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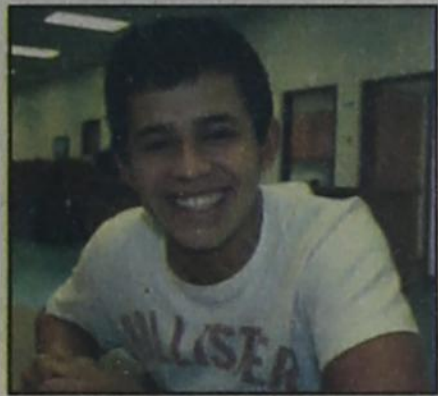
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It's your turn ...

What do you remember about Sept. 11, 2001?



Nick Rodriguez

"I remember the day very well. I was a fourth grader at Post Elementary, and I was in Mrs. Porters' class. I remember receiving the news from my teacher and then going to the computer lab to read about it on the Internet."



Jacob Perez

"I was a second grader at Post elementary. I really don't remember that day very well, but I do remember everyone being sad and upset. All the teachers tried to explain to me what was going on and we also went and watched the news to gain information about what was happening."



Katie Dunn

"I was in Mrs. Baker's kindergarten class. I remember Mrs. Baker coming in and trying to explain to the class that two planes had just crashed into the twin towers, but being so young it was kind of hard for us to understand what was going on."

Homecoming 2008 ...



The Post High School 2008 football, and band sweetheart candidates were (left to right) Susan Littrel, Kenzie Mason, (band sweetheart), Gaby Gomez, (football sweetheart), Haley Lester, and Lacy Williams. photo by Merika Strivens

County approves budget, lifts burn ban

By Rosa Latimer
Correspondent

Historically this is a very demanding time for the Garza County Commissioner's Court and this year is no exception. In a period of eleven business days the group met 3 times and held 2 public budget hearings. A variety of issues were addressed in this series of meetings including the 2008-2009 budget and tax rate. The court also voted not to renew the Garza County burn ban after the current ban expires Sept. 20.

At a special called meeting on August 28 at the Trailblazers Senior Citizens' Center, the following items were addressed:

Clerk Plummer proposed making a slight change to how early voters deposit ballots after voting. Instead of depositing the ballots in the traditional ballot box, the voter would insert the ballot into the M100 ballot scanner. Then the ballot will be dropped into the ballot box placed under the scanner. Tabulation of the early vote will not take place until Election Day morning as is dictated by state law.

The reason for this proposed change is to speed up counting of the early voting ballots on Election Day. This procedure is new for Garza County, however,

it is used by other Texas counties. The motion for this change carried.

A recommendation was made by Clerk Plummer for the court to amend the policy adding incentive for employees to stay with the county for 20 plus years by awarding them with 20 days (160) hours of annual vacation time. Currently policy on vacations does not provide incentive for county employees to remain employed after 10 years of service. An employee is awarded with 15 days (120 hours) of vacation time after 10 years of service. The court voted to table the issue until the September 22, 2008 meeting so that all elected officials can be polled as to their preference.

Decrease in Homeowner Property Tax

After the special called meeting was adjourned, Judge Norman welcomed the attendees of the public hearing on the proposed 2008-2009 budget. He opened the meeting by stating tax rate figures. The judge also noted that the property tax revenue will increase 7.72% over last year with 80% of the tax revenue coming from mineral interests. The average homeowner will pay \$.40 cents less than last year.

The judge also told those attending that an elevator is

being considered with at least \$128,000 of funds set aside. Regarding the debt from the new jail, this will be paid by monies borrowed and revenue generated from out-of-county inmates, the Dalby Unit and from the inmate phone system.

Sheriff Laws explained that the increase in population due to the development at Lake Alan Henry will most likely bring more crime and he's pleased that the new jail will be in place soon.

2008-2009 Budget

The second and final public budget hearing was held Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. at the Commissioners Courtroom at the courthouse.

Approximately half-dozen citizens attended this public hearing and Judge Norman indicated that two individuals attended the public budget hearing held on August 28. He also restated that 80% of the property taxes would come from mineral interests. No changes were suggested to the proposed budget.

The court unanimously voted to adopt the 2008-2009 proposed budget and to set the tax rate at .309 cents per \$100 valuation.

Following the public hearing on the new budget, the commissioners held a regularly scheduled meeting. Minutes from the August 25 regular

meeting, August 28 special meeting and the August 28 public budget hearing were approved as presented. County reports were heard and approved. Precinct

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City proposes tax rate

The City of Post has proposed a tax rate that could potentially save homeowners 15-percent in city taxes.

The proposed rate is .51189-cents per \$100 valuation of property. Last year, the rate was .59792-cents per \$100 valuation. Ric Walton, City of Post City Manager, said those homeowners whose appraisal values are the same as last year would pay about 15-percent less in city taxes.

The city is scheduled to vote on the tax rate following a public hearing on the proposed budget Wednesday, Sept. 17 at noon at the city council chambers.

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Post Notes

Elementary Patriotic Program

Thursday, September 18 at 10 a.m. in the Elementary Auditorium we will present our 7th year of patriotic programs, which features Pre-K through 5th grade. We would like to invite all veterans, currently serving men or women in any branch of military service. We would love for our local first responders to attend, along with EMS, firemen, policemen, city or county officials, detention workers, doctors or nurses, and pastors.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Garage Sale

VFW Post 6797 Ladies Auxiliary will have a garage sale Saturday, September 13 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the post on the Clairemont Hwy. Please no early birds. There will also be spaces and tables for rent. For more information call Janet at 806-495-2026 or Shannette at 806-283-2812. All proceeds benefit our many charities.

Chamber seeking volunteers

Post Area Chamber of Commerce will be conducting two 24-hour traffic counts in Post on September 17 and September 19. We need volunteers for 2-hour shifts. If you would be interested in helping your community in this way, please call 778-4469.

Ralls Chamber seeking vendors

Ralls Cotton Boll Festival is looking for craft vendors for September 13, 2008 show, Call Terrie Acker chamber manager at 806-253-2342.

PHS Mini-Cheerleader Camp

The Post High School Cheerleaders will host their annual mini-cheerleader camp on Saturday, September 27, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The registration fee is \$25 and includes a t-shirt, lunch and an afternoon snack. The campers will be featured in the Abernathy pep rally and game on Friday, October 3. Registration forms may be picked up from any cheerleader or from the high school office. The registration deadline is September 19. Any questions may be directed to Mrs. Carter at the high school.

Graham Ole Opry set September 20

The fall quarterly Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday, September 20 from 7-10 p.m. at the Graham Community (Continued on Page 2)

Dispatch offering advertising special

Starting this week *The Post Dispatch* will be offering a discount on its display advertising rates.

"In the past our \$6 per column inch advertising rate has only been offered to those who advertise on a weekly basis, but for the next 30 days that rate will be available for any advertiser wanting to put in a display ad," associate publisher Jeff Blackmon said.

The regular open display advertising rate is \$8

per column inch.

"If you are a new business looking for a way to get the word out on your services or merchandise, or maybe you haven't advertised in *The Post Dispatch* before and would like to give us a chance to help you grow your business now is the time to put in an ad," Blackmon said.

The advertising special will conclude Friday, Oct. 10.

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Commissioners' court ...

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and county accounts payable for August 26, 2008 through September 8, 2008 were approved for payment.

County Road 217 Truck Traffic

Because of the traffic and dust caused by the vehicles accessing the A-Rock Materials operation, residents of County Road 217 appeared before the Court to voice their concerns. Royce Hart on behalf of the other residents, submitted a letter requesting a solution. The letter states that the 20 MPH speed limit signs placed in October, 2005 have not solved the problem of speeding. The citizen's group now recommends that the County build speed bumps before and after each residence. An alternate truck route was also discussed.

Judge Norman suggested that the County pursue both a short term solution (more traffic signs, speed bumps and/or more law enforcement patrol) and a long term solution (alternate route). No action was taken.

Emergency Management Consortium
The Court discussed a regional Emergency Management Consortium including Borden, Crosby, Dickens, King and Kent counties along with Garza County. Garza County would create, support and administer an

area wide Emergency Management (EM) plan consisting of the six counties. Judge Norman stated that if this plan were adopted Garza County's EM expenses would be reduced by approximately 75%.

Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) Michael Isbell said that this agreement will cover mostly administrative operations and certification issues for the participating counties. A full time assistant would work for the EMC with no vehicle needed. A state grant could possibly pay for about 50% of the budget.

Proposal was approved.

Other County Issues

Isbell suggested that the Court lift the burn ban with restrictions (controlled burn). Attorney Acker said that in order to have any restrictions, a burn ban is required. The current burn ban expires September 20th. The Court voted not to renew the order for Garza County prohibition of outdoor burning. Therefore the burn ban ends after September 20, 2008.

A motion carried to approve the proposal by Sergio Lopez to repair the courthouse roof for a total of \$7,757.

Michael Isbell, Emergency Management

Coordinator, reported that Garza County is fourth in the region on the list for evacuees from areas hit by hurricanes if and when needed. Isbell also reported that his pickup is back in service after a new motor was installed.

The Court considered annual renewal of the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Risk Management Pool. The pool covers Automobile Liability, General Liability, Public Officials Liability, Law Enforcement Liability and Automobile Physical Damage. The total annual premium due is \$47,412 covering the period between July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The motion carried.

Clerk Plummer informed the court that the County Election Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 2:00 PM. The board consists of the County Clerk, Judge, Sheriff, Voter Registrar and both county party chairs. At the meeting, the board will appoint the Early Voting Ballot Board. No action was taken.

The Court reviewed the Garza County/City of Post Airport financial statement for informational purposes only. No action taken. Before the meeting adjourned, nine line item transfers were submitted and approved.

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Beasley write-in candidate for county attorney

Hello Friends and Family!
I am pleased to announce that I have filed a Declaration of Intent to run for Garza County Attorney as a write-in candidate.

As a fifth generation resident of Garza County, I am looking forward to the opportunity to give back to my community that has had so much to do with my success.

I was born and raised right here in Post, graduating in 1998 from PHS. I received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and Accounting from McMurry University in Abilene, where I was employed by the Taylor County Auditor's office, then later appointed as the Taylor County Internal Auditor. In 2006 I graduated from Texas Tech University School of Law. Since 2004 I have been

employed by the Legal Aid Society of Lubbock assisting needy families in and around Lubbock County with multi-dimensional family law issues.

My husband and I have been blessed with two sons, Gray, 2, and Garon, 4 months, whom we have chosen to raise right here in the community that nurtured me.

My desire is to help and serve the people of Garza County. I believe that my knowledge and experience working within governmental entities, my experience as a public litigator, and my vested interest in the businesses, school districts, and people of Garza County make me the best choice for Garza County Attorney. Garza County is my past,



Arimya Gradine Beasley

present, and future. I ask that on November 4, 2008, you remember to write-in Arimya Gradine Beasley for Garza County Attorney.

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Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399. There is no admission charge, but a hat will be passed for donations to help with the upkeep on the center. Recent renovations from opry proceeds include a new roof, interior painting and the bathrooms remodeled. A long list of local performers and an out-of-town blue grass band and country-western group are scheduled to perform. Come enjoy a great night of entertainment and fun. For more information, contact Noel White, 495-3261.

"A Night of Discovery in Recovery"

The Post Ministerial Alliance and The Community Recovery Center presents, "A Night of Discovery in Recovery." This event will be held at Post Church of the Nazarene, 202 West 10th Street from 6-7 p.m. on Sunday, September 21. All area churches and the public are invited to come and hear about services provided by the Recovery Center, and how churches and the public can get involved with the efforts of the center. There will be a fellowship time following the presentation. You are asked to bring light deserts (cookies, brownies, cake, etc.) or soda if you are planning on attending, coffee will be provided. Call the Community Recovery Center at 495-3171 or Nazarene Church at 495-3044 for more information.

Ride For Your Heart

A Play Day benefiting the American Heart Association will be held October 4th at Lubbock Saddle Club Arena, 4th Street & CR 179, (behind Cagle Steak House) in Lubbock. Books open at 9:30 a.m. and riding will begin at 10:30 a.m. Events include barrels, poles, spur, rodeo flag and best-dressed horse contest. Concession stand, bake sale, and raffles offered throughout the event. Call Misty Basquez at 806-543-0468 for more information.

Clothes and food available from church

Graham Chapel Church of Christ has a Clothes Closet and Food Pantry available for anyone needing those services. Please contact Jane Mason at 495-2980, Bill Short at 495-4101, or Tim Tatum at 495-3066.

Ag Booster Club to elect officers

There will be organizational meeting for the Ag Booster Club on Tuesday, September 30 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Ag building. Officers will be elected.

GED Classes to start September 23

GED classes will start on September 23 and are free to the public to persons ages 17 and up. Classes meet at Post High School in room 18 (use southwest entrance) Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00-8:00 p.m. If you need information, you may call 495-2770, leave name and phone number and the instructor will contact you.

Shower held for Bufe

Brock Bufe, infant son of Ryan and Ashley Bufe of Canyon, was honored with a baby shower on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 31, in the home of Amy Easterling.

Guest called between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. and were greeted by Herschel Williams. They were registered by Brock's aunt, Amber Wilson.

Among the special guests were grandmothers, Linda Bufe of Abernathy and Julie Wilson, and his aunts Lori Bufe and Cherie Liess and her daughters, Addison and Taelor of Abernathy.

Assisting with serving were Marianne Hart and Joyce Tatum

at a table covered with a blue cloth.

The centerpiece was a toy yellow road grader and a toy blue pickup loaded with round ball candy mints. Wooden blocks spelled out Brock's name. Yellow filled cookies and almond tea were served.

The fifteen hostesses presented Brock with a high chair and stroller. They were Jane Mason, Jennie Cowdrey, Mendy Dalby, Diane Graves, Jimella Simpson, Orbeth White, Iris Copeland, Angela Massey, Donae Raymundo, Annette Riggs, Carol Tobias, Hart, Williams, Tatum and Easterling.



Ribbon Cutting

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Jim & Gerry's Antiques & Crafts at 216 East Main Street. Pictured above are (from left) Jackie Cruse, Theressa Harp, Reyes Pequino, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Angeline Collier, Gerry Hunt, Jim Hunt and Ann Sims.

Courtesy photo

Garza County on list to house evacuees

Most Garza County residents probably don't realize just how much a hurricane can affect the surrounding area.

"You are probably thinking hurricanes do not affect us here in Garza County ... well they do and so far we are ready," Garza County Emergency Manager Michael D. Isbell said.

In a fax sent to *The Post Dispatch* Mon-

day, Isbell said Garza County is fourth on the state's list in the South Plains for overflow evacuees. Isbell stated the State of Texas has designated Lubbock as a shelter and then overflow evacuees would go to Hockley County, Levelland, Terry County, Brownfield, Bailey County, Muleshoe then to Garza County.

"We would be housing no more than 110

evacuees," Isbell said. "Although I do not want to see anyone displaced from there home, it is happening.

"It should make each and every one of you proud to be a resident of Garza County ... we are ready to help anyone in need so far as we are able to do so. This county has the reputation of helping our neighbors in need as well as anyone in need."

Graham Chapel holds centennial anniversary

The Graham Chapel Church of Christ, 15th and Ave. S, celebrated it's centennial anniversary with a special day of worship and activities on Sunday, September 7.

A brief history of the church was given by Bobby Cowdrey with a descendants of each of the early day families asked to stand. Many third, fourth, fifth and two of the sixth generations were present for the occasions.

Special recognition was given to the following for their years of attendance and service with plaques donated by Frank and Carol Tobias:

40-50 years-Amy Easterling, Bruce Ledbetter, Ronnie Graves, Lewis Mason

51-70 years-Diane Graves, Jennie Cowdrey, Noel White, Jane Mason, Orabeth White, Troy Nelson and Mack Ledbetter

70-80 years-Bobby Cowdrey, Joyce Nelson and Lola Mae Ledbetter

The oldest member there Sunday: Jewel Parrish

The oldest regular attending member: Imogene Stone

The church elders- Noel White and Frank Tobias

Former and present song leaders participating in the song service were; White, Homer Jones, Jr. of Lubbock, Curt Cowdrey of Midland, Bill Short, Brent Mason, Tye Mason, Joe Gregory and Larry Moreman, both of Lubbock.

Former preachers challenged to a five minute sermon included: Homer Jones, Lubbock, Dr. Bruce Evans, Abilene, Dave Oakley, Carlsbad, N.M., Dr. David Pebbles, David Hooten and David Joyner, all of Lubbock.

The blessing before the meal was given by Ted Tatum. The church then dismissed to the Post ISD Cafeteria for a noon meal of brisket, beans, coleslaw, potato salad and homemade cake. The tables were covered in red and black cloths with alternating black and white runners and centered with an arrangement of ivy in red glasses and gallon cut tins with small tin cut votives, made by Stanley McNeely of Crosbyton. The church deacons and their wives, Tim and Leslie Tatum and Bill and Mary Short, were in charge of meal preparation and serving.

At two o'clock, back at the church building, a history video was shown. It was prepared for the 90th anniversary and was put together with the past ten years of church activities on a CD by

Jennifer and Brice Easterling. Noel White gave the closing comments and expressed appreciation to everyone for making it a great day of worship and thanksgiving. The afternoon song service was by Bill Short and Frank Tobias led the closing prayer.



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4-H Meeting

The first 4-H meeting of the new fiscal year is scheduled for September 16, at the Extension office 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl

There will be a meeting on September 17 after school at the Extension office for those interested in participating in the Nutrition Quiz Bowl. For more information contact the Extension office at 495-4400 or Marci Oden at 781-3247.

State Swine Validation

State swine validation tags must be ordered by September 24, 2008. This is for all barrows to be exhibited at the major livestock shows. The cost for the tags is \$10. Please contact the Extension or your Ag Instructor.

West Texas Fair Good Luck to all participants at the upcoming West Texas Fair in Abilene.

Thank You! A big "THANK YOU" to all supporters of the GCJLA "Fun-Raiser" .. It was a big success.

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The Paperboy

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

So much technology all around us.

In 20 years, we've gone from VHS tapes to hand-held computers/phones/cameras ... all-in-one. It's unbelievable.

I got my first cellular phone in 1992 and it was a Motorola phone about the size of a shoe box. You would roam as soon as you left the city limits and dead air dominated the landscape.

Today, there are phones everywhere. Scan a crowd next time you're out and count the number of people using a hand-held device. It boggles the mind.

I currently have a BlackBerry. It's a fine instrument and I will honestly say, I haven't a clue what all it is capable of. It is doing plenty for me, so I'm content.

My sister has an iPhone and it may be the coolest thing I've ever seen. Just as they did with the iPod, Apple continues to revolutionize the digital age with an incredible piece of technology.

Years ago - technology would seem to speed along then slow down. A few years later, there'd be a new product.

I remember when the first VHS recorder came out in the 1970s. Man was it neat to record television. Of course, that spawned the tape rental industry.

The poor old VHS tape was then chased by the laser disc and DVD and now Blu-Ray and High Definition products are available for all of these high tech televisions they are making.

When we finally pulled the trigger on that awesome flat screen we wanted, we realize

another company has advanced the technology by doing this and that to it and ours is obsolete. It used to take a decade for things to become obsolete and now it takes a year or two.

New televisions, phones, digital devices, games, etc...

So where does it all end? Until our current existence changes (war, famine, disease, etc.), I'd say it doesn't end.

We're probably seeing just the tip of the iceberg. As the world economy broadens, the competition becomes greater. Really makes me wonder what things will be like after the next 20 years.

In some ways, it also makes me wonder what our technology is doing to us physically right now. With Alzheimer's and Autism rates continuing to climb, do all of these things being beamed from one place to another have an effect on us?

Of the things I have within 20 feet of me which emit something I count:

- Cell phone
- Remote control television, DVD, VCR, etc.
- Dish Network
- Microwave Oven
- Home Phone
- Computer
- Dog (an odor)

Are these things harmful. Hopefully not. Unfortunately, that is one of those things which will emerge in hindsight as with mesothelioma and asbestos.

I remember my first set of walkie-talkies and my first remote-controlled car. Man, I thought that technology was really amazing. Now, they're just antiques. Then again, so am I.

Opinions



Kay Bailey Hutchison

UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Weathering Gustav and Future Disasters

When reports indicated that Hurricane Gustav was gaining strength and headed straight for the Gulf Coast, federal, state and local officials sprung to action to alert the public to the threat.

Just three years ago the preparation was markedly different. We will never forget the devastation Hurricanes Rita and Katrina wrought, and from top to bottom, we have worked to respond more effectively to natural disasters.

Hours after Gustav hit, I joined with President Bush, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator David Paulison, and other Texas officials to monitor the hurricane from the Emergency Operations Center in Austin. As we were briefed on the storm, it was very clear to me that everyone in the room was committed to working together towards an effective response and to help all of the impacted communities recover quickly.

Up and down the Gulf Coast, two million residents loaded onto planes, trains, and buses and were evacuated to shelters before Gustav made landfall west of New Orleans on September 1. With several Southeast Texas communities in the storm's projected path, more than 280,000 Texans living along the coast were evacuated to safer parts of the state. Texans also opened their doors to more than 50,000 displaced Louisiana residents fleeing the storm.

On September 2, I joined Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert to tour the Dallas Convention Center, which was quickly converted to a shelter for evacuated Texans and residents from neighboring states. I was impressed and encouraged by the spirit and determination of the staff and volunteers there.

Though the worst of Gustav is behind us, other storms loom on the horizon. Our recovery efforts must be accompanied by a constant state of readiness. According to FEMA, Texas leads the nation in the number of declared natural disasters, from hurricanes and floods to tornadoes and wildfires. Before Hurricane Gustav landed on the Gulf Coast, Texas was hit by Hurricanes Eduard and Dolly. In the aftermath of those storms, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) granted nearly \$123 million to Texas and local Texas communities to improve preparedness.

In addition, FEMA awarded over \$65 million to the entire state for disaster preparation efforts.

There are measures that each family can take to prepare

For a disaster. DHS has designated September National Preparedness Month and as part of its campaign, the agency is

encouraging citizens to follow four simple steps: get a kit, make a plan, be informed, and get involved.

First, every family should assemble a kit with basic necessities, including food, water, first-aid supplies, basic tools, and other essential items. Citizens should have kits ready in their homes and workplaces. Also, stock your car with jumper cables and flares, if evacuation is required.

Second, each family is encouraged to have an emergency plan. Because family members may not be together when a disaster strikes, plan in advance to have a meeting place or an out-of-town contact that each family member can call.

Third, citizens should be aware of the different types of natural disasters that could strike their community. Preparing for a hurricane and preparing for a wildfire require different measures.

Residents should also be familiar with evacuation plans for the city or county in which they live.

Last, residents should get involved at the community level. There's no question that in the aftermath of a disaster, communities come together and work cooperatively to recover. This should begin with

preparation. The organization Citizen Corps has made community

preparation its mission. More information on hometown involvement can be found here, <http://www.citizen corps.gov/>. For more details on how to prepare your family and community, visit <http://www.ready.gov> <<http://www.ready.gov/>>.

We are only halfway into the 2008 hurricane season and Texans have already weathered three serious storms. But if we anticipate future challenges and adopt a spirit of preparedness, our communities will be safer and recover more quickly from challenges they may face.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas.

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch



Life is short and getting shorter.

It's an idea that's been bouncing around for years - tumbleweeds as biomass for biofuel.

In this part of the world, who wouldn't like to have a car that would run on tumbleweeds? Sounds to me like a good use for the ubiquitous scraggly icons of our landscape.

Besides, when they all break loose from fencerows the first windy day after the first hard freeze, they are the dark essence of speed, moving along as fast as the swift north wind that propels them, taking to the air with more grace and more often than the Dukes of Hazzard Dodge on a cross-country run. Yep, if somebody invents tumbleweed fuel, it won't be hard to come up with powerful imagery for a television ad and maybe even some impressive music to sync with the speedy rotund objects as they zoom across the prairie. But we're drifting.

As for fuel potential, tumbleweeds do burn. Give them an A-plus for combustibility. But does that mean tumbleweeds fit the biomass picture? The only place they fit neatly is along a barbed wire fence. So

does somebody need to figure out how to take a row of dead tumbleweeds off a fence and compact them into something that can be delivered as biomass to the neighborhood biofuel factory?

If that's the case, I've invented a way. I'll admit it was an accident, but that's how it is with some great discoveries. They happen on their own when you're trying to do something else.

My task was to shred the tumbleweeds along a half-mile of fence. Call it an inaugural run for the recently repaired tractor. (It gets repaired often, presenting opportunities for lots of inaugural events.) I graciously offered my absent husband, Hugh, the opportunity to make the tumbleweed run. He deferred.

So, there I was, rumbling along on our little faded Ford tractor, hooked to our old shredder, squeaking, clanking and stirring up dust, chopping up most of the herbicide-killed tumbleweeds and collecting others whole in the small space between tractor and shredder.

Something about the power

of a tractor, even a small Ford on propane, makes the driver invincible. In whatever gear, I was getting it done - woman and tractor over nature, forging ahead. Never mind the tumbleweeds collecting incrementally, under and in front of and behind the axles, piling higher. I was moving.

Then I wasn't moving.

There I suddenly sat, wheels spinning, immobilized. I couldn't blame the tumbleweeds around me -- mere hangers-on. It was the ones tightly compacted under the tractor that had high-centered the whole operation. Maybe a fence-row badger hole played a catalytic role.

Either way, critical biomass had occurred right under me: enough tumbleweed pieces pressed tightly enough to tie into a dense little bale for delivery to a biofuel plant.

But alas, it's not that easy to get pressed tumbleweeds out from under a tractor, baled or not. Quote me.

So forget my invention. Here's to husbands, farm jacks and burning all tumbleweeds before the first norther.

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The City of Post has proposed a Tax Rate that will **Reduce** the total tax revenues of the City of Post from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by .5% (one half percent).

The Post City Council is scheduled to vote on the Tax rate that will result in that decrease at a public Meeting following a **Public Hearing** on the Proposed Budget to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008 at 12:00 Noon at City Council Chambers, Post City Hall, 105 E. Main Street, Post, Texas

Ford accepting player of the week nominations

Fans Encouraged to Vote for Football Heroes at Playeroftheweek.com

The Built Ford Tough High School Football Player of the Week program kicks off this week with a call for nominations. Ford invites fans to vote for their favorite players each week of high school football season at playeroftheweek.com. Nominations must be submitted by Tuesday at noon Central time following weekend games.

Additionally, a television series highlighting each week's winners will begin airing on Fox Sports Southwest on Sunday, Aug. 31 at 11 p.m.

All Built Ford Tough High School Football Player of the Week nominations must be submitted each week by noon Central time on the Tuesday following weekend games.

For the third consecutive

year, Ford Motor Company will recognize six outstanding student-athletes each week with the Built Ford Tough Texas High School Player of the Week Award.

Additionally this Fall, television crews will travel to communities across the state to shine the spotlight on selected Players of the Week. The half-hour Built Ford Tough Player of the Week program presented by the Dallas Cowboys will air three times each week throughout the 2008 high school football season and include coverage of the Player of the Year banquet held at Texas stadium on FOX Sports Southwest.

Ford will also launch playeroftheweek.com, giving fans the chance to register online, read about the Players of the Week and view video clips of the players in action.

2030 committee holding public hearing Thursday

Amarillo - The newly formed 2030 Committee will hold a public hearing Thursday, Sept. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Texas A&M Agriculture Experiment Station Auditorium, 6500 W. Amarillo Boulevard. This hearing is the last of six public hearings held across the state to give Texans the opportunity to share their perspectives on the state's transportation needs in the coming decades.

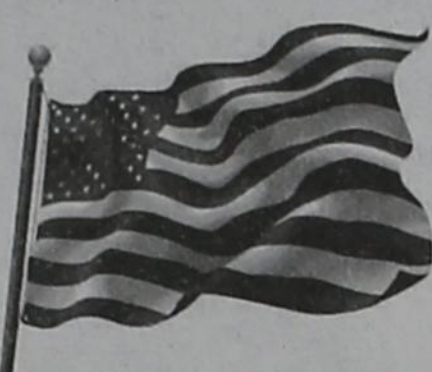
The purpose of the independent 12-member committee is to present an assessment of the state's transportation needs through the year 2030, in the context of today's economic reality. The committee will issue a report estimating the resources necessary to meet those needs in December.

Those wishing to submit written testimony should come prepared with 13 copies of any

printed materials, and oral testimony will be limited to three minutes. Comments may also be emailed to 2030committee@dot.state.tx.us.

For additional information about the committee's goals, membership or public hearing dates and locations, visit the Texas Department of Transportation website, www.txdot.gov.

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When the "beef bonanza" came to the Texas Panhandle in the 1880s, it sparked a classic confrontation - cattle punchers versus cattle barons - that ranks as one of the great tales of the golden age of the American cowboy. More than just a good story, though, it continues to provide valuable lessons about the pursuit of happiness and the American dream.

Traditionally, cowboys and ranchers shared a friendly relationship.

Frequently paid with cattle, and allowed to build their own maverick herds, cowboys lived with the hope, and prospect, of becoming ranchers themselves.

But when the demand for beef soared, a new "breed" of owners from England and Scotland came in and dominated the Panhandle lands. They formed corporations, claimed the maverick cattle as their own and insisted that the cowboys work for wages only. When barbed wire was introduced, they fenced in the open range.

Naturally, the cowboys resisted. At stake was their chance to claim a part of the American dream. Denied the right to own cattle, they demanded higher pay. The owners said no. So, just before spring roundup

125 years ago, the cowboys shocked the cattle country. They went on strike.

It was called the first cowboy strike in America. By some estimates, the number of striking cowboys grew to more than 300 across five large ranches. The owners fought back, firing cowboys and hiring replacements. Their strike in 1883, 10 years before Labor

Day became a legal holiday in Texas, accentuated a deep-seated belief that hard work deserves honest pay and fair treatment. After two-and-a-half months, the resistance of the cowboys weakened and the strike ended.

During the strike, the town of Tascosa became a popular place for out-of-work cowboys. Money saved to weather the walkout all too often evaporated amid the temptations in this "Cowboy Capital of the Panhandle," northwest of Amarillo.

In the daytime, Tascosa was a trade and supply center. At night, its rip-roaring "suburb" of Hogtown provided entertainment for a cast of characters that even Hollywood could not invent.

The mysterious and intriguing Frenchy McCormick and her husband, Mickey, reigned over the gambling parlors of Hogtown. Frenchy dealt the cards and Mickey tended the bar.

Keeping the law in Hogtown were Sheriff Pat Garrett and District Attorney Temple Lea Houston, son of Sam Houston. Keeping them busy were a cast of notorious characters, including famed bad man Billy the Kid.

The cowboys around Tascosa were rugged individualists with a deep streak of independence. They worked from sunrise to sundown - from "can see to can't see" - roping, bulldogging, branding and herding cattle. But their way of life on the open range would fade, as would Tascosa. The death knell for the town came when the main east-west railroad bypassed it.

But the American dream did

not die with it. Tascosa took on a new purpose when the ghost town was donated to help start Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in 1939. Since it was founded nearly 70 years ago, the Boys Ranch has cared for more than 8,000 at-risk children. Cal Farley became known as "America's Greatest Foster Father."

On the site of old Tascosa, the chance to fulfill the American dream has come full circle.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

Election Corner

**Garza County
November 4, 2008
General Election**

CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

Friday, August 29th is the last day to withdraw as a write-in candidate.

VOTER INFORMATION:

Voter Registration: October 6, 2008 is the last day a person may submit an application to register to vote in the November 4, 2008 General Election. Also, October 6, 2008 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. Call the Voter Registrar for information: 495-4448.

Ballots by Mail: Friday, September 5, 2008 is the first day for the Clerk's office to accept regular applications for early voting ballots by mail.

Early Voting: Monday, October 20 through Friday, October 31, 2008 (weekdays) from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Garza County Courthouse, 1st floor.

Election Day Polling Places (Tuesday, November 4, 2008, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM):

- 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

Local position with contested races (four year terms):

- County Attorney
- Sheriff
- County Commissioner, Precinct 3

For more election information, go online to www.GarzaCounty.net and click on the VoTexas icon or call the Clerk's office at 495-4440. Information provided by Jim Plummer, District and County Clerk, Garza County.

NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

The Garza County Commissioners conducted public hearings on August 28, 2008 and September 8, 2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of Garza County from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.72 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.375000 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,474,158.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.30900 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,663,906.

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The Garza County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 22, 2008 at 9:15 A.M. in the Garza County Commissioners Court Room, 3rd Floor, 300 West Main, Post, Texas.

White River Weekly Report Sept. 12, 2008

Gauge Reading	Rainfall for 2004
2340.85	43.58"
Feet below spillway	Rainfall for 2005
31' 7"	15.57"
Rise	Rainfall for 2006
0"	28.85"
Rainfall Past Week	Rainfall for 2007
.25"	24.19"
Rain to Date	
21.06"	

DID YOU KNOW

White River Lake has 754,996,767 million gallons left available at the Intake or 8% capacity or 2,317 acre feet. Subtract 47,090,725 MG for evaporation this week in August that leaves 707,906,042 MG available as of today.

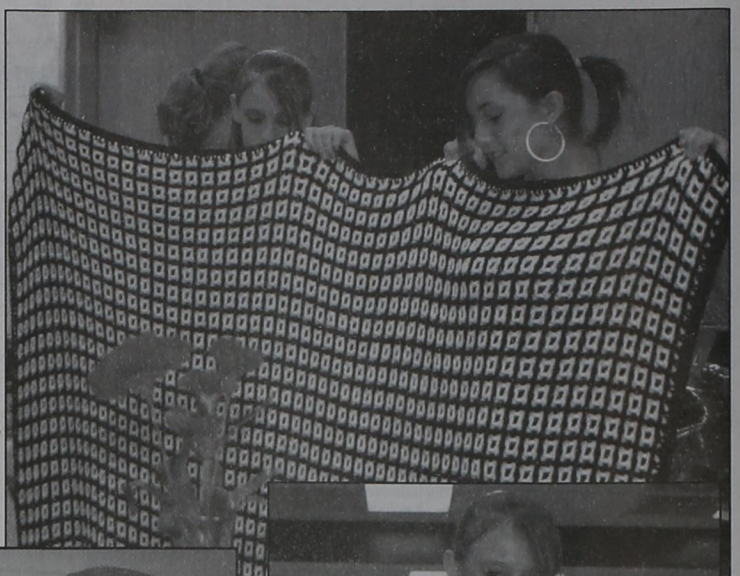
White River's daily average demand for 2007 was 1.26 million gallons per day for all White River Customers.

The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the Lake level rises.

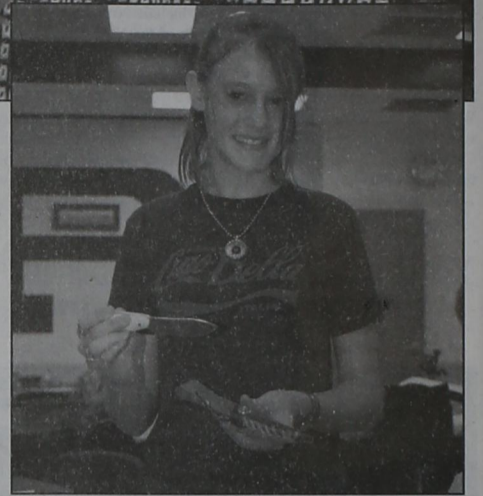
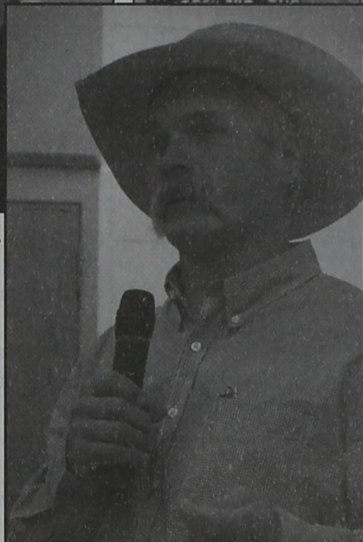
White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

Remember that the Water District is there for you if we can assist you in any way let us know.

Source: Mickey Rogers GM White River, general manager, WRMWD



Showing off the many items to be auctioned is above, Taylor Osborn, (top right) are Matti Smith and J.C. Johnson, Matti (far right) holding a knife that was auctioned off. Greg Jones, (right) auctioneer, kept the guests laughing through out the evening at the Garza County Livestock "fun" raiser.



Garza County Junior Livestock Association Benefit

The GCJLA held their 8th annual "Fun"Raiser on Saturday September 6th at the Post High School Cafeteria. The "Fun"Raiser offered a brisket dinner, auction and jackpot drawing. All proceeds benefitted the Garza County Junior Livestock Association and Scholarship Fund. Ronnie Dunn was the Master of Ceremony and Greg Jones served as auctioneer. The winners of the jackpot drawing were 1st prize (\$5000) Gary and Jaquita Blevins, 2nd prize (\$1000) Earl Chapman, 3rd

prize (\$500.00) Trey Jones, 4th prize (\$500.00) Clarice Johnson, 5th prize, (\$250.00) Westin Hart, 6th prize (\$250.00) Cameron Price. The 1st prize was actually won by LaVena Palmer and donated back to be redrawn. The 6th prize drawn by Cameron Price was donated back to the GCJLA fund. The Dalby Correctional Facility made a donation of \$300.00 to help buy the briskets for the benefit dinner. Donors to the auction were: Higgenbotham Bartlett, Kevin Hart, Cocara's, Jim and Jerry's

Antiques, Porter Hardware, Henrietta Cruse, Rocking K Outfitters, Farm Divas, Kevin Hart, Gary & Jaquita Blevins, Thomas & Jennifer Henderson, Kelli and Perry Smith, Jackie Milton, Audrey Williams, Reed Williams, Sherry & Adam & Stetson Rodriguez, Ronnie & Diane Graves, LaPosta, Monique Hendrix, Jane Mason,

Nancy & Dennis McDonald, Judge Lee Norman & Marsha Norman, Serena Alford, Texas Treasures, Barbara & Robbie Palmer, Movie Gallery, Post PTO, Keith Williams and GCJLA. Around 75 attended the benefit that raised over \$8250.00 for GCJLA & Scholarship Fund.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

I have to start off with a session on my biggest gripe ... people flying thru our community.

I was sitting at the stop sign Monday coming back to work from lunch and got the life scared out of me by a certain person in a big 'ol white pick-up who's name I will not mention. He was going so fast when he passed by me, my car actually shook. I have tried and tried to get a speed limit posted out here but the main TX Dot office (whom we have to deal with) in Lubbock won't help us, they just tell me to stay out of the street.....whatever! You people coming thru here need to think if your children were playing outside or a loved one was out for a walk, would you still drive that fast through here? No, the kids don't play in the road but they do cross the road and sometimes play a little to close, and some of us go for walks. The guy in Lubbock told me to tell the parents to put up a chain link fence. No chain link fence is going to stop an out of control vehicle that was going to fast

and hit a pot hole or tried to slam on the breaks! I wonder how these people would feel if I came by their house 100 mph? I pray everyday it doesn't take a tragedy to make people slow down. That's all I got to say about that!

We got a little bit of moisture on Monday, and some more on Wednesday. As of this writing it is still raining so I don't have a total yet. It has been cooler; I think our high temps may be over with for the season.

Ronnie and Voda Beth Gradine, Vondi and Addi and Grady Shytles traveled to Ruidoso over the weekend. While there they attended the Sugarland concert at the Inn, enjoyed steaks on the deck one evening and just hung out.

Devon has a new brother!!! Clinton and Kimberly Yarbro welcomed Caden Kahl, he weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and 21 inches long. Kahl's proud grandparents are Daniel and Trevah Yarbro and Al Craig and the late Sherry Craig. His

proud great-grandparents are Jerry and Judy Bush and Robert and Patsy Craig.

The PeeWee and Flag Football season has started those Ragtown kids that I know of that are playing are; Dylan Morris, Russ Morris, Rhaeden Bland, Kale Yarbro, Will Yarbro, Joel Lopez, Alonzo Armendariz. If I missed anyone please let me know so I can recognize them next week. Danny and Susan's grandson, Stevie is playing T-Ball in Euless.

I have to say a big Hello to Nancy Williams of Tahoka. Nancy says she reads "In and Around Close City" every week, she lives in Tahoka and is the mom of Keith Williams of Post.

Visitors ...Oneita Gunn came out to pick up some things on her way to Tahoka. Cecil Stolle came by and visited Monday afternoon. DJ Sims stopped in Tuesday morning. Mike Gatzki who drove a truck for us a couple of years ago stopped in Tuesday on a delivery, he works for S and J

Enterprises in Slaton.

Get Wells ... I hear Travis Lancaster is out of the hospital and at home doing well.

Don't forget our folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton, Fannie Ballentine and Ruby Carpenter in Post and Mary Ethridge and Carmen Abraham in Lubbock. Keep our troops in your daily thoughts and prayers.

Birthdays this week...

September 13th - Mike Gonzales
September 14th - Voda Beth Gradine Anniversaries...

September 15th - Shawn and Amy Pennell
Hope everyone has a great weekend..... Ya'll come see us!

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

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Weekly Inspirations

By: Michael F. Taylor

Ms. Johnson wasn't exactly sure what the medical condition was of her new 3rd grade student in the largest children's hospital of the county, but she had prepared a reading assignment and walked tentatively down the hall to young Amy's room.

Upon entering, she immediately came to the realization that her pupil was the victim of burns over a large portion of her small, frail, legs.

Ms. Johnson thought to herself, "Maybe I should come back in a week or two when Amy is feeling better".

But the still, quite direction of God checked her, and she decided to go ahead with the thirty minute lesson and see how it went.

When the lesson was over, Ms. Johnson again thought to herself that she might have done more to complicate Amy's condition than to help her.

Amy had seemed to struggle to even speak and was obviously in a great deal of pain. Ms. Johnson told Amy, "I'll see you tomorrow at three o'clock" and winked at Amy as she departed the sad hospital room. Ms. Johnson said a prayer as she left asking God to lead her in the direction she should take with Amy.

The next day, at 3 p.m. sharp, Ms. Johnson once again walked into Amy's room and began another lesson. When the time was up, she smiled at Amy, gave her a wink, and walked out as a tear began to run down her cheek.

This continued for the rest of the week, and yet Ms. Johnson wasn't sure if any improvement in Amy could be seen. In fact, she was so uncertain that her lessons were helping Amy that she went to the hospital staff supervisor. "I am afraid I am not doing anything to help" she blurted out almost in tears.

"Oh, but you don't understand, Ms. Johnson," he replied.

"Amy was not responding to our medical efforts and we were concerned that she would not make it, until you began teaching her. Now, she is beginning to heal!"

Only a few short months later, Amy was up and slowly learning how to walk once again.

Amy was completing her lessons from Ms. Johnson with a vengeance. Although her body was still mending itself and the process would be long and arduous, Amy

was a survivor!

One afternoon, Amy uttered these words to Ms. Johnson, "I knew when you came to my side in that hospital bed and began teaching me a reading lesson that I was going to be okay.

I knew you wouldn't have been giving me reading assignments if I was going to die. YOU GAVE ME HOPE!"

Ms. Johnson will never forget the smile on Amy's face that wonderful day!

Hope is a beautiful thing.

More importantly, everlasting Hope is of God. Psalms 33:21-22 tells us, "21 For our hearts rejoice in Him, because we trust in His holy name. 22 May Your faithful love rest on us, LORD, for we put our hope in You." HCSB Lamentations 3:24-26 assures us " 24 I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." 25 The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; 26 it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD." NIV

That scripture shows me that the Lord is my portion, and because He is my portion, I should wait for Him. For His direction, just as Ms. Johnson waited upon the Lord and did as He directed her.

Even though she wasn't sure that her efforts were producing a good fruit, the Lord knew that His hope was being imparted to that young life that needed it so desperately.

And because of her obedience, salvation came.

Young Amy was given a new chance at life. Just as Jesus Christ gives you and I salvation and a new life in Him.

As Amy was healed in the physical because of the hope given to her, we are given an everlasting hope and healed spiritually by the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

In 2 Corinthians 1:9-10, Paul speaks to this, "9 Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. 10 He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us.

On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us." NIV

This week, my prayer is that you will set your hope on Jesus Christ as He continues to deliver you because you have chosen to rely upon Him.

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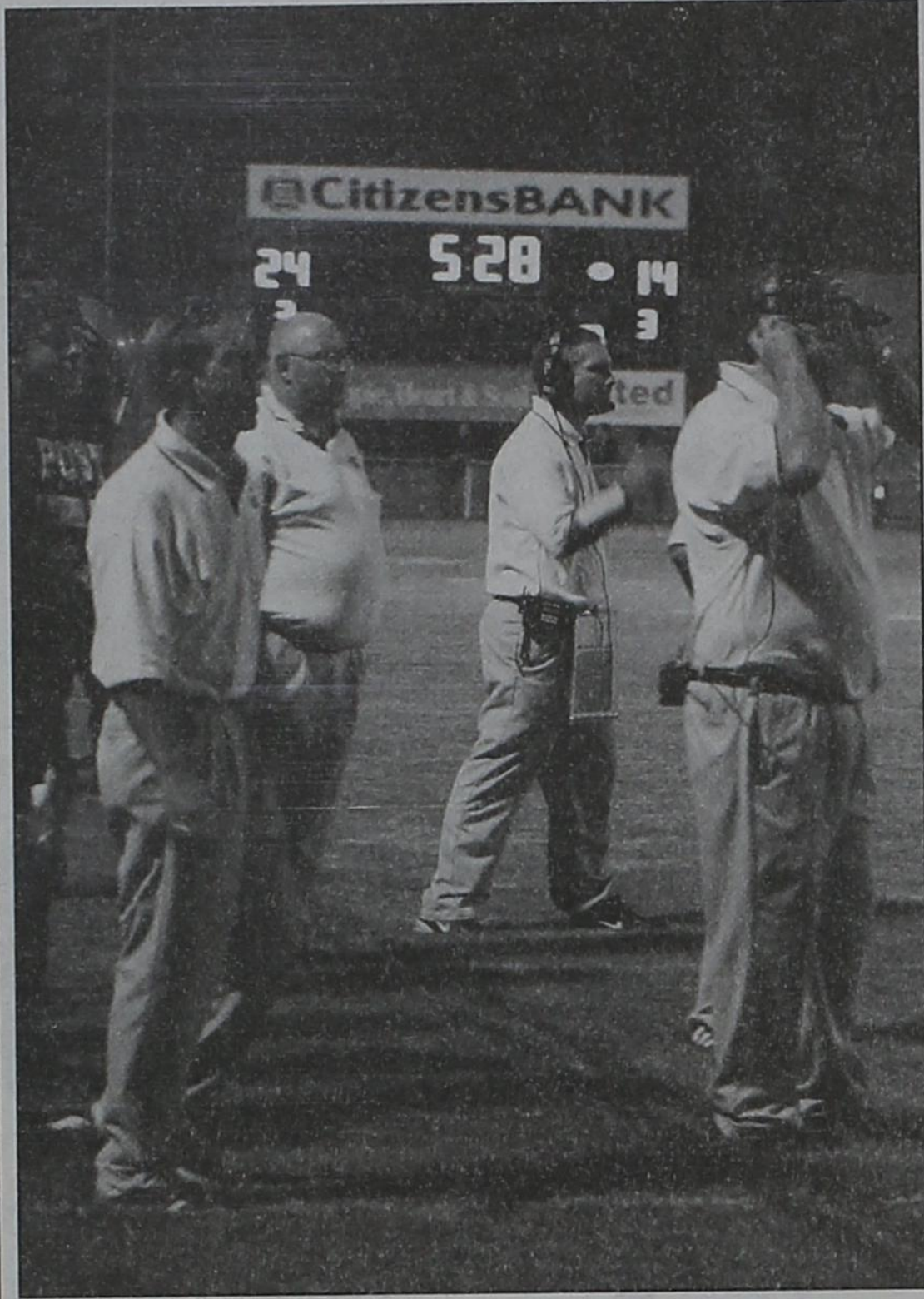
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Antelopes hit bye week with 1-1 record, play Floydada Sept. 19



Whew!
The Post Antelopes survived a late Lamesa rally and gave new head coach Chris Jones his first win in Post beating the Golden Tornadoes 44-38.

The win also came on Homecoming night for the Antelopes. Post now has a bye-week before hosting Floydada at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19.

The Antelopes were up 38-16 in the third quarter before a late-rally by Lamesa made the game a close contest, but Post (1-1) survived the rally scoring six more points in the fourth quarter to win 44-38.

Scoring first for the Antelopes was Jarrett Blevins who caught an 11-yard strike from quarterback Aaron James with

9:26 left in the first quarter. James ran in the 2-point conversion for the 8-0 lead. Post's defense held Lamesa scoreless until 10:40 in the second quarter.

Post scored on 23-yard field goal in the second quarter and on a 44-yard touchdown reception to lead 18-8 at halftime.

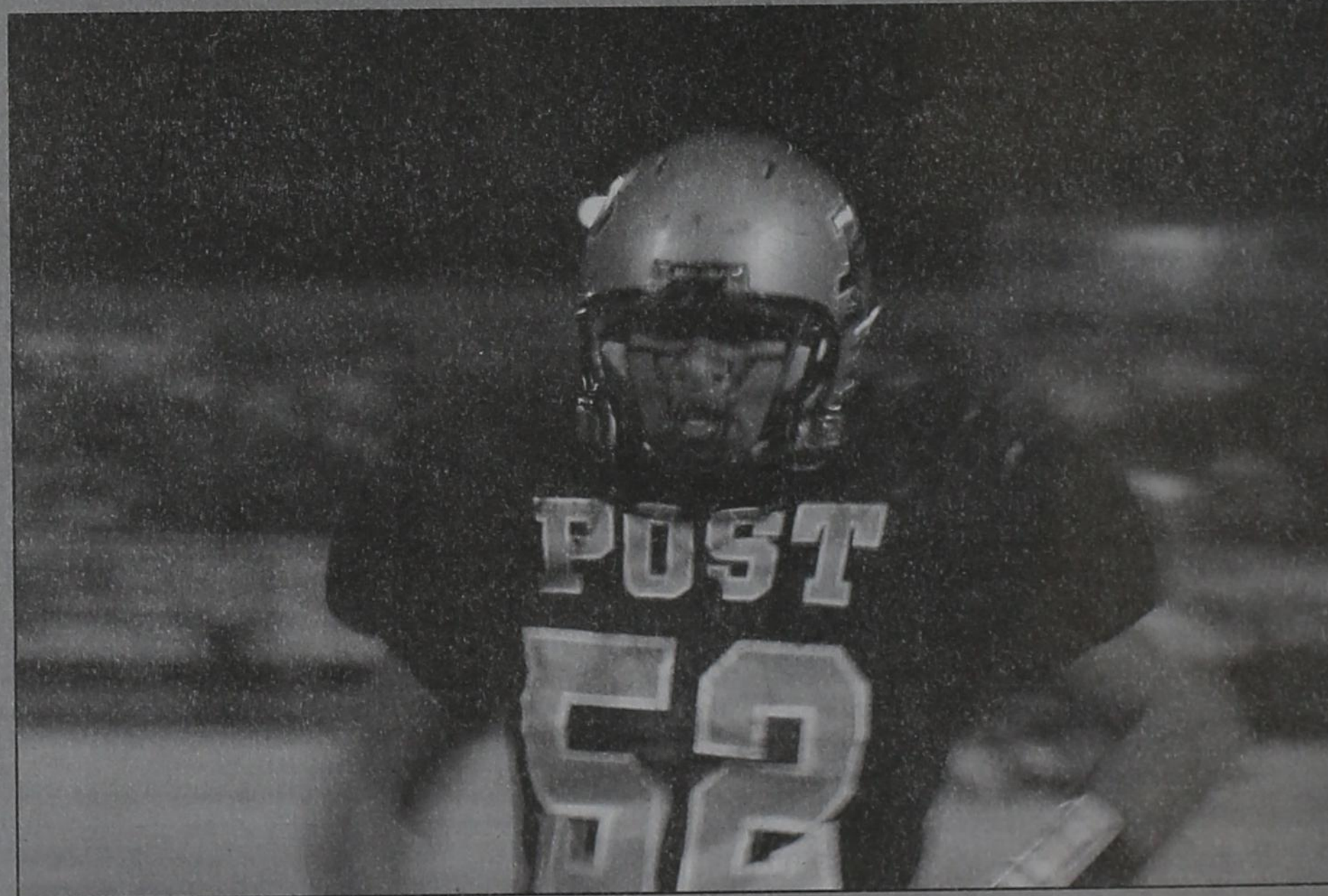
In the third, Post added three touchdowns.

The first was on a 38-yard pass from James to Clint Windham, the second on a 50-yard run by Giles Dalby and the third on a 4-yard run by Dalby. James also added two more 2-point conversions in the third to help Post lead 38-16 after three quarters.

In the fourth quarter, Post added their last score of the night on a 2-yard run by Windham.

Post High School head football coach Chris Jones (left, center) calls in plays during the Antelopes first win of the season last Friday against Lamesa. Right, Post celebrates a touchdown during the victory (lower right) the Antelopes take a knee after the win while Josh Rodriguez competes against Lamesa. Lower right, the Post varsity cheerleaders cheer the team on to a Homecoming win.

Photos by Merika Strivens and Mitch Holly



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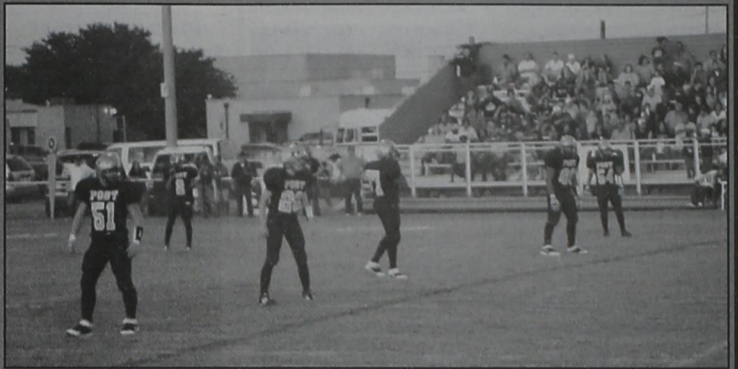
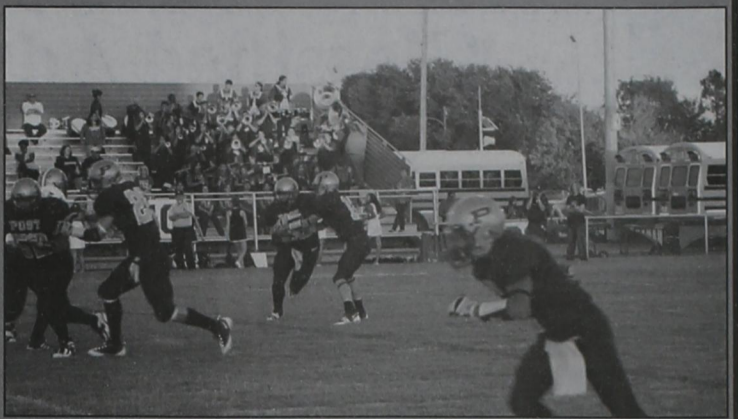
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Lamesa squeaks by JV 'Lopes, 20-18

The Junior Varsity Football team lost a heart-breaker 20-18 to Lamesa. Chase Greathouse continued to impress with his play on the offensive side of the ball as well as special teams. The defense gave up a score early but tightened up the rest of the way and really played hard. Dale Diaz and Ben Mason were very active on the defense and really stepped up their play from a week ago. The Junior Varsity is off this week but will resume play Sept. 18th at Floydada.



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Attention coaches:

Please turn in your scores and statistics for sporting events by Tuesday at 5 p.m. Your help is appreciated. Also, let us know if there are any schedule changes that need to be addressed.

Post Antelope Football Schedule

Varsity

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 16	Coahoma (scrimmage)	Home	10:00
Aug. 22	Tahoka (scrimmage)	Away	6:00
Aug. 29	Sundown	Away	7:30
Sept. 5	Lamesa (Homecoming)	Home	7:30
Sept. 12	Open		
Sept. 19	Floydada	Home	7:30
Sept. 26	Lubbock Roosevelt*	Away	7:30
Oct. 3	Abernathy*	Home	7:30
Oct. 10	Idalou*	Away	7:30
Oct. 17	Shallowater*	Home	7:30
Oct. 24	Denver City*	Away	7:30
Oct. 31	Slaton*	Away	7:30
Nov. 7	Littlefield*	Home	7:30

* District Games

Junior Varsity

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 28	Sundown	Home	6:00
Sept. 4	Lamesa	Away	6:00
Sept. 11	Open		
Sept. 18	Floydada	Away	6:00
Sept. 25	Lubbock Roosevelt*	Home	6:00
Oct. 2	Abernathy*	Away	6:00
Oct. 9	Idalou*	Home	6:00
Oct. 16	Shallowater*	Away	6:00
Oct. 23	Denver City*	Home	6:00
Oct. 30	Slaton*	Home	6:00
Nov. 6	Littlefield*	Away	6:00

7th & 8th Grade

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 11	Open		
Sept. 18	Floydada	Home	5:00
Sept. 25	Lubbock Roosevelt*	Away	5:00
Oct. 2	Abernathy*	Home	5:00
Oct. 9	Idalou*	Away	5:00
Oct. 16	Shallowater*	Home	5:00
Oct. 23	Denver City*	Away	5:00
Oct. 30	Slaton*	Away	5:00
Nov. 6	Littlefield	Home	5:00

Pee Wee

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 13	Ralls Crimson Tide	Away	11:45
Sept. 20	Tulia Gators	Home	11:00
Sept. 27	Idalou Bears	Home	10:00
Oct. 4	New Deal Lions	Away	2:00
Oct. 11	Crosbyton Huskies	Away	10:00



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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Post Independent School District acting by and through their Governing Board, will receive sealed Proposals for the award of a contract for a Used School Bus (009-002) until 3:00 p.m., Monday, September 29, 2008 in the Post I.S.D. Administrative Office. The Request for Proposal package may be obtained from the Post Independent School District, 501 South Avenue K, Post, Texas 79356. 806-495-3343. Post ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Proposals and to waive any

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF POST TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Post held a public hearing at 6:40 p.m. on August 12, 2008, at Post City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Ric Walton, City Manager at City Hall in Post. The City is still taking comments regarding this application until September 30, 2008. Should you have any comments, you may submit them in writing to the City of Post.

Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

Threeway Drilling Company, 505 North Big Spring, Suite 203 Midland, TX 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, Kiker "A" lease, Well Number 2. The proposed injection well is located three miles Northwest of Post, Texas in the Three Way (San Andres) Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3458 to 3592 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Menus

Post ISD

September 15

Breakfast-Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk
Lunch-Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots, chocolate pudding, milk

September 16

Breakfast - Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch-Golden fish strips, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit, hot roll, milk

September 17

Breakfast-Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch-Carne guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortillas, milk

September 18

Breakfast-Cinnamon rolls, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch-Chicken & noodles, green beans, fruited gelatin, texas toast,

frozen yogurt, milk
September 19
Breakfast-Cereal, Graham crackers, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch-BBQ on Bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple tidbits, milk

Southland ISD

September 15
Breakfast-Waffles, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, fresh apple, hot roll, milk

September 16
Breakfast-Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, milk
Lunch-Carne guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange slice, flour tortillas, milk

September 17
Breakfast-Eggs, toast, bacon,

juice, milk
Lunch-Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, fresh broccoli w/ranch, strawberries & bananas, saltine crackers, milk

September 18
Breakfast-Breakfast bar, yogurt, juice, milk
Lunch-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, French bread stick, sliced peaches, milk

September 19
Breakfast-Breakfast burrito, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, western beans, orange smiles, milk

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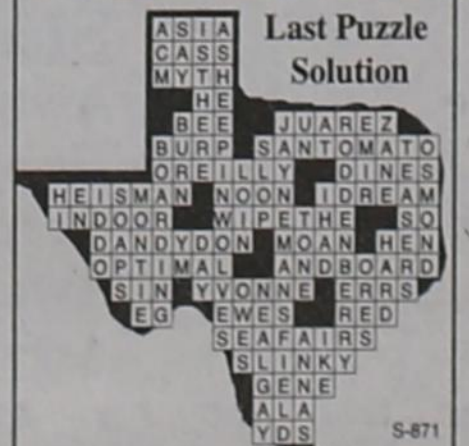
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10 Years Ago September 10, 1998

Garza County Judge Giles Dalby received the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) Regional Service Award at the organization's annual meeting. Dalby was nominated for the award by Post Mayor Jim Jackson.

The newly opened Alamo Restaurante, was very busy this week serving up breakfast, lunch and dinner. The restaurant was owned and operated by Juan Armandariz.

Angela Tobias, daughter of Carol and Frank Tobias of Post and medical student at Baylor University, was one of several individuals contributing to a recent medical journal article.

Members of the Class of 1948 meeting for a reunion were Billie Nichols Andress, Billy Craig, Billy Patty, Twila Welch, N. W. Stone, Deloris Moore Stone, Billie Rogers Demsey, Verna L. Parrish Martin, Martha Thomas McDowell, Pleasant Hill, Viola King Stahl, Mary Jo Stephens Cook, Jodie Mason, Marilyn Curry Mason, Gene Rylant, Melba McClellan Stone, Joyce Evans Tyre, Bonnie Bowen Ward and Lester Josey.

20 Years Ago September 14, 1988

The Post Dispatch editor Lonnie Welborn received an American Cancer Society District 3 Excellence in Public Information award during the annual meeting in Lubbock.

Marine Pfc. Richard Scott Hair, son of Jackie and Janet Hair of Post, reported for duty with Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia. Hair graduated from Post High School in 1987.

Ingrid Boteler caught a 21 inch, three and one half pound bass during a trip to Fun Valley Colorado.

Debbie Sue Tyler and John

Michael Jones exchanged wedding vows in a double-ring ceremony which took place in the backyard of the Post home of Bo and Marita Jackson.

Bold Gold Antelopes featured in the Post Dispatch this week in 1988 were Tyge Payne, Neal Gibbs, Richard Hudman, and Amando Chapa.

30 Years Ago September 14, 1978

Garza Memorial Hospital directors at a called meeting voted unanimously to extend the contract of Dr. Ricardo Rodriguez for another year.

County Tax Assessor-Collector Ruth Reno was selected by the Garza Democratic Executive Committee as the Democratic nominee for the unexpired term for the office on the November ballot.

The high school band elected their officers during class with Larisa Shiver elected as president. Other officers were vice president, Jendy Thomas, reporter, David Poole, and freshman representative, Mario Luno.

Susan Marie Troxtell and Danny Gonzales exchanged wedding vows on September 1, at the First Assembly of God Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kiker were honored with a 50th wedding reception in the bank community room. June Payne and Charlie Kiker were married September 29, 1928 in Johnson County and moved to Post in 1939.

40 Years Ago September 12, 1968

The Post Antelopes opened their 1968 football season against the Hale Center Owls. Members were James Pollard, Howard Keel, Grady Shytles, Arthur Torres, Jay Bird, George Torres, Larry Bilberry, Ralph Menchaca, Karl Hall, Johnny Hair, Steve Collazo, Butch Heaton, Steve Newby, David Perez, Manuel

Sanchez, Terry Moreau, Neff Walker, Dennis Dodson, Ray Altman, James Walker, Robert Pace, Jerry Crenshaw, James Morgan, David, Stelzer, Jackie Gordon, Bobby Hodges, Kim Wilks, Mike Feagin, David Pierce, Jimmy McKamie, George Morales, and Boyd Noble. Coaching the squad were Billy Hahn, Glynn Gregg, and Waco Reynolds.

Post High School's energetic cheerleaders ready for the opening game were Delbert Rudd, Sue Eubank, Donna Stewart, Don Collier and Nancy Cook.

50 Years Ago September 11, 1958

Results of the senior class election at Post High School were as follows: Victor Hudman, president; Jimmy Short, vice president; Barbara Shytles, secretary; Ruth Ann Long, treasurer; Kay Jean Jones, Student Council representative; Mrs. Chester Morris and Mrs. Boy Hart, room mothers; Albert Parsons and Mrs. G. E. Fleming, sponsors.

Manager John N. Hopkins announced that Mrs. Dixie Billings had been employed as secretary for the Post Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Ann Scarbrough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Scarbrough, was awarded a scholarship to Wayland College, Plainview, as the "highest ranking Baptist" of the 1958 graduating class at Post High School.

Halfback John Valdez scored on a 13-yard end run and then ran over the two extra points to lead Post's 8th grade team to an 8 to 6 victory over Spur's 8th graders.

60 Years Ago September 9, 1948

Miss Theona Beauchamp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kike Beauchamp, became the bride of Lester Josey, with Rev. I. D. Walker, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church officiating.

According to County Judge J. Lee Bowen an average of 20 men a day were registering for Selective Service for the past month.

Victor Hudman, placing a

telephone call to Lubbock, was told "Okay, if I can find it on this switchboard." The voice was unmistakably that of Fritz Greenfield, local supervisor of the Southwestern Associated Telephone. The long-awaited switchboard, which could accommodate 440

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new subscribers, had just been installed. Hudman's call was the first to go through the new equipment.

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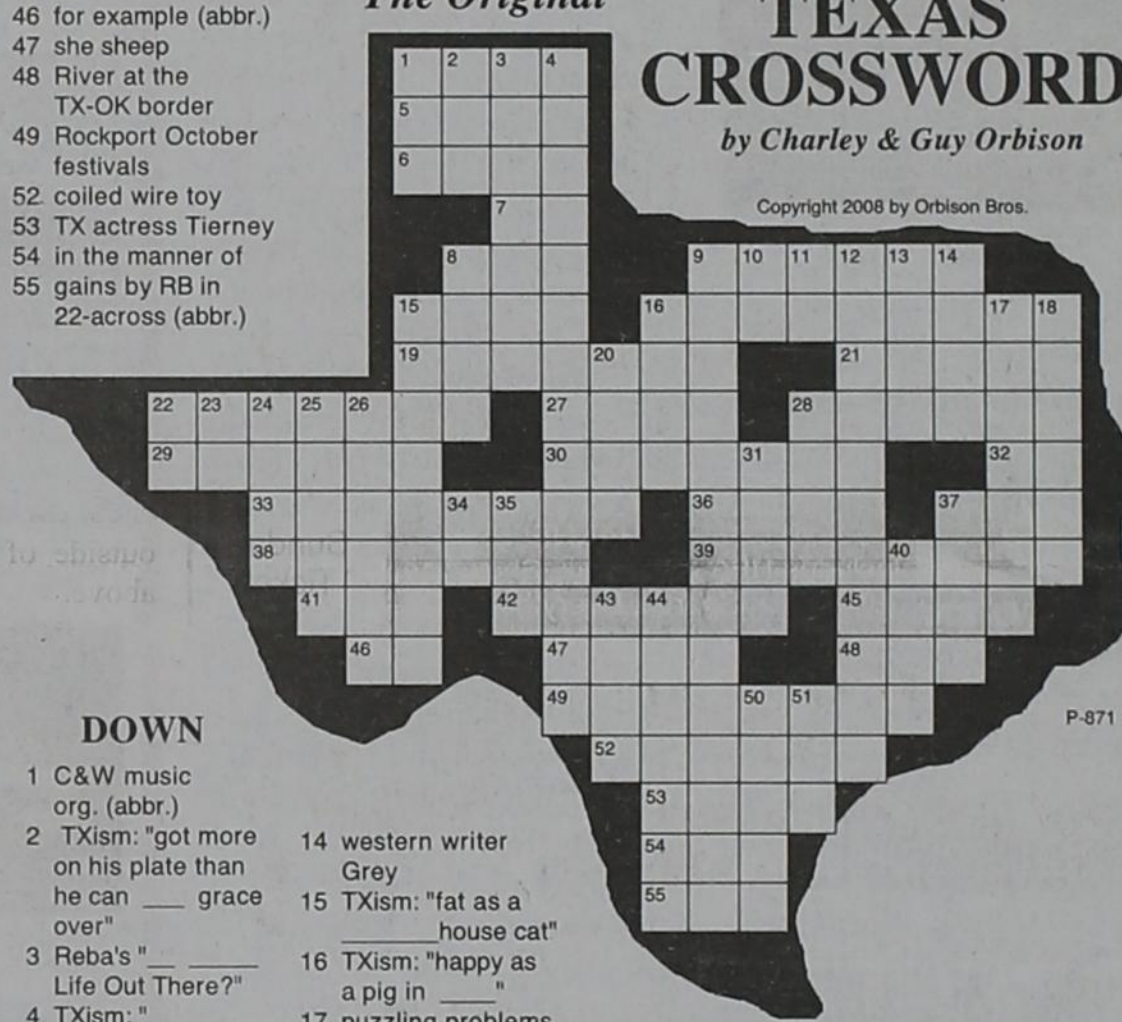
- continent where TX mohair is exported
- Linden is the seat of this county
- TX Pecos Bill
- TXism: "___ could strut sitting down" (big ego)
- quitting or spelling
- across the border from El Paso
- done after drinking Dr. Pepper too fast?
- Jacksonville's Tomato Fest stages the "Battle of ___"
- this "Tex" created Pecos Bill in 1923
- has supper
- UT's Ricky Williams '98 award
- Tex Ritter sang "High ___" theme
- TX Larry Hagman sitcom: "___ of Jeannie"
- Fort Worth has world's oldest ___ rodeo
- TXism: "___ slate clean"
- TXism: "___ long" (good-bye)
- ex-QB Meredith (nickname)
- "Enchanted Rock" sound
- TXism: "mad as a wet ___"
- most favorable
- "room ___"
- TXism: "ugly as homemade ___"
- De Carlo of TX-based "Calamity Jane & Sam Bass"
- 45 makes a mistake for example (abbr.)
- she sheep
- River at the TX-OK border
- Rockport October festivals
- coiled wire toy
- TX actress Tierney
- in the manner of
- gains by RB in 22-across (abbr.)
- 14 western writer Grey
- TXism: "fat as a ___ house cat"
- TXism: "happy as a pig in ___"
- puzzling problems
- this Marie is "a little bit country"
- cut of beef
- short salutation
- Ranger's play-by-play Eric (init.)
- TX Meatloaf's "___ Anything for Love..."
- daytime dramas
- operator of historic TX JA Ranch: M.H.W. "___" Ritchie
- 37 TXism: "___ as finding a horse thief in heaven"
- TX minerals
- has debts
- Mesquite's Pro Rodeo Hall of Famer
- Santa the general and the town in Coleman Co.
- nickname of TX-born president

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DOWN

- C&W music org. (abbr.)
- TXism: "got more on his plate than he can ___ grace over"
- Reba's "___ Life Out There?"
- TXism: "___ clothes" (fake)
- TXism: "___ some boot leather" (run)
- TX buxom actress
- TX George Strait tune: "___ wound"
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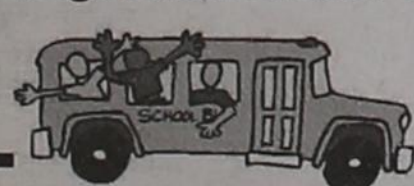
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Killer Whale



Orcinus orca is their scientific name, AKA* Orca or Killer Whale. Orcas are a member of the dolphin family. Because they are the only whale that eats warm-blooded animals they are called "killer". Like lions and tigers and bears, they are **carnivorous** (meat eaters). Orcas are found in all the oceans of the world but they prefer the cold waters of the Arctic region. Whales are air breathing, intelligent mammals. Because of pollution and deadly fishing nets (if caught they may drown) their only natural enemy is man.

How big is a Killer Whale? BIG. Male Orcas weigh 8,000 - 12,000 pounds and are as long as a school bus! The largest Orca found to date, weighed 21,000 pounds and was 32 feet long!



* AKA: also known as

Do Killer Whales eat humans? NO!

There has been only one case of a whale biting a surfer. Once he figured out the surfer was not a strange looking seal he spit him out!

The top dorsal fin on a male orca can be six feet high. Sea World's Shamu, born in 1985, was the first killer whale to be successfully born & raised in captivity.



Laura Craig



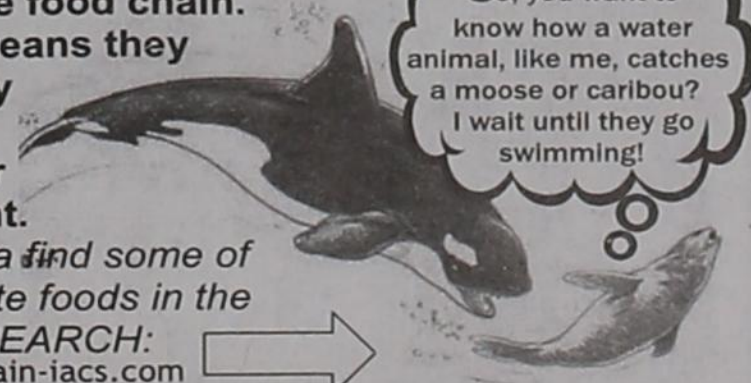
Newborn Killer Whales are about 8 feet long and weigh 300 pounds. Baby whales, called calves, can swim at birth but the mother whale will help her infant to the surface to breathe. The baby will nurse from the mother for about a year. During this time the baby must stay close by swimming along side the cow (mother whale), in her slipstream. This protected area helps the baby exert less energy so it can keep up with the rest of the pod. A pod of whales (5-20 whales) is made up of a mother whale and her offspring. Pods will stay together until the lead whale dies or the pod gets too large and divides.

Killer Whales are at the top of the food chain. Which means they eat pretty much whatever they want.

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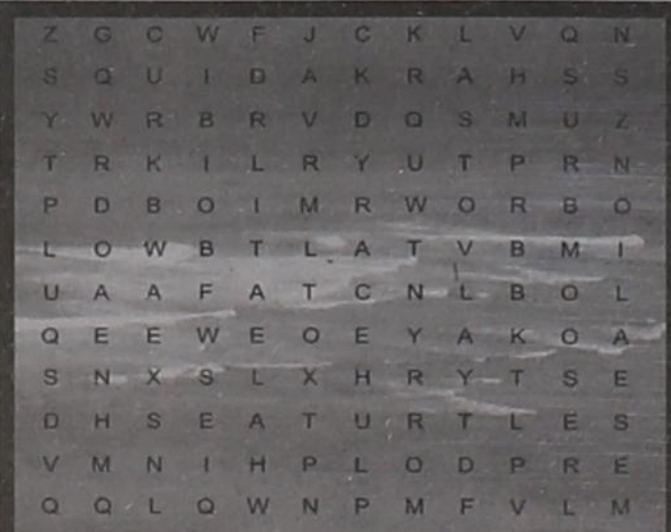
So, you want to know how a water animal, like me, catches a moose or caribou? I wait until they go swimming!



Black & White

Orcas may be the biggest black and white item but plenty of other black and white things surround us:

- K_b___d - piano part
- N_s_s_a_r - daily reading
- P___d - China bear
- D___i___os - game
- S___n___ - smelly animal
- S___c_r - B&W ball
- D___e - game cube
- Z___r___ - striped horse
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- C___ - Holstein
- P___g___n - tuxedo bird
- D___l___t___n - firehouse dog



- Caribou
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Jarrett Blevins

"I was a fifth grader in Mrs. Bishop's class when this tragic accident happened. I remember hearing the news from my teacher and watching her cry as she tried to explain what happened."



Brittney Miller

"I was a third grader at Southland Elementary when I heard the terrible news. I received the news from my teacher and then my class went to watch the news on the television for the rest of the day."

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The thoughtfulness of each of you who gave us a gift of kind words, prayers or cards after the death of our Dad is so appreciated. You have helped lighten our hearts.

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Obituaries

Mattie Mae Crawford

Services for Mattie Mae Crawford, 72, of Post were held Saturday, Sept. 6, at 10 AM at the Pleasant Home Baptist Church with Rev. Arthur Kelly officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, Sept. 3 at the Crosbyton Nursing and Rehab Center. She was born Jan. 5, 1936 in Crosbyton to Bill and Annie Mae (Smith) Law. She was a resident of Post for many years. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

Survivors include one son: Billy Ray Crawford of Post, 4 Grandchildren: Jerry Crawford of Dallas, Billy Crawford of College Station, Crystal Crawford of Lubbock and Brandon Crawford of Lubbock and 2 Great Grandchildren.

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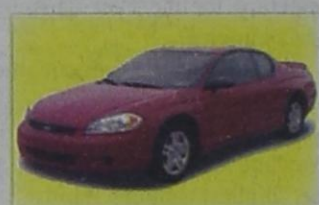
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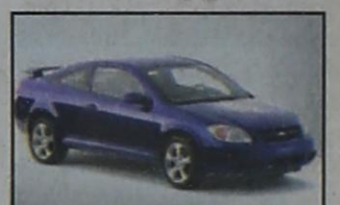
2004 Chevy Malibu loaded, 50K miles
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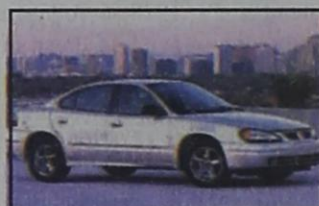
2006 Chevy Cobalt 2 dr. coupe, loaded, 36K miles
\$11,595



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