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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners Court

December 22
9 a.m.
AgriLife Extension Office
215 W. Main Street

City of Post City Council Meeting

January 6, 2009
6 p.m.
Council Chambers
City Hall
105 E. Main Street

Post ISD School Board Meeting

January 15, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Administrative Board Room
501 S. Avenue K

Garza County Hospital District

January 15, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Citizens Bank Meeting Room
210 N. Broadway

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event info available at press time.

"Joseph the Carpenter"

Ragtown Gospel Theater
December 19 - 7:30 p.m.
December 20 - 3 p.m.
December 21 - 3 p.m.

Holiday Classics

Garza Theatre
December 19 - 8 p.m.
December 20 - 3 p.m.
December 20 - 8 p.m.

POST ISD

Students released early for Holidays
December 19
1:30 p.m.

Lady Lopes

JV & Varsity
December 19
5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
At Idalou

Lopes JV & Varsity

December 19
At Idalou

Graham Ole Opry

Graham Community Center
December 20
7 - 10 p.m.

Lady Lopes

Caprock Tourny
December 29

Legacy Five in Concert

Ragtown Gospel Theater
January 8, 2009
7 p.m.

Hotel once considered Post's front door

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

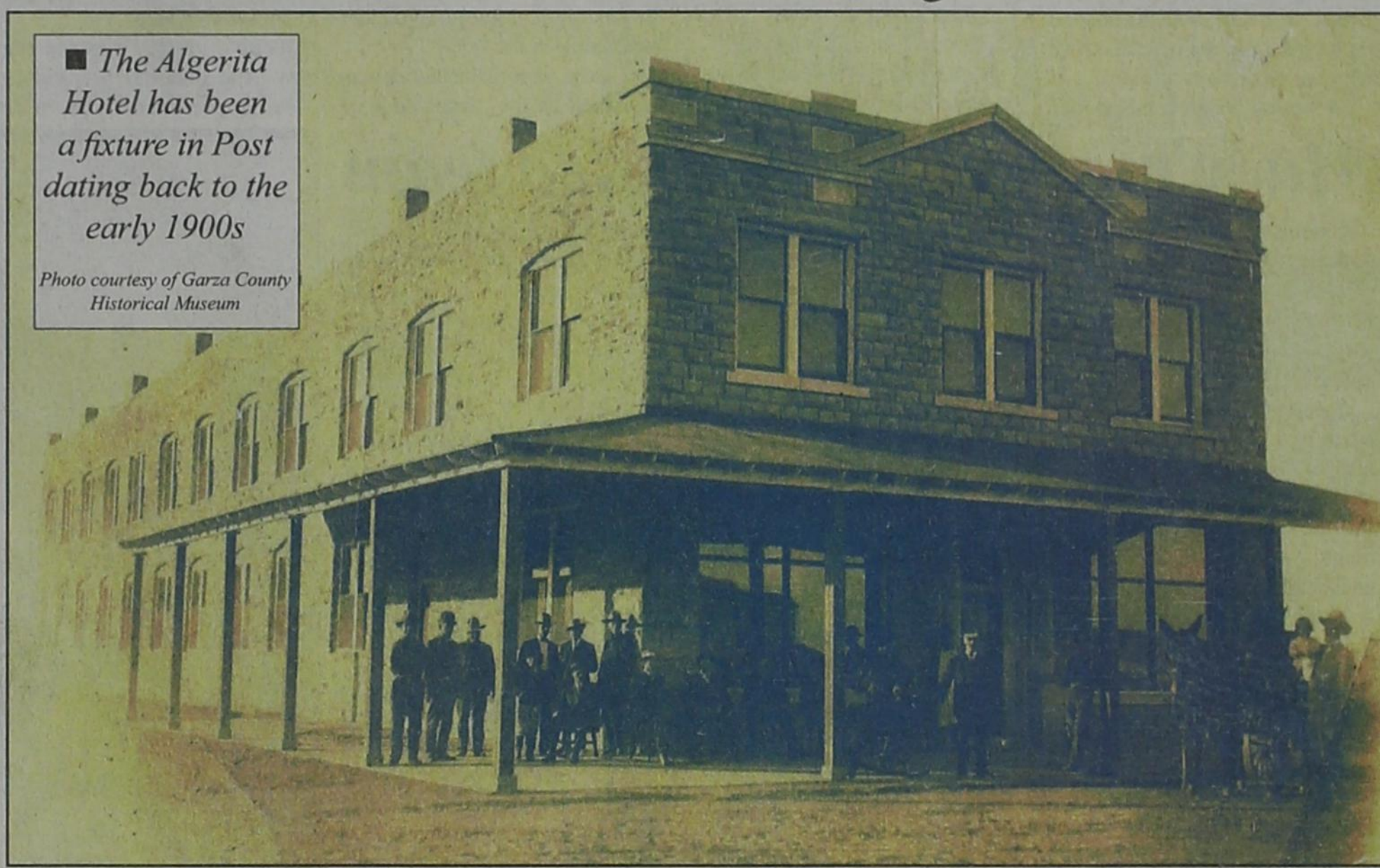
A centerpiece of C. W. Post's plan for Post City in 1908, the Algerita Hotel building remains a place of interest on Main Street. Beginning in the early 1960s until the mid-80s the building was mostly abandoned; however, since 1984 the Post Art Guild has leased space at the front of the downstairs for a gallery, meeting and work space. The Post Area Chamber of Commerce office is now located in the west portion of the downstairs space.

Post resident Shelby Webb recently spent several weeks researching the hotel and documenting its present condition. Webb's building survey project on the Algerita is part of her course work for a Masters Degree in Archeology and Heritage through the University of Leicester in England. The information that she collected reveals the attention to detail that characterized all of Mr. Post's developments.

A letter dated December 7, 1907 outlined Post's expectations for the hotel:

■ The Algerita Hotel has been a fixture in Post dating back to the early 1900s

Photo courtesy of Garza County Historical Museum



The hotel should be "kept in a cleanly manner, food well cooked and served, and the linens be changed with each change of

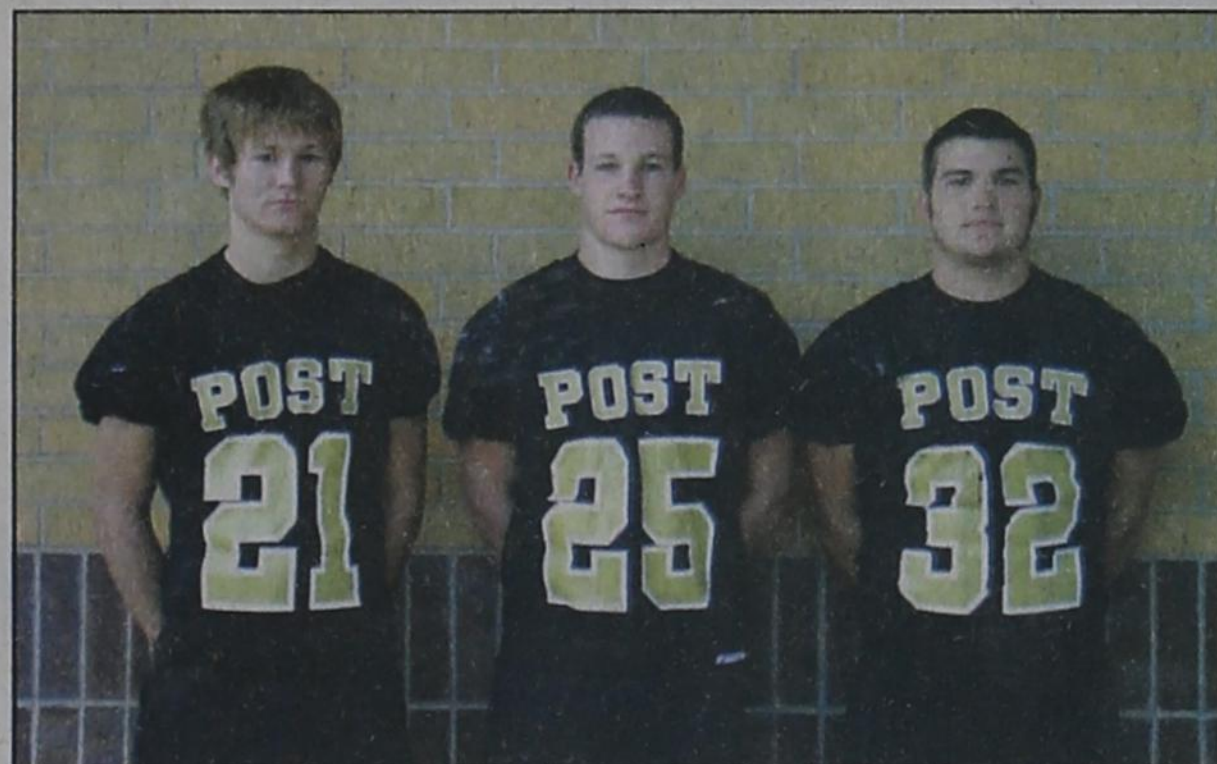
guest. Specify plain, but substantial furniture. Brussels carpets entirely cover floor of bedrooms, and strips of carpet sewed double

width down the hall; good but plain bathroom and water closet fixtures. Put plain buff window shades in on rollers. Stain sides

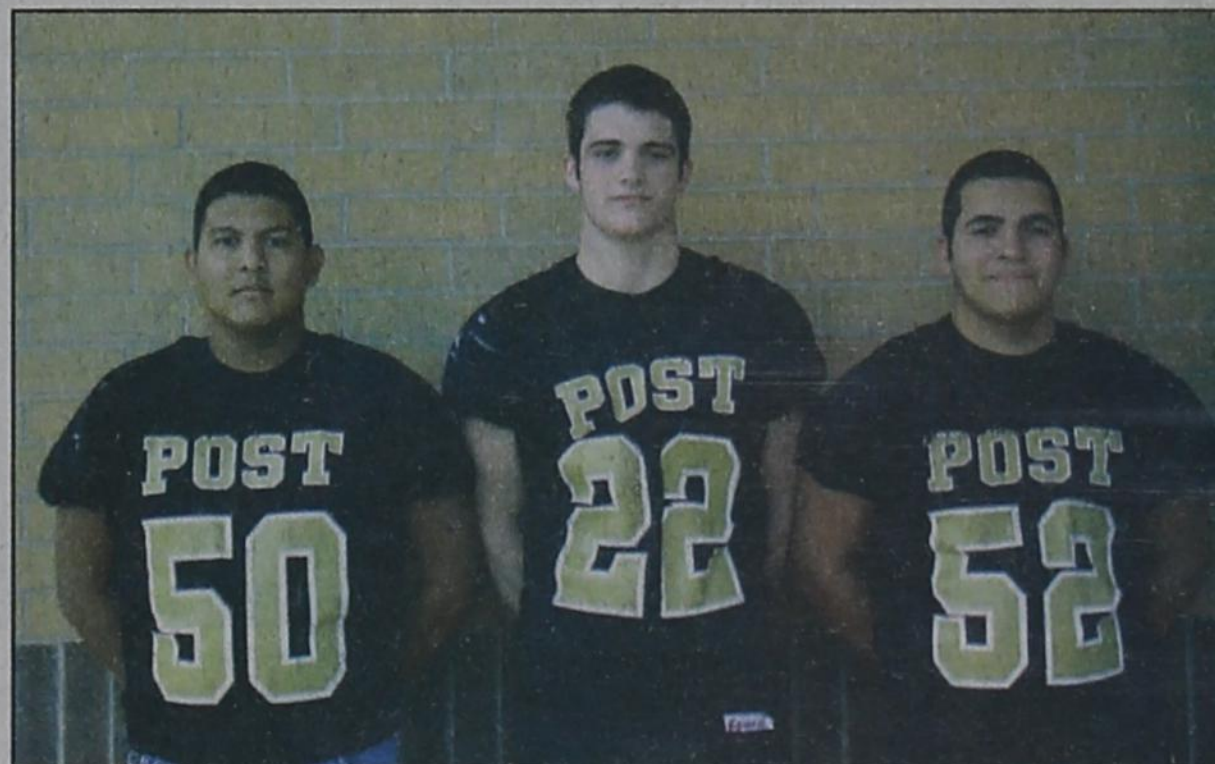
of floors in the corridor where exposed outside of carpet. No stain under carpet..."

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ALL-DISTRICT ANTELOPES



Bold Gold Antelopes named to the 3-2A All-District first team were: (l. to r.) Jarrett Blevins, Senior; Trent Babb, Junior; and Giles Dalby, Jr., Junior.



Bold Gold Antelopes named to the second team were: (l. to r.) Jesse Vera, Senior; Clint Windham, Junior; Josh Rodriguez, Junior. Not pictured: Joe Menjares, Junior.

Post High has seven named to 3-2A All-District Football Team, several more honorable mention

The Post Bold Gold Antelopes had 7 players make the 3-2A All-District Football Team. Three players were selected to the 1st Team and four players were chosen for the 2nd Team.

In addition, several other players received Honorable Mention recognition.

"Our staff is very proud of the accomplishments of these young men. Each of these players understands it takes the effort and work of the entire team for any

of them to receive individual recognition," said Varsity Coach Jones. "Everyone needs to understand that it is a huge honor to be named to the All District Team in 3-2A with as many good teams and good players that we have playing in our district. There were some good football players from every school that did not make the list because of that very fact. We are excited for our All-District players and for their teammates who helped

them get there."

First Team Offense

Running Back- Giles Dalby-Junior, 5'10" 215

First Team Defense

Linebacker- Trent Babb-Junior, 6'0" 175
Defensive Back-Jarrett Blevins-Senior, 6'0" 165

Second Team Offense

Wide Receiver-Clint Wind-

ham-Junior, 6'2" 200

Offensive Line-Jesse Vera-Senior, 5'10" 205

Second Team Defense

Defensive Line-Josh Rodriguez-Junior, 5'10" 225
Defensive Line-Joe Menjares-Junior, 6'0" 220

Honorable Mention Offense

Quarterback-Aaron James, Jr.
Wide Receiver-Chad Miller,

Sr.

Wide Receiver-Ernest Saldivar, Soph.

Honorable Mention Defense

Defensive Line-Nick Rodriguez, Jr.
Defensive Line-Kaven Martinez, Fr.
Linebacker-Chad Miller, Sr.
Defensive Back-Luis Duran, Jr.
Defensive Back-M.J. Wynne, Jr.

Movie Gallery taking donations

Golden Plains Care Center is in need of the following items; lotions, socks, sweat suits, and shampoo. Anyone wanting to donate these items can drop them off at the Movie Gallery located at 508 Broadway.

Graham Ole Opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday, December 20 from 7:00 until 10:00 pm at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south of FM 399. Those on the program are Ollie Joe Abraham, Ronnie Raybon, Morris Tyler, Audrey Beth Hunt, Linda Gail Hidin and Noel White. Country, Gospel and Christmas music. There is no admission charge; hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. For more information

contact Noel White at 495-3261.

Trailblazers selling tickets for 12 gauge

Tickets for the raffle of a Turkish Silver Eagle Siyah 12 gauge shotgun may be purchased at Garza County Trailblazers, 205 E. 10th Street. One ticket cost \$1 or six tickets may be purchased for \$5. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, December 23rd at noon at the Trailblazer Center.

Clothes and food available from church

Graham Chapel Church of Christ has food pantry (non-perishables only) and a clothes closet for the needy in Post. Please contact Tim Tatum at 495-3066 or Bill Short at 495-4104.

Post Notes

Post City, Texas ... Home of Historic Garza Theatre

Algerita ...

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In June of 1908, a month before the hotel opened, Mr. Post sent these instructions:

Everything must be kept "scrupulously clean, with no waste paper laying around. No glass lamps only metal. Room rates 2.00 for the better rooms and 1.00 for others. For the 2.00 customers, fresh sheets with each guest, tables padded and napkins, and boiled or pan fried steak. For the 1.00 customers, only change sheets when they need laundering, fried meats and fried eggs, as they are accustomed. The main meal of the day is the noon meal."

In compliance with the Texas statutes at the time the hotel opened, every bedroom above ground floor was equipped with a manila or hemp rope not less than 5/8 inch thick and knotted every 15 inches that was long enough to reach within four feet of the ground. The rope was securely fastened in each room to be used for escape in case of fire or other dangerous situation.

A notation dated December

Why's it called 'Algerita?'

The Algerita Hotel was named for an evergreen shrub native to this area.

According to "Wildflowers of the Western Plains" by Zoe Kirkpatrick, other names for the plant are Agarita, Agarito, Currant-of-Texas and Desert Holly.

Kirkpatrick describes the plant as a shrub "3-6 feet tall, with rigid spreading branches that often form thickets. The prickly leaves are blue-green or gray-green on top and greener

underneath. The flowers, which smell of saffron, are yellow. The fruit is a red berry about the size of a pea."

"On the plains of Texas, [the Algerita] hugs the Caprock Escarpment of the Llano Estacado as it meanders northward." Kirkpatrick explains that "on the Western Plains, where fresh fruit was difficult to find, our forefathers and mothers happily gathered Algerita berries for use in cobbles, since it was the first fresh fruit of the season."

25, 1908 describes a holiday event: The hotel was "all filled up for Christmas party, with some sleeping 2 or 3 to a bed." Over 150 guests made it "one of the finest parties this part of the country had ever known," a guest was quoted as saying. Over 50 couples danced until early morning hours.

A year later, Mr. Post wrote: "I have ordered a phonograph

record with wood horn with a lot of records to be shipped to the Algerita Hotel from Dallas. I presume it will come along in good time. Yours truly, C.W. Post"

In January, 1912, C. W. Post sent instructions to "Please open the box of oil paintings and have them hung in the hotel."

In later years, the hotel was described as the "front door of



The Algerita Hotel in Post today.

the town" and managers were ordered to keep the property in such a manner. In other documents, the Algerita was said to be "nicer and better than the average in a town this size."

Webb's survey reports that now "the original pressed tin tiles can be seen in the main

lobby, while in other rooms bits of a pressed tin ceiling remain. Upstairs is a long central hall running from front to back with the original doorframes and transoms above, which match those seen in the Sanitarium [Garza County Historical Museum] exactly. Some rooms upstairs still

have the original ornate doors."

Even though this "front door" to Post is now 100 years old and in disrepair it doesn't take much to imagine the luxury that once gave the Algerita Hotel the reputation of "the finest hotel this side of St. Louis."

Macy makes all-star rodeo team

Leaders of the National High School Rodeo Association Wrangler Division appointed Aaron Macy of Post to the NHSRA Wrangler Division All Star Rodeo Team. The corporate sponsored youth rodeo team is the newest junior high rodeo program in America.

Aaron is the 14 yr. old son of Mike and Kellie Macy and the grandson of Bob and Debbie Macy also of Post. The eighth grader earned a position on the All Star Rodeo Team based on leadership qualities, academic eligibility and athletic achievements. Aaron won the state title in team roping at the Wrangler Junior High National finals. He is involved in basketball, football, track and UIL

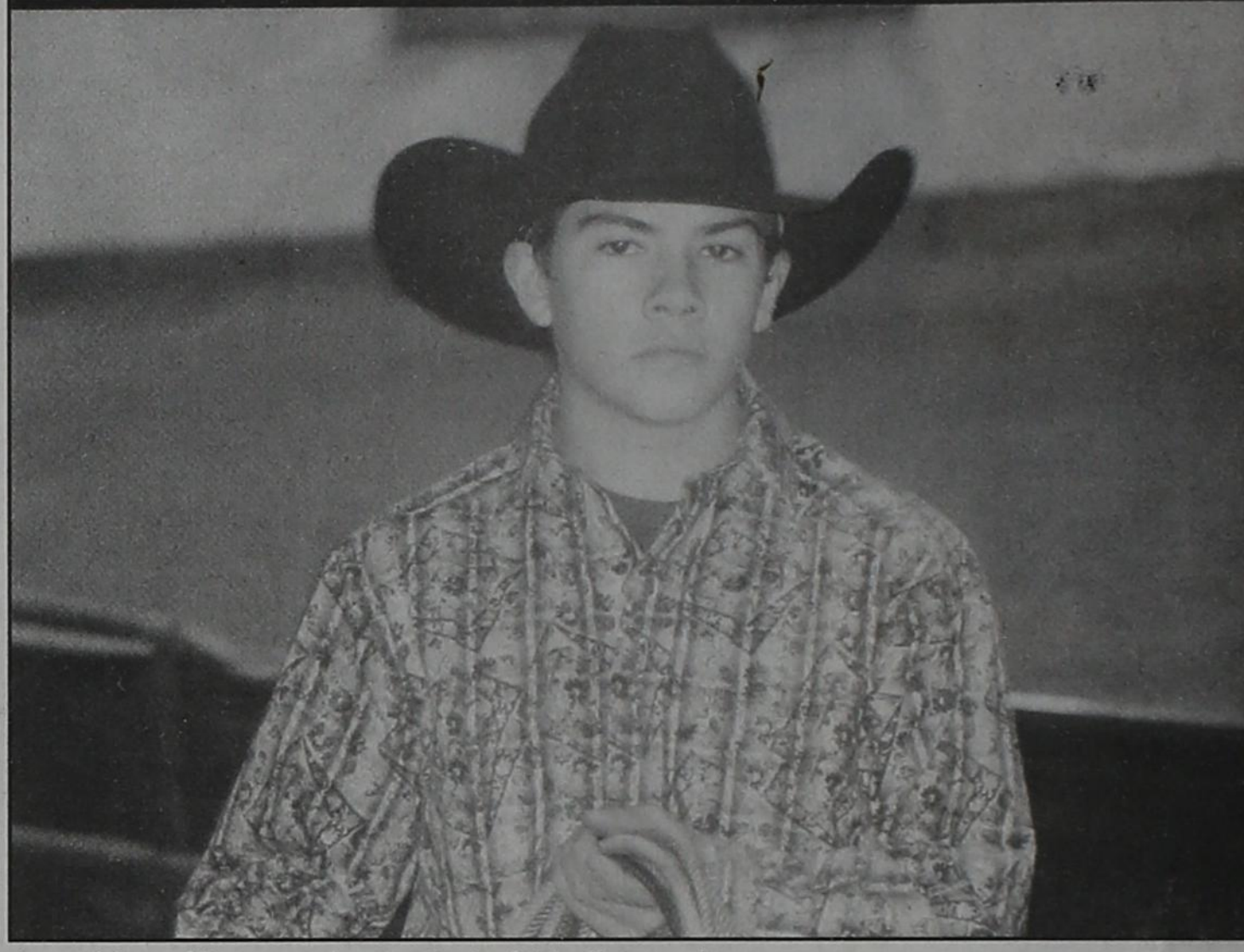
activities at Post Middle School.

The NHSRA Wrangler Division All Star Rodeo Team is fashioned after Wrangler's Champion Pro Rodeo Team, which includes superstars like Trevor Brazile, Joe Beaver, Dan Mortensen, Kelly Kaminski and Hall-of-Famer, the late Jim Shoulders. "We are excited to expand Wrangler's rodeo sponsorship program at the middle school level," said Jeff Chadwick, Special Events Manager for Wrangler Rodeo. "As always, it gives us a tremendous sense of pride to associate the Wrangler brand with promising young men and women. We're confident each member of the team will be an outstanding goodwill ambassador for the sport of rodeo."



Leslie Aker (l.) and John Valdez (r.) receive recognition from Garza County Judge Lee Norman at a Retirement Reception at the County Courthouse earlier this week. Aker, County Attorney for 13 years and Valdez, County Commissioner Precinct 3 for twenty years will retire at the end of December.

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Aaron Macy of Post named to new junior high all star rodeo team.

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Post Masons attend Waco Grand Lodge

Attending Grand Lodge in Waco on December 5th & 6th were (from left) Dave Tyler, Senior Warden, Post Lodge #1058 AF & AM, Tony M. Ratliff, Master of Spur Lodge #1023 AF & AM, and Trevor Thuett, Master of Post Lodge #1058 AF & AM. Post Lodge meets on the second Thursday of each month.



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Annual horse show held Dec. 7

Taylor Osborn won the Grand Champion Horse Buckle with her eleven year old Division Champion Aged Mare at the Garza County Jr. Livestock Associations' Halter Class Show held Sunday, December 7, 2008. The Reserve Grand Champion Horse plaque went to Lana Kitten with her two year old Division Reserve Champion Young Mare.

Cheyenne Morris won the Gelding Division Champion Banner with her eight year old Aged Gelding, and Taylor Osborn won Gelding Division Reserve Champion with her 4 year old Young Gelding.

Showmanship honors and buckles went to Lana Kitten in the Senior Showmanship Class, and Taylor Osborn in the Junior Showmanship Class.

Class results with exhibitors, placing and premiums were as follows:

Young Mare Class (5 & under): Lana Kitten - 1st. \$40

Aged Mare Class (6 & over): Taylor Osborn - 1st. \$40

Young Gelding Class (5 & under): Taylor Osborn - 1st. \$40, Lana Kitten - 2nd. \$30, Matti Smith - 3rd. \$20

Aged Gelding Class (6 & over): Cheyenne Morris - 1st. \$40. Leslie



The horse show peewee's included (back row) Kohen Hudman, Bandy Osborn, Latham Huckaby, Cutter McNeely, (front row) Kyna Hudman and Macee Rathburn. Courtesy photo

Gill - 2nd, \$30, Matti Smith - 3rd, \$20, Lana Kitten - 4th, \$10.00, Nathaniel Gill - 5th.

Following the regular G.C.J.L.A. show, a "Pee-Wee" Horse Show for youth ages seven and under was held with participants receiving ribbons and horse trophies. Participants included: Bandy Osborn, Latham Huckaby, Kyna Hudman, Kohen Hudman, Macee Rathburn, Cutter McNeely.

The Grand Champion Horse buckle was sponsored by the Gary McDaniel Family. The Senior Showmanship buckle was

sponsored by Chris and Glenna Reiter, and the Junior Showmanship buckle was sponsored by Rocker A Operating Company. All division banners, ribbons, and the Reserve Grand Champion plaque were sponsored by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc, of Tahoka.

Axyl Oshel of Lubbock served as Judge for the event. Greg Jones served as Announcer.

Glenna Reiter served as Superintendent for the show with Kim Reiter assisting. Presenting awards were Cheyenne Morris, (Continued on Page 5)

Birth



Aunt Steffi Norman is proud to announce the birth of her nephew Gregory Lane Norman. Born on Dec, 8th 2008 to Stace and Kalyan Norman.

Lane weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces and was 23 inches long. Grandparents are Kim and Rhonda Norman of Post and Paul and Kim Hilldreth of Midland and Anna Sullivan of Ft. Worth. Great Grandparents are Ronald and Shirley Storie of Lubbock, Gerald and Laveta Norman of Post and Nelson and Kaye Hallford of Snyder.

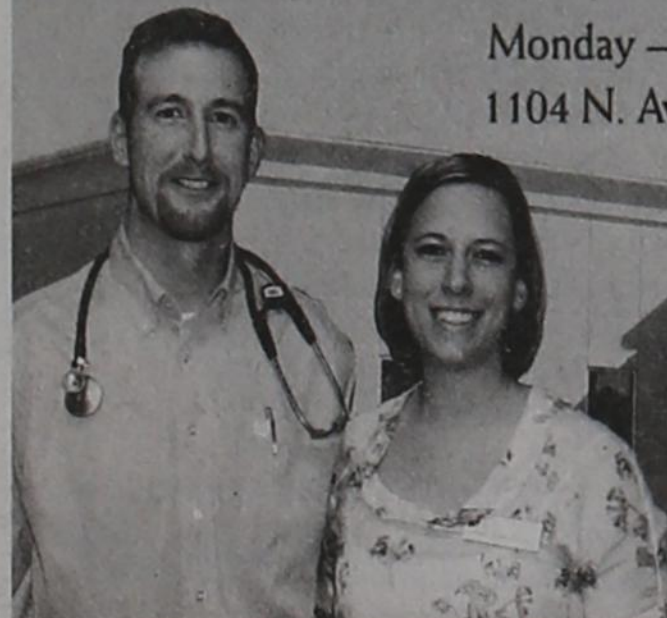
Basketball Round-up

8th Boys
Dec 8
Vs. Denver City
Coach Kelso

The 8th grade boys played Denver City Monday night in Antelope Arena. Although we fell short on the score D.C. 38 Post 24 we played our best game thus far. Aaron Macy scored a year high of 13 pts. Dalton Holly, Tavish Soto, Mclayne Hall all added 3 points. Nathan Gill had 2 points. Great effort guys!

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The Paperboy

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

Large Newspapers Struggling

You may have heard on the news that America's largest newspapers are in serious financial trouble. In fact, don't be surprised to see several begin to close their doors.

On Monday, the Tribune Company, which owns the Chicago Tribune and the Los Angeles Times, filed for bankruptcy. The New York Times Company followed by saying it might mortgage its beautiful headquarters - a building by Times Square - to reduce debt.

The San Francisco Chronicle has been losing \$1 million a week for some time. Mid-size newspapers such as the Amarillo Globe-News and Lubbock Avalanche Journal are feeling it as well.

Bill Keller, executive editor of The New York Times, put it like this: "Good journalism does not come cheap. And, therefore, you're not going to find a lot of blogs or non-profit websites that are going to build a Baghdad bureau."

Thankfully, the market for smaller newspapers like the one you are reading are not facing the same economic hardship.

Let's face it, in today's world, the need for 130 pages in a newspaper simply does not exist ... particularly at \$1.50 or more per issue. The Internet and the duplication of news by several sources (weather, Washington, D.C., major stories) has helped in placing these newspapers

in peril. The poor economy is sending them over the edge.

The government should not even consider helping these institutions out and I'd be shocked if it were ever seriously considered. That would be a disaster. The last thing we need is newspapers under the control (even if it is merely financial) of the U.S. government. Anything being perceived as a state-controlled media as terrible. See Iran, Russia and China as an example of countries in which the government controls the media.

Nor should the government bail out companies such as GE, which owns NBC. Again, such a bailout could be seen as the government getting involved in media. In my eyes, it's a clear violation of free press.

Anyhow, the way information has been collected and disseminated to the vast majority of Americans is changing by the week. The day of giant newspapers having reporters across the globe is quickly coming to an end.

I foresee a time when newspapers in Dallas, Houston, Denver, etc. cease to exist at all in the form we see them now. We'll continue to see an evolution of them until they are completely online. In the meantime, you'll see many more smaller newspapers rise up and take their place. Why? Because people can afford them and they still want to see their children and grandchildren participating in events.

You'll continue to have the Dallas Morning News replaced by weekly or twice-weekly newspapers in Rockwall, Grand Prairie, Flower Mound, etc... News about Dallas can be found online at home or at work, but the story and photo about the local team can only be found in the local paper.

Don't get me wrong, it is wise for the smaller markets to develop online editions as well, but the need for major cutbacks and a complete overhaul is not there. When you're a giant, with a dozen offices and a couple of thousand employees which are in various unions, and much of what you do faces competition from ten other sources, it's plain to see what's coming. The fact that many of the largest newspapers in this country put off massive change will be their demise.

Meanwhile, small-town newspapers will quickly streamline and continue to produce an efficient product. It's ironic that us small guys can continue to plug along while the grand old ladies go to pasture. Usually, the massive corporations continue to grow while the small guy suffers.

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White River Weekly Report Dec. 6, 2008

Gauge Reading	2352.20	Rainfall for 2004	43.58"
Feet below spillway	20'3"	Rainfall for 2005	15.57"
Rise	0"	Rainfall for 2006	28.85"
Rainfall Past Week	0"	Rainfall for 2007	24.19"
Rain to Date	33.61"		

White River Lake has 2,930,703,894 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 27% capacity or 8,994 acre feet. Subtract 17,659,021 MG for evaporation this week in December that leaves 2,913,044,873 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

This week in Post City

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

With the economic downturn in the U.S. there has been increasing mention of the W.P.A. - Works Progress Administration. The largest of Roosevelt's New Deal agencies, the W.P.A. provided jobs and income to the unemployed during the Depression. The philosophy of this government program was to put the country back to work in jobs which would "serve the public good and conserve the skills and the self-esteem of workers throughout the U.S."

The pictures we most often see as documentation of the W.P.A. show men laying bricks, building bridges or rebuilding roads. However, part of the wisdom of the W.P.A. was to realize that the cultural aspects of our country should not be ignored.

At its peak the program employed around 16,000 musicians and sponsored over 250,000 concerts. Over 5,000 visual artists and related professionals were employed to create murals on public buildings and document W.P.A. programs through photography and posters.

Writers were given the job of writing the American Guide Series, intended to produce comprehensive guidebooks for every state. (The American Guide Series is still considered the most comprehensive encyclopedia of Americana ever published.)

The theater project produced over 1,200 plays during four years. During this time, the W.P.A. brought art and cultural events to small cities and rural areas giving many Americans the opportunity to experience them for the first time.

I have no idea whether a rebirth of the Works Progress Administration of the 1930s would serve our country well at this time. I do know we don't have to wait for a government agency to bring art and culture to Post, Texas.

We have two opportunities this weekend to enjoy first-class stage presentations.

The Ragtown Theater weekend schedule is tonight at 7:30 p.m.;

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. These are the last 3 performances of "Joseph the Carpenter." Call 1-877-RAGTOWN or visit www.ragtown.com for ticket info.

Garza Theatre stages favorite holiday classics this weekend. The familiar "Gift of the Magi" will be followed by a musical adaptation of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

Tonight and Saturday night, the performance begins at 8:00 p.m. The final performance is a special matinee Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Call 495-4005 for reservations and ticket information.

Take some time this weekend to relax and experience one (or both) of these excellent, local productions. If your holiday guests have already arrived, even better, treat them to a night(s) at the theater...right here in Post City.

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This fall, our financial crisis reached a flashpoint that threatened the sustainability of our credit markets and the economic security of every American family and business. On October 1, after two weeks of bipartisan, bicameral negotiations, the Senate took the unprecedented step of passing legislation intended to stabilize our imperiled economy and shore up our credit markets. While some opposed the rescue, I heard from many small business owners that they were unable to get credit for payroll and inventory purchases. The frozen credit market threatened Americans' ability to get car loans, mortgages, or financial aid for school. I believed it was responsible to infuse the financial markets with liquidity to avoid further crises, so I helped shape the legislation with a priority of keeping people in their homes and jobs and protecting the taxpayer (the interest paid on the loans and warrants would reduce national debt). As I travel through Texas, I have been very disappointed to see that more credit is not flowing through our markets. I am frustrated at the mismanagement of the relief funding and at the constant fluctuation of the Treasury Department's strategy. Many of my Senate colleagues have expressed the same view.

Our economy is in a recession. Unemployment has reached a 15 year high. Our nation's Big Three car manufacturers, General Motors, Chrysler, and Ford are suffering and, without some fundamental changes to the way they do business, face

bankruptcy. The Big Three's executives testified before Congress that GM and Chrysler were weeks away from running out of operating cash. Ford faces similar, though less imminent, financial challenges.

Although lawmakers have differing views on the best solution to this crisis, we agree that these companies are critical to the U.S. economy. They sell more than half of all the cars and trucks in America, and they directly employ more than 250,000 men and women across the country. Furthermore, up to 3 million more Americans work at dealerships, suppliers, and other places in the supply chain. In Arlington, 5,000 Texans work at the GM plant, which pumps over \$300 million into the local economy annually.

On December 11, Congress went into session to debate legislation to provide GM, Chrysler, and Ford short-term loans to prevent imminent collapse and protect jobs. My colleague, Senator Bob Corker, put forward a reasonable proposal that would require that the United Auto Workers (UAW) labor union reduce wage and benefit packages to be competitive with other U.S. plants making cars and trucks for Toyota, Nissan, and Volkswagen by the end of 2009. Late night negotiations between Republican and Democratic lawmakers and UAW representatives fell apart over the wage issue. The union representatives refused to set a firm date in 2009, when they would agree to concessions to match the industry standards.

Indeed, it is this very wage structure that prevents domestic auto manufacturers from competing with foreign-based carmakers with American plants. The UAW has effectively priced U.S. autoworkers out of the market. According to the Wall Street Journal, nationwide, GM's total hourly labor costs are \$81 per worker, including wages and benefits. This amounts to about \$1,800 in labor costs per vehicle produced. A Toyota employee in San Antonio, on the other hand, earns an average hourly wage and benefit package roughly half those of GM's at \$35 an hour. The labor costs of a Toyota are \$1,000 per vehicle.

My goal is for American workers to earn a living wage and for their companies to be competitive, resulting in long-term success for the business and their employees. While American taxpayers are willing and eager to help protect jobs, they should not be asked to subsidize a failed business model and unfortunately, that's exactly what the Democrats proposed legislation did. That's why I opposed this bailout. I will continue to work for a constructive solution that will revitalize America's auto industry and bolster our overall economy. I am reluctant to authorize any further debt for our country that isn't backed by a plan that has a good chance to succeed.

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



JOHN CORNYN UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS TEXAS ★ TIMES

"If only I had thought of that first."

How many times have you heard that statement? Maybe you have said it yourself. The dream of inventing fascinates many Americans, and Texans have contributed greatly to America's renowned tradition of invention.

Over the years, Texans have put their stamp on the world through products ranging from condensed milk to electric typewriters to cutting edge computer and medical components, even cheerleader pompons. It began early in our history with Gail Borden, Jr., newspaper publisher and public official in the Republic of Texas, who invented condensed milk and started the famous dairy company that still bears his name.

A key inventor in the development of the Texas energy industry was Houston's Howard Hughes - not the aviator or film producer, but his father. Howard Sr. designed an oil drilling bit that cut through hard rock 10 times faster than any other.

It helped create Baker Hughes, a global oilfield service

company with more than 35,000 employees.

Terrell native and Southern Methodist University graduate Robert Dennard of IBM patented one-transistor Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM). Now used in virtually every computer, it provides more memory at a lower cost.

An invention patented in 1988 by Dr. Julio C. Palmaz of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio transformed cardiac care. The Palmaz Stent, a tiny tube used to treat clogged arteries, sharply reduced the need for open-heart surgeries.

Ned Eastman Barnes overcame obstacles facing African-Americans in the early 20th century and received patents for his invention of significant pieces of railroad equipment. Lawrence "Herkie" Herkimer wanted to help cheerleaders fire up the fans, so he invented the pompon to attract attention.

The success of the pompon helped build a national corporation of cheerleader camps, equipment and supplies.

Texans continue to respond to the challenges of emerging or

rapidly changing technologies. Texas Instruments engineer Jack Kilby was awarded the Nobel Prize in 2000 for his invention of the integrated circuit. It facilitated development of the microprocessor and helped launch the computer age.

Borden, Dennard, Palmaz and Kilby are among several Texans named to the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Several Texans have even received the Nobel Prize, the National Medal of Technology or the National Medal of Science.

And just last year, Dr. Michael Ellis DeBakey of Houston was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the legislative branch's highest civilian award for his revolutionary contributions to cardiovascular medicine, including the roller pump and the DeBakey Ventricular Assist Device, an apparatus implanted into the heart to increase blood flow.

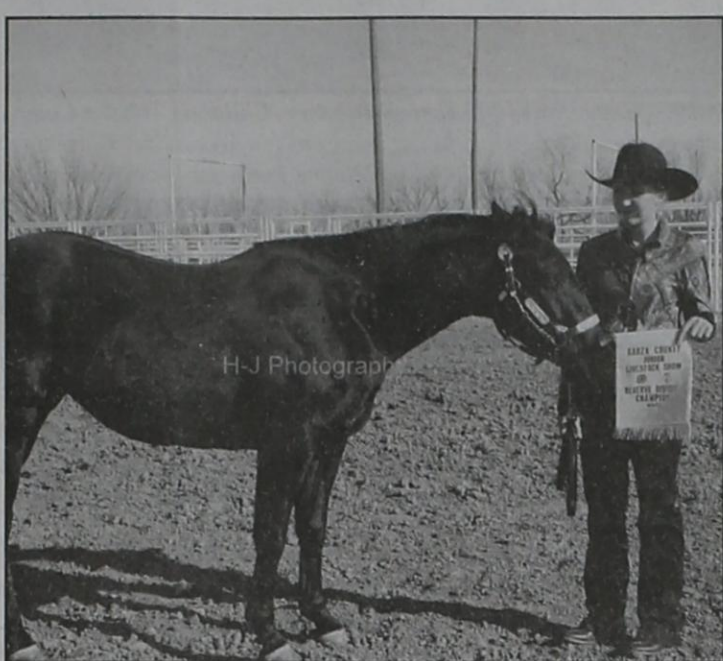
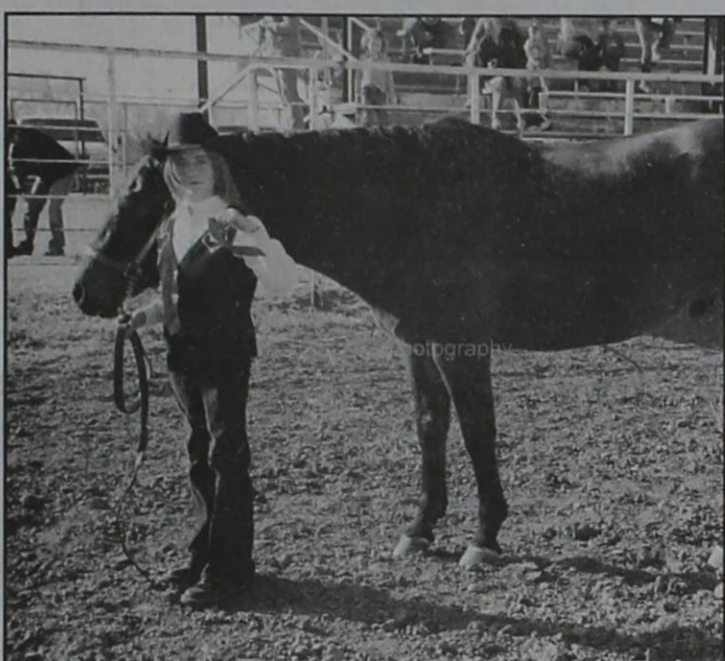
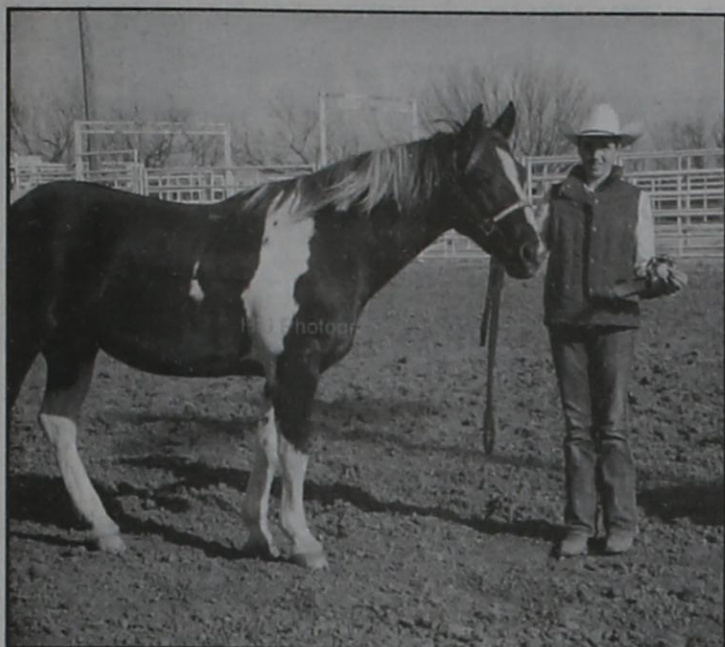
Inventors are at work throughout Texas today. Last year, Texas residents filed nearly 16,000 patent applications, second only to California. One may be coming soon from UT Dallas doctoral student Harvey

Liu. He was a finalist in the 2008 College Inventors Competition. Harvey developed a bandage the university described as "a wonder-cloth that helps preserve transplant organs, improve circulation and heal wounds."

The desire to explore, discover, invent, build and expand is ingrained in the character of Texas. It can be traced back to our pioneers.

Living on farms or ranches at the edge of the frontier, their existence depended on learning self-sufficiency and solving their own problems. Today that spirit of invention lives on. There's no telling what revolutionary products Texans will come up with next.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. 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.



Horse Show participants included (top, clockwise from left) Taylor Osborn (Grand Champion and Junior Showmanship winner), Nathaniel Gill (5th place aged gelding), Matti Smith (3rd place young gelding), Leslie Gill (2nd place aged gelding), Lana Kitten (Reserve Grand Champion & Senior Showmanship winner) and Cheyenne Morris (Division Champion Gelding).

Courtesy photos

Horses ...

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Garza Co. 4-H Sweetheart and Chelby Morris, Dakota McDonald served as gatekeeper, Jennifer Henderson served as photographer, and Jaquita Blevins served as bookkeeper. The Garza County Jr. Livestock Association would like to express their thanks to all who

provided awards, to the Post Stampede Rodeo Association for use of the facilities, those who helped with the event, and to all exhibitors for their cooperative and courteous participation. Pictures can be viewed at <http://sites.google.com/site/hjphotographyorg/>.



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Local Pioneer Woman turns 100!



Estha Penny Rains on Slinky Bill in a maroon skirt she made. Penny Rains, a long time rancher in Garza County reaches the century mark on December 21, 2008. Penny says she has seen many changes in her life, from living in a covered wagon while picking cotton, to shipping mules in 'bob tail' trucks, to mule teams turning the soil and having to back your car up the Caprock. Now there are paved highways, air-conditioned covered tractors, television, computers and many other gadgets. While she doesn't miss ALL of the work she sure misses attending her church services and Sunday School classes and the old time community gatherings like square dances and church socials.



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Obituaries

Jadene Clary

Jadene Clary, 72, of Post passed away December 7, 2008 at Golden Plains Care Center. She was born June 4, 1936 in Comanche County to Wesley ad Della Horton.

She married Leon Clary on January 23, 1954 in Lovington, New Mexico. He preceded her in death on May 27, 1994.

Jadene was an avid bingo player. She and Leon operated the Fina station and they owned and operated the Phillips station of Post. Jadene worked at Dairy Queen for many years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Wes and Della Horton; 3 brothers, Troy, Alton, and Loyd Horton; and her great granddaughter, Shelby Tunaitis. Jaden is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Liddie Clary of Post; daughter and son-in-law, Terry and JT Reese of Post; sister and brother-in-law, Jean and David Lloyd of Brownwood; sister-in-law and husband, Fay and Therman Maddox of Post; Grandson and wife, Dusty and Renee Clary of Post; Granddaughter and husband, Misty and Billy Winkle of Post; Granddaughter, Trevia Tunaitis of Post; and three great grandsons, Briley and Johnny Winkle and Travis Emeyabbi all of Post.

Services were held Tuesday December 9, 2008 at the First Baptist Church with Bo Jackson officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Eddie Moore

Services for Eddie Moore, 82, of Post were held at 2 PM Monday (Dec. 15) at the Church of God in Christ with Rev. Hastings officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008 at Golden Plains Care Center. He was born Sept. 27, 1926. He was a member of the Church of God in Christ. He married Thelma Boozer on April 5, 1975 in Lubbock. She preceded him in death on Sept. 4, 1988. He was a driver for the Senior Citizen bus for many years.

Survivors include 11 Grandchildren and a number of friends including Inez Greathouse of Post.

Randy Workman

Randy Workman 62 of Aspermont and formerly of Lubbock died December 3, 2008 at the Gibson Care Center in Aspermont. Randy was born August 11, 1946 to Norris Sherman and Sybil Fern (Hightower) Workman in Navarro County. He married Gloria Ann Baird and they made their home in Lubbock. Randy was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation was under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post. No services are planned.

Survivors include: His wife: Ann Workman of Lubbock. One son: Wayne Bryant Workman. Three daughters: Tamatha Annette Workman, April Gail Workman and Amber Renee Workman. One brother: Gary Workman and five sisters: Sherry Lynn Meurer, Donna Kay Lemons, Ila Geneva Workman, Tena Annette Hughes and Christie Ann Martin.

Memorials are suggested to the Gibson Care Center, PO Box 567, Aspermont, Texas 79502.

Timothy Lynn Troxtell

Timothy Lynn Troxtell, 52, died Saturday, December 6, 2008 in Eastland. There are no public services currently scheduled, local arrangements by Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland. He was born September 18, 1956 in Van Alstyne, Texas to Elmer Paul and Ann (Dillard) Troxtell. He grew up in Van Alstyne and worked as roustabout in the oil patch, lately for Patterson Drilling Inc. until his medical retirement. He had been struggling with illness for the past several years. He is survived by 1 son, Christopher Troxtell of Platter, OK; mother, Ann Strahan of Rising Star; 1 brother, Richard Troxtell of Rising Star; 3 sisters, Rhonda Parchman of Sherman, Susan Gonzales of Post and Julie Cruz of Van Alstyne.



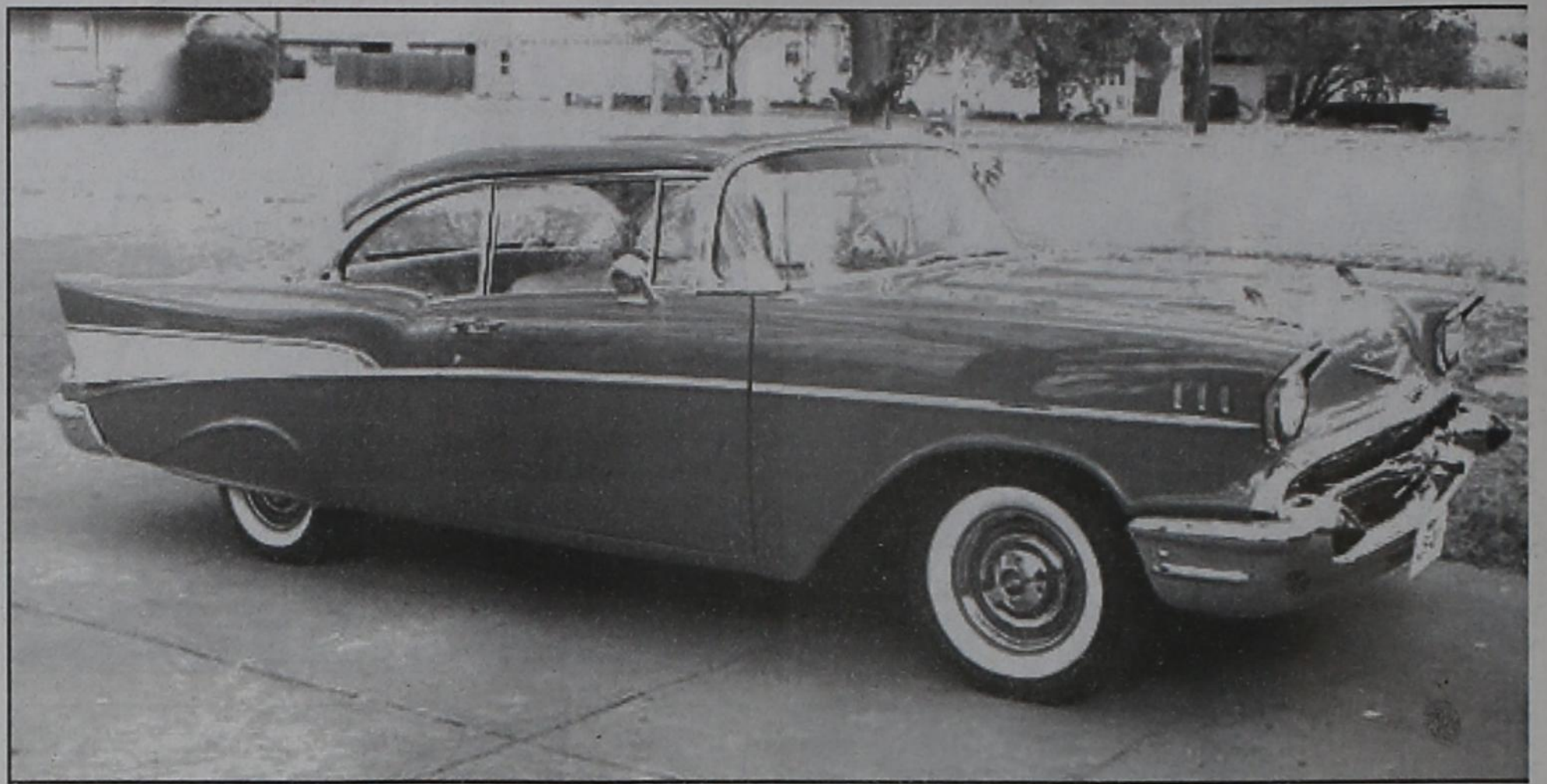
Margarita Perez Romero

Mass for Margarita Perez Romero, 81, of Slaton was held at 11 AM Monday at the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Fr. Paul Kariekatt officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Saturday December 13, 2008 in Lubbock. She was born April 27, 1927 in Kingsville, Tx, to Elijo and Manuela Perez. She was a resident of Post for many years where she was active in the Senior Companions program. She married Felipe Romero on August 31, 1975 in Post. He preceded her in death on Feb. 28, 1996. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include 1 Son: Herman Castro of Amarillo, Tx ; 4 Daughters: Sarah Alizondo of Corpus Christi, Patti Miguel-Lopez of Milton, Wisconsin, Mary Alice Castillo of Slaton, Tx and Hope Nava-Odom of Lubbock, Tx; 16 Grandchildren and 9 Great Grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Edward Castillo, Martin Nava, Joey Odom, Victor Ayala, Ralph Castillo and Paul Garcia.



A 1957 Chevy for \$100? There's a chance. Childress Theater Company/Palace Restoration is selling tickets for a 1957 Chevy for \$100 each. The group will be giving the car away on New Year's Eve. Those interested may call Carter Reed at 940-937-8843 or 940-585-7269. Proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Palace Theater in downtown Childress.

Eat This!

by Ryan Mills

As for a dining experience, it doesn't get much better than Austin.

My wife, Marci, had a conference and I covered the state track meet last May.

We ate a lot of great food - Threadgill's Home Cooking (www.threadgills.com), Mandola's Italian Market (www.mandolasmarket.com), Top Notch Burger, Austin Diner, Mangia Pizza (www.mangiapizza.com), Guero's Taco Bar (www.guerostacobar.com) - I definitely gained weight.

Two of my best friends live in Austin. Mark Longbine supplies me lodging at his house in exchange for a press pass to the state meet. I always oblige because that seems like a deal heavily slanted in my favor plus he helps me out. The other buddy, Brian Steele, is a chef in Austin and formerly in New Orleans, one of the culinary capitals of the world. If you've ever had the pleasure to eat his food then you know what I'm talking about.

I never turn down an opportunity to eat Mr. Steele's cooking and on Thursday night, we did just that.

When Brian just "throws something together" it's better than most people ever eat. He wasn't overly impressed with the meal although the other five of us were.

He fed us Rosemary Chicken, Jalapeno and Cheese stuffed deer sausage (homemade by Mark), Balsamic Roasted potatoes and a wonderful salad.

The potatoes were definitely a hit of the dinner party and I have tried my hand at them a few times since then. They are amazing, and ever better, easy. He agreed to let me use the recipe so here you go.

Balsamic Roasted Potatoes
Ingredients
1 bag red potatoes
2 tbs. garlic
1/2 cup Balsamic vinegar
1/2 cup olive oil
1/2 cup parmesan cheese
salt and pepper to taste

Directions
Wash the potatoes and then quarter them. In a large bowl, toss with all ingredients except parmesan. Bake covered at 400 for one hour. Uncover, and bake until potatoes begin to brown tossing every few minutes. Cover with parmesan and serve.

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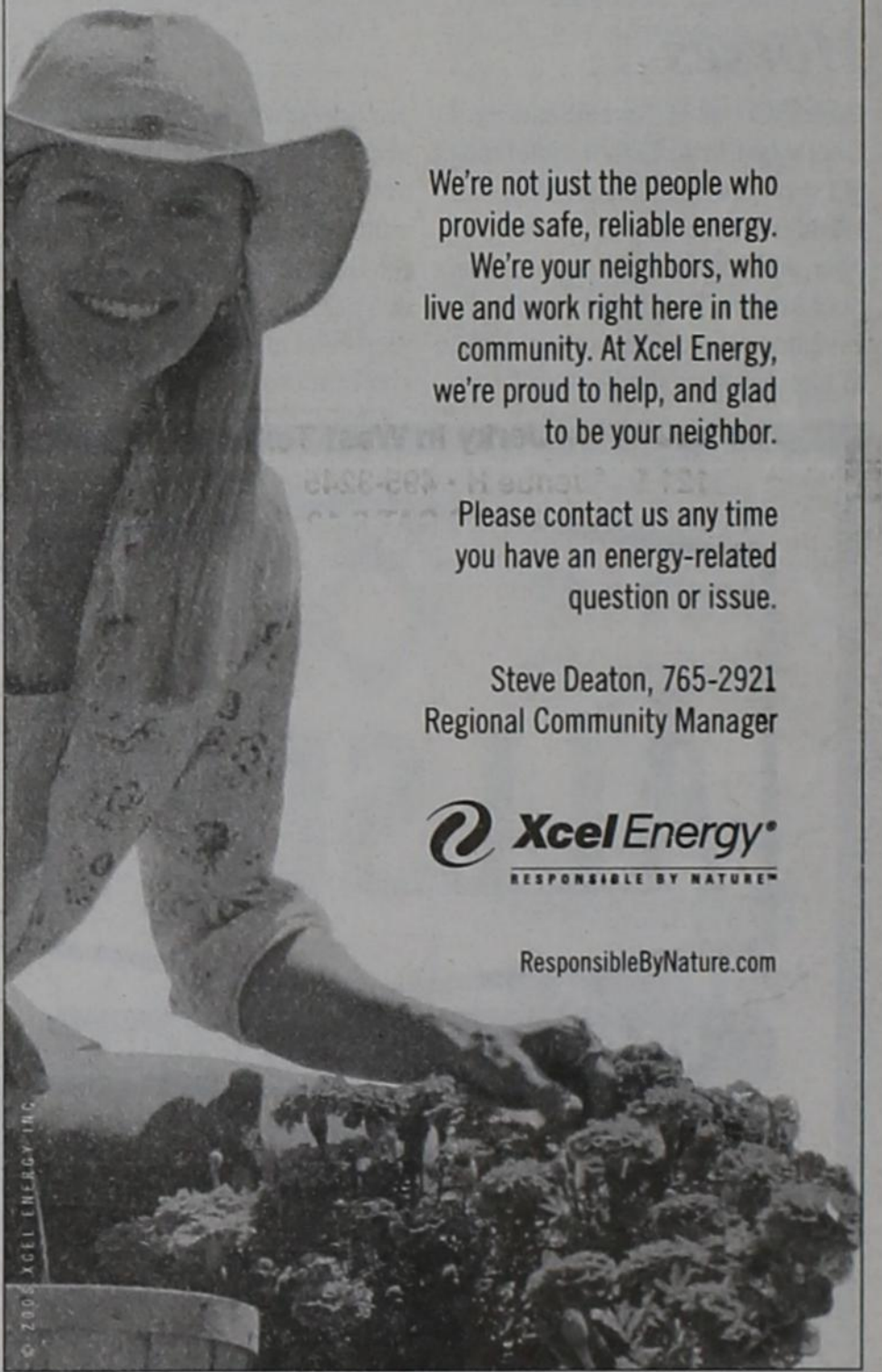
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In and Around Close City

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by Traci Freeman

Weather

We had quite a cold spell on Monday and I hear another one is coming on Sunday. Make sure you stay warm, last I heard the high was supposed to be 30. Brrrrr! The wind shut us down on Sunday, it got pretty dirty out here. Our bale count is rising everyday as of Wednesday morning it is sitting at 2318.

More and more people out here are putting Christmas lights up. Robbie Wilke has lights on his house and his antique tractor, it is really cute. Martin and Aurora have lights on their house as well as Nelson and Lola. Jake Morris told me that he and his cousin, Laura Jean, put up and decorated Nana's tree this year.

Several of us went up to watch Reece ride Sat-

urday night in Lubbock, he has been riding Ranch Bronc at the C-T Rodeo. Though he always does a great job it's a little nerve racking for me, I tend to be in "momma mode" while watching him.

Jerry Don and Barba McCampbell spent the weekend at the home of Jerry and Judy Bush. They also visited with Daymon and Barbara Ethridge while here. They left out on Monday morning for Lubbock to do a little shopping before heading home to Roswell.

Visitors

We have had quite a few visitors out this week. Fred Myers stopped in and visited a while; Trevah Yarbo also stopped in last week; Diane Graves and her "grand-dog" Sugar came out to pick up some trailers for Ronnie. The Pates, Carroll and

Helen came by on their way back to Clovis; DJ Sims brought us a wonderful pumpkin roll; Mikey Gonzales came out and ate lunch with Dee; Susan Gonzales and Stevie came by to grab a drink and snack. Stevie is staying with Grandma and Pawpaw until Christmas. Rhonda Norman came out with her husband, Kim and brought us an adorable Christmas card with their new grandbaby on the front. AE Redman also stopped in checking on some seed.

Get Wells

Chuck Morris was under the weather a few days but is home and all better now.

Birthdays this week

December 19th - Al Craig

December 20th - Rene Melton Thomas

Don't forget our Ragtown Folks in the nursing

homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton, and Fannie Ballentine in Post and Mary Ethridge and Carmen Abraham in Lubbock. Keep our troops in your daily prayers.

FYI

We still have some 2008 Garza County plat books for sale.

Check the daily bale count at <http://closecity-coopgin.blogspot.com>

Come out and see us sometime!

Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or any one that may be sick. If you don't tell me, I don't know to write about it. You can call me at the gin or email me at close.city.coop@pcca.com

Weekly Inspirations

THE MOST WONDROUS TIME OF THE YEAR

By Michael F. Taylor

Christmas is truly the most wonderful time of the year to coin a festive holiday seasonal song. For the Christian, it's the celebration of the very beginning and therefore we come to know the term ADVENT. The King James Dictionary defines Advent as, "A coming; appropriately the coming of our Savior..."

What a wondrous and joyous day it was when Jesus Christ came to the earth from His throne on High in the form of a little babe wrapped in swaddling clothes to ultimately bring us Salvation! In the spirit of that Christmas Joy, I must relate the story of young Billy to you in hopes that it will bring you a little Christmas cheer. It seems that young Billy was quite the aspiring young thespian and had his eyes on the starring role of Joseph in the school play JOSEPH AND MARY AT THE INN. He spent several weeks preparing for the audition, but as fate would have it, the role of Joseph went to another young man. Sadly, Billy found himself cast in the minor role of the Inn Keeper. And for the next several weeks, Billy brooded over the situation and pondered how he might steal the show. Rehearsals went well without any problems and the big night finally arrived. The stage was set and a sad and burdened Joseph and Mary knocked on the Inn door.

Billy opened the door slightly and peered out, while Joseph uttered the rehearsed lines, "We are seeking lodging for the night. Might you please help us?" But young Billy had not pondered his role for all those weeks without mischievousness, and instead of responding "There is no room in the Inn," he threw wide the door, smiled a big toothy grin and said, "Sure, you can have the best room in the house!"

A pause ensued and then young Joseph, composing himself, looked at Mary and said, "Just a minute, I will take a look around."

He then promptly stuck his head into the cardboard constructed Inn and responded, "This place is filthy. My wife is with child and can't stay here. We will stay in the stable!" The message was back on track!

Granted, a slightly different version of the account of the birth of Jesus, but it contains just as strong a spiritual truth. For just as young Billy had gone off track due to his self serving desires, so had mankind in the true account. God then needed a plan to bring us back into relationship with Him.

Mankind was in need of a Savior! And therefore, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ to put us back on track. That's the wonder and the joy of Christmas. That God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son-ADVENT! Isn't it wondrous?

"1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to his own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." NIV

Merry Christmas to each of you this week. My hope and prayer for you is that the Lord Jesus Christ will instill in your heart why this is the MOST WONDROUS TIME OF THE YEAR!

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		Methodist	
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Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers, that we saw sitting there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest word, as any friend could say. Perhaps you weren't there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much for whatever part. Our prayer for you will be in our hearts.

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Post Landfill Cell Expansion Section 00100 Page 1
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The base bid includes excavation of a new waste cell and relocating approximately 89,766 CY of excavated material to an on-site spoil area, installing approximately 1,374 LF of orange construction fencing, and other miscellaneous items. Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond from a reliable Surety company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Post, in an

amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required Check or Bid Bond will not be considered.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond, and Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas and satisfactory to the Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The Owner reserves the right to

reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's interest.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done.

Payment for the work performed on this project will be paid by the City of Post. Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and specifications are on file at the office of Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas (806)748-5700.
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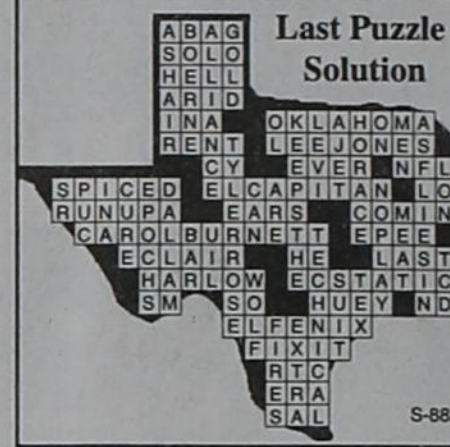
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The Christmas Yard of the Week chosen by the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce is the Heritage House, 109 N. Avenue N. The Heritage House, owned and operated by the Caprock Cultural Association, was decorated by Manager Shawnette Hinkle and Post artist Jackie Cruse.

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GCJLA Stock Show Information

Stock Show January 15-17, 2009. GCJLA Work Day - Saturday, January 3, 2009 - 9 am
 Entries Due - January 8, 2009 - 5 pm
 Weigh-In - Thursday, January 15, 2009 - 3 pm
 Show Order - Saturday, January 17, 2009 *
 9 am - Hogs
 11 am - Steers
 1 pm - Rabbits
 2:30 pm - Lambs
 3:30 pm - Goats
 Pee Wee Goat Show - Following Goat Show

Premium Sale

Thursday, January 22, 2009 - 6:30 pm Post ISD Cafeteria.

*No Trailer parking on the GCJLA show grounds
 *All livestock released at the completion of the Pee Wee Goat Show
 *Pen clean-up at completion of the Pee Wee Goat Show

STATE BOUND!

The Senior Consumer Decision Making Team of Jackie Milton, Reed Williams, Ja D. Young and Dakota McDonald qualified for state to be held at Texas A & M University in June. Way to go!

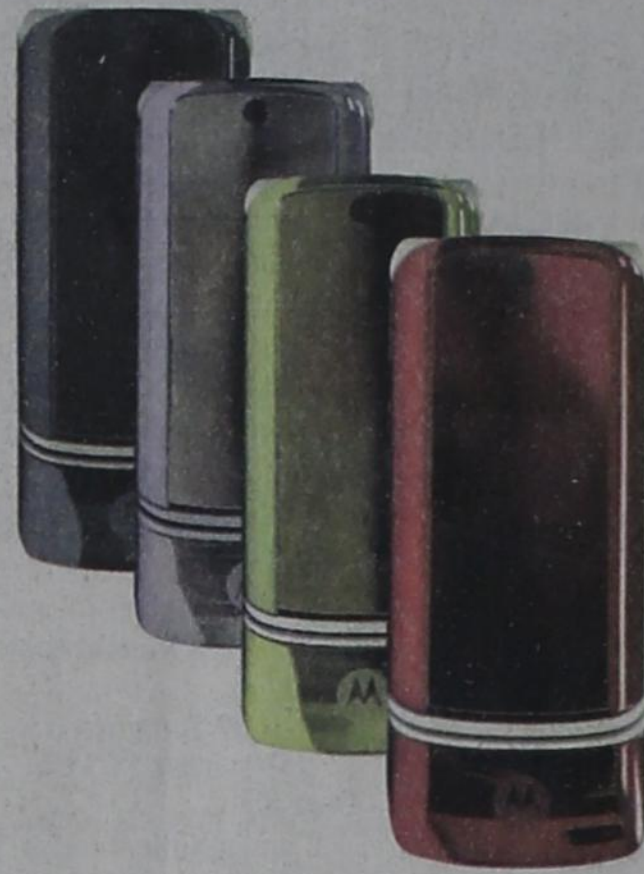
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Southland ISD news

Congratulations to our boys and girls basketball teams for the way they competed this past weekend at the Borden County Tournament. Our kids had some tough losses but some very good wins as well. Good job coaches and players.

Congratulations to Tanner and Callie Odom who participated at the Pig'n in the Permian stock show this weekend.

Callie received Breed Champion with her Spot and fourth place with her Cross. Tanner placed 5th with his Cross. Great job guys!

Congratulations also to Devin Blanton who competed at the same event and received Breed Champion with his Duroc, Reserve Breed Champion with his York, 2nd place with his Middle-

weight Cross, 3rd place with his Lightweight Hamp and 3rd with his Heavyweight Hamp. Great job Devin!!!

Patrick Martinez has been named to the Division II Six Man All-Region 1st Team as a Safety. Congratulations to Patrick on a great senior season.

Events for this Week:

Early release on Thursday and Friday for Semester Tests. Odd numbered classes will test Thursday and even numbered classes on Friday. School will dismiss each day at noon.

Varsity boys and girls vs. Amherst, here on Friday, times to be determined.

Christmas holidays until Monday, Jan. 5th.

Southland High recognized

For a second year, Southland High School has been recognized as one of America's Best High Schools by U.S. News & World Report. U.S. News Media Group analyzed 21,069 public high schools in 48 states using data from the 2006-2007 school year. Southland High School was placed in the bronze medal category based on its performance on state accountability tests and proficiency rates on state tests for the least advantaged group of students.

Toby Miller, Superintendent at Southland ISD, said being listed among America's Best High Schools is a great thing, but to be listed two years in a row is phenomenal. "We are honored to be anywhere on the list," Miller said. "It is something

our students and teachers should really be proud of. Being listed in the bronze category illustrates that Southland serves all our students well," Miller concluded. More than 1300 high schools nationwide were identified as "bronze" schools. One hundred top-performing schools were given a distinction of "gold" schools; 500 schools received "silver" designation; seventeen high schools received honorable mentions. Southland High School Principal Brad Ellison, who is in his third year at Southland, attributes the rating to the attitude of both students and teachers. "We have really taken our focus on curriculum and instruction to a new level and our students have shown they are up to the challenge," Ellison said.



CitizensBANK Post wants to thank all those who made this year's open house one to remember.

Merry Christmas!

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