which will focus on the recent streamlining of existing and new regulations effective Dec. 31, 2007, is scheduled for Feb. 4-8.

The Farm Loan Program staff will be unavailable to provide services during the week of training. To ensure your business needs are met, appointments should be scheduled with county office staff accordingly.

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- TXism: "_____"
- hombra" (mean)
- ex-Astro Darryl
- TX _____ Mae
- Morse sang "Cow-Cow Boogie"
- Luling's "Watermelon Thump" features this melon contest
- TXism: "full of spit _____"
- TX Johnny Horton tune: "Battle of _____"
- TXism: "let it _____"
- aviation prefix
- Buddy Holly's bass player Tommy
- TX Charley Pride's "Wonder _____ Live There 'Anymore"
- Nacogdoches FM
- Beeville AM
- once a favorite abbr. of Jerry Jones
- oldest in Houston: _____ of _____
- Christ Church
- TX Gary Morris' "Sweet Red _____"
- TX belonged to this in Civil War (abbr.)
- dreary, dismal
- TX-based Haggard makes _____ slacks
- _____ she blows"
- TXism: "green as _____ corn"
- fixes socks

DOWN

- TXism: "ain't _____ hill for a stepper"
- "tan his hide" in TX
- vitamin B acid type
- TX actress Parker (init.)
- TX-sized phone co.
- awaken from sleep
- "picture show" sites
- rich TXn's boat
- TXn born between July 23 and Aug. 22
- he was Tiny and definitely not a TXn
- TXism: "_____ to rope him" (large man)
- home of the Reporter-News
- TXism: "_____ it a day" (quit)
- TXism: "you're buying oats for _____ horse" (wasted effort)
- this Sam won Dallas Open in '45, '57 & '58
- UT grad Fernando Belaunde-Terry was pres. of this country
- Harlingen has _____ Jimma monument
- TXism: "put _____ bed with a shovel" (bury)
- choo choos
- TXism: "_____ a monkey's uncle"
- Kilgore Rangerettes founder: Gussie _____ Davis
- New Mexico Indian
- TX-filmed "The _____ Picture Show"
- suffocates in water
- wind toys
- TXism: "got a heart as big as Texas"
- union at Arlington GM plant
- TX Raina English performed for Lawrence _____
- C&W singer LeDoux
- in Hidalgo Co. on 88
- it's called an "ankle" in TX
- SMU actress Bates
- TXism: "dead as a _____ nail"
- worry
- TX golfer Byron Nelson was born here (2 wds.)
- "You Gotta Have an _____ the Hole"

Classified Advertising

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Notice To Proposer
Notice is hereby given that the West Texas Educational Purchasing Cooperative including Motley County, Post and Roosevelt Independent School District acting by and through their Governing Boards, will receive sealed Proposals for the award of a contract for Miscellaneous School Buses (RFP No. 8322) until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 14, 2008 in the Lubbock I.S.D. Purchasing/Contract Services Office. Information related to vendors submitting a Proposal will then be made available. The Request for Proposal package may be obtained from the Purchasing/Contract Services Office, Lubbock Independent School District, 1628 19th St., Lubbock, Texas 79401, or by downloading the documents from www.rfpdepot.com. Bid package may also be downloaded from <http://www.lubbockisd.org/Purchasing/Bids.htm>. Each member of the WTEPC reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities, or informalities in any Proposal or in the Proposal process.

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The Lewis and Clark Expedition

VOL 65

It was 1804; America was less than 30 years old. No American had been west of the Dakotas. Thomas Jefferson, our third President, had a dream. He wanted to find the great "Northwest Passage" to the Pacific Ocean. If a waterway across America could be found, and mapped, trade routes could be established. Jefferson chose his personal secretary, Captain Meriwether Lewis to lead an expedition. Congress agreed to pay \$2,500 to finance "The Corp of Discovery". Lewis chose his fellow Army buddy, William Clark, as co-captain. A team of 32 was carefully selected for the journey. It would be two years and four months before their triumphant return to St. Louis. They would cover 7,690 miles of wilderness and open the doors to the expansion of our great country.

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The men selected to join the team of Lewis and Clark included a carpenter, (to help build winter shelters), a blacksmith, Indian interpreters, expert woodsmen and hunters. Only one man would die along the way.

There were times of great joy, as they became the first Americans to cross the Continental Divide, view the beauty of the Great Plains and behold the massive awe of the Pacific Ocean, but there were times of hardship as well. <http://www.brain-iacs.com>

Lewis and Clark and 7 others in the expedition kept records in elk skin journals. The journals contained detailed descriptions and sketches of 178 plants and 122 animal specimens. The men were most intrigued by the "barking squirrel". By pouring water down a burrow they were able to flush out the prairie dog, and send a specimen back to President Jefferson.

BY LAND OR SEA

The expedition traveled by a 55 foot long keelboat and 2 smaller, canoe like, boats, called pirogues. The keelboat, (pictured left) was powered by sail or 20 oars. In shallow waters, it could be pulled by ropes from shore. It was also equipped with wheels to pull overland. In good weather, the expedition traveled 18 miles per day. Laura Craig

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Complaint investigation...

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The sign read as follows:
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The text underneath the bold, blocked letters reads: No weapons of any kind allowed in courthouse to include pocket knives (sic); leaves (sic) all purses, bags, baby bags, cell phones, pagers, hats/caps, etc. in your vehicle. All persons subject to search by law enforcement personnel. All persons must pass through metal detector stations prior to entry into courtroom.

In his letter's conclusion, the county attorney stated that Garza County has no written policy restricting the media from the courthouse.

"You and your camera have entered this courthouse many times

filming commissioners court meetings," Acker wrote. "In addition, Assistant Publisher Tim Burnett was present in the courtroom during the Soto trial, taking notes for publication. There were some court-approved restrictions during this murder trial prohibiting personal belongings into the courthouse.... During jury trials, access to the courtroom by the media is at the discretion of the presiding judge on a case-by-case basis, depending upon the totality of the circumstances."

The county's practice of allowing the media full access to the courthouse before and after Nov. 8 has no bearing on the complaint at hand, Burnett said.

"Mr. Acker assumes incorrectly that since we have had access to the courthouse with cameras in the past, somehow that relieves the county of any liability for refusing entry to the courthouse to news media on Nov. 8," the publisher said. "He apparently misunderstands the scope of the First Amendment, which specifically forbids the government from abridging the right of the free press. That means what it says. Mr. Acker also implies that the district and

county judge can, as they wish, issue orders restricting access to the courthouse without any written notice. That is not in accordance with the law, as our criminal complaint demonstrates."

Burnett said his actions to protect the newspaper's First Amendment rights are a move to protect the constitutional privileges of all citizens, not just those of the media.

"We contend, as we have from the beginning, that this incident abuses the rights of individuals, not just news media," he said. "Every citizen who sought entry to the courthouse on Nov. 8 was subjected to restrictions issued outside of the law and without any due process. That is the way government operates in dictatorial and tyrannical countries, and we must stand firmly against it in America. Our freedom depends on insisting that government officials honor, respect and defend our constitution."

Old Mill Trade Days...

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"There's just a lot of different problems."

Part of the blame for Trade Days' demise can be traced to local individuals who have failed to show support for the monthly endeavor, Harp said.

"Our locals just won't support it," he said. "They got to where they just won't support it anymore, and what they seemed to forget is that it was for their benefit. It helped bring people in to Post."

An auction of remaining OMTD property is tentatively planned for mid-February. The event's site is owned by the Garza Economic Development Corporation.

Old Mill Trade Days opened in April of 1994 in the historic Postex Mill site, offering a wide array of antiques, collectibles, jewelry, clothing, furniture and home décor items, many of which were handcrafted. An expansive menu of foods and live entertainment helped round out the three-day weekend event.

A handful of original vendors - Latimer estimated from six to 10 - still participate in the monthly event.

Extension Extras

Photography Project

Any youths interested in learning photography are encouraged to attend the first project session Monday, Feb. 4, at 3:45 p.m. at the Extension office.

Clothing Project

Any youths interested in learning how to sew, consumer buying tips, designing, grooming and modeling are encouraged to attend the Clothing Project session on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 3:45 p.m. at the Extension office.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Vickers receives accounting degree

Kenda Vickers was awarded a master's degree in accounting at Abilene Christian University's Dec. 14 graduation ceremonies conducted in the Moody Coliseum in Abilene.

Vickers, a 2003 Post High School graduate, is the daughter of Kyle and Diane Josey and the granddaughter of Theona Josey, all of Post.

She is employed by the Condley Company in Abilene.

PHS student is semifinalist in scholars program

Meagen Howard-Griffis, a Post High School senior, has been selected as a semifinalist in the 20th anniversary class of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program, according to information released

this week by PHS Principal John D. Berry.

Howard-Griffis ranks with approximately 2,000 high school seniors who are in the running for \$3 million in college scholarships through the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Students are selected based on academic excellence, leadership and achievement demonstrated in school and community activities.

If advanced, Howard-Griffis will be among 250 finalists who will travel to Atlanta in April to attend the Coca-Cola Scholars Weekend. During the visit, finalists will participate in a final interview process that will determine whether they are designated as either a National or Regional Scholar. Fifth National Scholars will receive \$20,000 each, while the 200 Regional Scholars will receive \$10,000 apiece.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, a joint effort of Coca-Cola bottlers across the U.S. and the Coca-Cola Company, is one of the largest corporate-sponsored achievement-based scholarship programs of its kind in the U.S. The program is designed to recognize a diverse group of high school seniors who have demonstrated academic and civic excellence in their schools and communities.

James tapped for ASU honor roll

Ashley C. James was included on the Dean's List for the 2007 fall semester at Angelo State University, San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full time and maintain a minimum 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, according to an ASU press release.

English classes available

English classes are being offered at Post High School. Interested individuals should call 495-2770 and leave their name and phone number. The instructor will return the call, providing them with information. Clases de inglés se están ofreciendo otra vez en la escuela, Post High School. Si usted cree que beneficiar de está instrucción, llame al 495-2770. Déje su nombre y numero de teléfono y el instructor le devolverá su llamada provyendole con información sobre como puede comenzar.

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