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Alan Henry zoning board organized

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

The Commissioners Court of Garza County met Monday, Jan. 12 in a regularly scheduled meeting and, among other business, appointed citizens to the 2009 Lake Alan Henry Zoning Board. Those named to the board are: John Boren

of Justiceburg, 4 year term; Ric Walton of Post, 1 year term; Clyde Cash of Justiceburg, 2 year term; and Weldon Reed of Post, 3 year term. County Judge Lee Norman and Administrative Assistant Meg Nelson will also serve on the board. Pct. 4 Commissioner Mike Sanchez is chairman.

Garza County Variance Board members are: Ronnie Dunn, Anne Sims, Joe Smith, Arthur Kelly and Tillie Duran. Airport Board members are: Bob Macy, Jeff Lott, Ric Walton, Paul Beach, and member at large, Drew Kirkpatrick. Commissioners were also appointed to various county boards for 2009.

Citizen appointments to the 2009 Grievance Committee were chosen by a random drawing from outgoing Grand Jury members. Those chosen are Charles Morris, Jr., Jodi Whisenhunt, James Egan and Lazaros Moreno. Others serving on this committee are the

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY/ GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

All of these meetings are open to the public.

Post ISD

School Board Meeting

January 15
7:30 p.m.

Administrative Board Room
501 S. Avenue K

Garza County

Health Care District

January 15
6:30 p.m.

Citizens Bank Meeting Room
210 N. Broadway

Garza County Commissioners Court

January 26
9 a.m.

Garza County Courthouse
300 W. Main

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event info available at press time.

"Judas the Lost Apostle"

Ragtown Gospel Theater
January 16, 23 & 30
7 p.m.

"Judas the Lost Apostle"

Ragtown Gospel Theater
January 17, 24 & 31
3 p.m.

Post ISD - Staff Workday

No school for students
January 16

Garza County Junior Livestock Show

January 17
9 a.m.

Post ISD GED Class

Post High School/Southwest
Entrance
Room 18
January 20
5-8 p.m.

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center

Game Night
January 20
5:30 p.m.

Garza County Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale

January 22
Post ISD Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.

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Post percussionist chosen for All-State Band

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Kathryn Villalon, a Post High School Junior and a member of the Pride of Post Band, recently earned a spot in the Texas All-State Band. Villalon, a percussionist, was chosen for this honor in competitive auditions held this year across the state at regional and area levels.

According to Post Band Director, Aaron Rathbun, she is the first band student from Post to ever earn this high honor. "Kat began preparing in November and competed against 20 others at the area level and against 36 percussionists at the regional level," Rathbun said. He also explained that the competition was more difficult this year because the percussion try outs included three instruments - the snare drum, timpani and the marimba. In the past students could choose one of the three for their try outs.

"Kat is talented; however, in addition to that she focused and learned to play the music correctly. She did everything she needed to do," Rathbun continued. "This is a perfect example of how hard, structured work pays off." Rathbun further explained that an achievement such as making the all-state band puts students

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Aaron Rathbun, band director at Post High School, is shown with Kathryn Villalon, a junior, who recently qualified for the All-State Band. Villalon is a percussionist and will participate in an all-state concert in San Antonio next month.

City makes case for rate hike

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

The increased water and sewer rates approved by the City Council last week will be reflected on your bill at the end of January. While the increase kicks in without much warning, city officials have been weighing the issue for quite some time. The rationale is for water and sewer customers to bear the primary responsibility of paying increased expenses relating to water and sewer services rather than using property taxes, since many utility customers do not pay property tax.

According to information provided by City Manager Ric Walton, when the City Council considered new property tax rates in September, 2008, the council opted to keep "the portion of the ad valorem tax that repays debt as low as possible"

and instead have "the debt that exists due to sewer or wastewater treatment plant improvements be paid by sewer customers - not subsidized by property owners."

Although most water and sewer customers will experience an increase in rates, that is not the case with property taxes. Walton explained that the property tax rate last year was .597920 per \$100 while this year's rate was set at .511898. "The rate could have been as much as .770427 per \$100 valuation. Saving property owners more than .25 per \$100 valuation was the net effect of their [City Council] action."

The water rate is most influenced by the cost of purchased water, which, according to the City Manager, "represents 100% of the water supply."

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Annual stock show this weekend

The 45th Annual Garza County Junior Livestock Association Show and Sale got underway yesterday (Thursday), and the entire show portion of the event will be tomorrow (Saturday).

Saturday events kick off with a swine show at 9 a.m., and the

day will conclude with the pee wee goat show.

The concession stand will be open all day today (Friday) and Saturday.

Yesterday was set for an official weigh-in day, and today was set for animal preparation

day.

The awards and sale portion of the show is not until Thursday, Jan. 22.

That night the ceremony gets underway at 6:30 p.m. in the Post Independent School District Cafeteria.



Shotgun winner ...

Trailblazers Board of Directors President Judge Lee Norman presents a Turkish Silver Eagle Snyah 12 gauge shotgun to Debbie Mason, winner of the raffle sponsored by Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center. The winning ticket was sold to Mason by Petey Hays. The raffle earned over \$2,000 for the Center.

Post Notes

Graham Ole Opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday January 24 from 7:00 til 10:00 pm at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399. There is no admission charge; a hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. For more information contact Noel White at 495-3261.

Donations for Rangel family

Sonic Drive-In and Nothing Butt Smokes are taking donations to help with funeral expenses for Christopher Rangel. Anyone interested in helping may drop off their donation at Sonic or Nothing Butt Smokes.

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Volunteer Opportunities

If your non-profit organization or church needs volunteers, please email the information to The Post Dispatch, postcitydispatch@yahoo.com or bring the information to the office. Be sure to include a contact name and telephone number. Every few weeks, we'll print this information so our community will have the opportunity to respond to these volunteer needs.

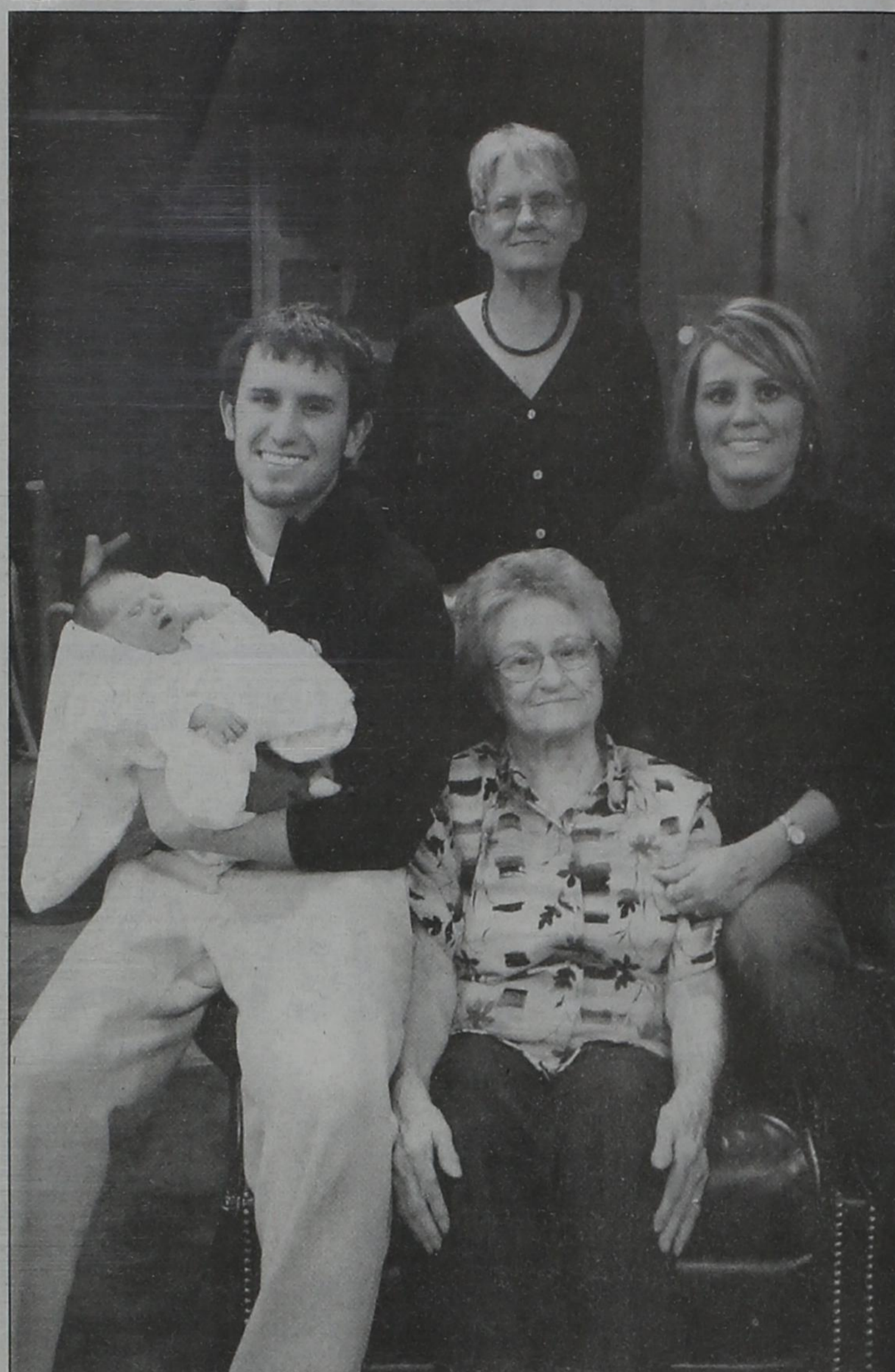
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Five generations together

Five generations gathered to celebrate Christmas and the birth of Khloe Marie Valdez. They are clockwise from top, Carolyn Williams, great-grandmother, Rhonda Valdez, grandmother, Elberta Martin, great-grandmother, Colton Valdez, father and Khloe.

Villalon ...

Ruth Villalon of Post, Kathryn's other interests include One Act Play, UIL Extemporaneous

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City ...

The two sources for Post's water supply are Slaton and White River Municipal Water District and both are experiencing increasing costs to produce and treat water. This translates into an increase in the rate these entities charge for water. The most recent increase was Jan. 1 of this year and Walton states that more increases will follow. "We are developing the Southland wells and are in the regulatory process at this time." This action will help decrease the overall cost of water for the City of Post.

Walton states that "the sewer rates in Post have been artificially low for years. The treatment facility was designed in the late 1940s and made operational about 1951." He also explained that when the mill closed, Post acquired the pond system that had been used by the mill and "has made use of them for the past quarter century." The ponds were designed for industrial use, not municipal use.

Wastewater treatment plant improvements began in 2004 and many of those changes are now operational. While the Dalby Unit expansion and the new county jail facility have required additional modifications to the treatment facility and collection system, those improvements, as with any that benefit only one or two customers, are charged to those customers.

"In the past, a flat rate was charged to all residential and most business customers, regardless of the number of gallons of wastewater generated," Walton continued. "The new rates will be 'volumetric,' in that the amount of wastewater generated will be specific to a residence or business." These rates will be determined by using November, December, January and February as

the basis of use. The average number of gallons of water used will determine the rate charged for sewer service.

After meters are read in February, usage from November through February will be analyzed and the highest usage month taken out of the equation. The lowest three months will be averaged. "If this results in a lower average usage than the January average, the lower number will be used to determine the sewer rate for the next 12 months. The first 3000 gallons of usage will be included in the minimum charge as it is with water consumption."

Using fall and winter months to determine average usage eliminates the majority of water used for watering lawns and trees since that water doesn't end up in the sewer collection system. And, Walton pointed out, any irregularity in usage such as a severe water leak will be adjusted when averaging usage.

The minimum rate for water which includes the first 3000 gallons used will not change. That rate is \$29.50 per month inside the city and \$35.00 outside the city. Rates for water usage over the minimum will increase fifty-five cents per 1000 gallons. The rate increase will not affect those customers who stay within the minimum usage limits.

Residential sewer rates will increase from a flat rate of \$8.00 per month to a \$16.00 base rate plus \$1.50 per 1000 gallons of water above the 3000 gallon minimum. The commercial rate will increase from a flat rate of \$9.50 to \$16.00 base rate plus \$2.00 per 1000 gallons of water above the 3000 gallon minimum.

Of approximately 1240 Post sewer customers, an average of 34% are charged the minimum rate, leaving 66% whose usage exceeds the minimum.

Commissioners ...

county judge, clerk, treasurer, tax assessor and the sheriff.

The Court unanimously appointed Mike Sanchez, Commissioner Pct. 4 as 2009 County Judge Pro-Tem.

The Commissioners approved an inter local agreement regarding the fringe benefit package for the Garza County Juvenile Probation Officer. Judge Norman explained that the agreement is a renewal between the County, the City of Post and the Post Independent School District. The total package is \$13,868.50. The County's portion is \$6,622.83.

Victims Assistance Advocate Jayta Cravy made a presentation to the Court about the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant for Garza/Dickens Counties for the 2009-2010 term. She explained that the VOCA grant has been combined with the Violence Against Women Grant to form the Request for Funds Application-1 (RFA-1) Grant. The Criminal Justice Department funds are \$39,172 and the county's 20% match is \$10,199 with in-kind contributions (volunteer hours) of \$1624. Cravy added that the local program is now in its tenth year.

The Court also discussed whether or not the Garza County minivan could begin to make two trips a week to Lubbock instead of one trip on Tuesday as it does

now. Judge Norman explained that there is a potential need to make another trip each week as those who depend on the van for doctor's appointments can't always get appointments on Tuesday. The additional trip would give them more options. Commissioner McDaniel was concerned that the cost for the extra trips is not in the county budget. The Commissioners approved two trips to Lubbock two weeks a month and once a week the remaining weeks of the month.

Commissioners approved paying for a Hot Check Fund audit from monies in that fund and also to accept the engagement letter submitted by independent auditor Joe F. Hays. The 2009 12 day holiday schedule for county employees was approved. This holiday schedule is one day less than holidays taken in 2008 due to New Year's Day falling on Friday this year.

County Court terms for 2009 of February, May, August and November were also approved. The Court also discussed renovations to the old Sheriff's Office/County Jail building. Judge Norman explained that this is in the planning stages and \$15,000 has been budgeted for the project. He added that the Probation and Victim's Assistance offices will relocated

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to the old sheriff's office. Tax Assessor/Collector Bush requested that if the AgriLife Extension office is relocated she would like the Commissioners to consider moving her office to that building. She explained that the drive-up window would be beneficial to those doing business with her office.

Clerk Plummer reminded the court that the election equipment is currently being stored at the old health clinic and will need to be moved very soon. He requested that the recreational area of the old jail be modified to store the election equipment. Until that can be done, Plummer agreed to utilize the jail cells to store the equipment. The Commissioners appointed Commissioner McDaniel and Judge Norman to oversee the planning of the project.

In other business, minutes from the Dec. 22, 2008 regular and Jan. 1, 2009 special meeting were approved. Bonds for newly elected officials were also approved. Reports from various departments were approved and are on file at the Clerk's office. Precinct and countywide accounts payable were approved for December 23, 2008 through January 12, 2009. There were no line item transfers or budget amendment requests.

Southland ISD News

Congratulations to our Varsity Girls and Coaches for opening district play last Friday night with a big win over rival Wilson.

Congratulations to our Varsity Boys and coaches who competed very well last Friday night against Wilson, but came up short.

Congratulations to all of our kids for their efforts this past weekend at the Southland FFA Livestock Show. Results are as follows:

- Spot Class:
Callie Odom- 1st
- Class I Goats:
Tucker Lee- 1st
Jaden Binford-2nd
Maricela Guerrero- 2nd
Michael Estrada- 3rd

- Class II Crosses:
Devin Blanton- 1st
Tanner Odom- 2nd
- Class II Goats:
Tyler Lee- 1st
Tanner Odom- 2nd
Callie Odom- 3rd
Maricela Guerrero- 3rd
- Class III Crosses:
Devin Blanton- 1st
Tanner Odom- 2nd
- Sheep:
Tucker Lee- 1st
Tyler Lee- 2nd
Mason High- 3rd
- Class IV Hamps:
Devin Blanton- 1st
Corbin High- 2nd

Grand Champion Pig:
Devin Blanton

Reserve Champion Pig:
Callie Odom

Grand Champion Goat:
Tyler Lee
Reserve Champion Goat:
Tanner Odom

Grand Champion Sheep:
Tucker Lee
Reserve Champion Sheep:
Tyler Lee

Congratulations also to all of our little ones who competed in the Pee-Wee Show and Mr. McCollister who did a tremendous job of putting this years show together.

Events for This Week:

Ag students will begin prepping their animals for the Garza County Livestock Show on Thursday afternoon.

The show begins Saturday morning with Swine at 9:00 am.

Basketball here Friday night vs Wellman-Union

Events for Next Week:

JH basketball here vs. O'Donnell beginning at 6:00 pm

Benchmark testing begins Tuesday, teachers please see Ms. Moore for a schedule.

HS basketball at Meadow on Tuesday

HS basketball at New Home on Friday night.

Obituaries



Robert Lee McElroy

Robert Lee McElroy peacefully passed away at his home in Washougal, Washington with his family by his side on Jan. 7, 2009. Born in Post, Texas on Dec. 27, 1938, Robert was 70 years old.

A six year resident of the Clark County area, Robert was formerly from Post, Texas. Considered by his family and friends as an "Original Cowboy," Robert worked as a Rancher in Texas starting at age eleven. He enjoyed watching Western films and John Wayne movies, playing dominos, dancing, going to casinos, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of twenty years Joyce at home; sons Vernon Ferguson of San Angelo, Texas, Daron Bockmon of Battleground, Washington, Ricky Ferguson of Guthrie, Texas, Daniel Bockmon, Jerry Bockmon, Donald Bockmon all of Farmington, New Mexico, Timothy McElroy of Washougal, Washington, Elijah McElroy Battleground, Washington, and Chris "Pete" McElroy of Washougal, Washington; daughters Denise Howard of Summerville, South Carolina, Sherri Adams of Texas, and Salina Dockett of Portland, Oregon and thirty-two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sisters Betty Lou McElroy, Marie Munoz, and Edna Mae Glover.

There will be a memorial service to be announced at a later date. To send condolences or to sign the online guestbook, please visit www.brownsfh.com. Brown's Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Camas has been entrusted with arrangements.

Paul Wheatley

Paul Duane Wheatley, 68, passed away on January 5, 2009 at Vistacare Hospice in Houston, Texas from complications due to a stroke and car accident in August, 2007. Paul was born on August 19, 1940 in Post, Texas and was raised on the family farm.

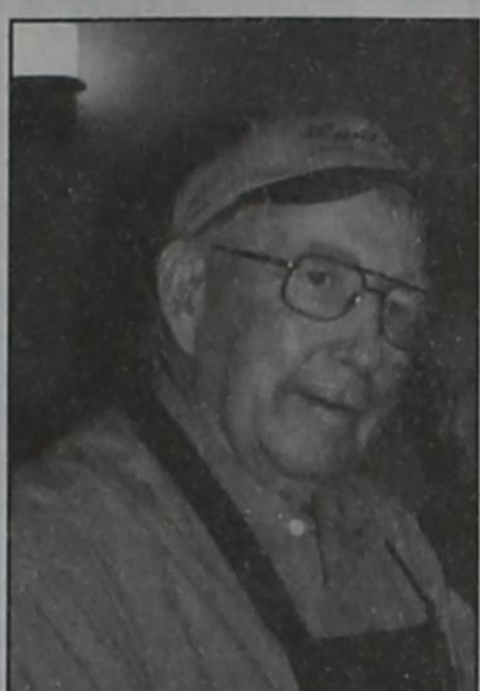
He served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1961. He graduated from West Texas State University with a B.S. degree in mathematics in 1965. After graduation, Paul worked for Employers Insurance of Texas in both Dallas and Houston, Texas. Upon retirement, he moved to Marble Falls, Texas and then ultimately chose a home in Horseshoe Bay that brought him great joy. Paul had restored a classic 1932 Ford Roadster and in his spare time, enjoyed attending classic car shows. He was a member of various roadster car clubs.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Marion and Weta Mozella (Posey) Wheatley. He is survived by his daughter, Paula Divine and husband Joe of Marshall, Texas; son, John Wheatley and wife Rene Karolinski of Houston, Texas; three grandchildren, Summer Koenig of Houston, Texas, Jacob Henry Wheatley of Houston, Texas and Casey Krebs of Muncie, Indiana; two great-grandchildren, Brooke and Dylan Krebs of Muncie, Indiana. He is also survived by his siblings, Barbara Ethridge and husband Damon of Post, Texas, Pat Webb and husband Stewart of Plainview, Texas and Kent Wheatley and wife Betsy of Austin, Texas and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will hold a memorial service Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the Community Center at Oak Ridge Estates in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

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Jim Prather

Memorial services for James Keith (Jim) Prather, 74, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Jerry Koch and Rev. Jim Fullingim officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2009 at his home in Post. He was born Sept. 27, 1934 in Snyder to Charlie and Hattie Prather. He was a cattle buyer for many years. Prather was responsible for the OS Steer Roping and Art Show for many years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church; a member of the Caprock Cultural Association Board of Directors; and was very active with the Garza County Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include one daughter: Molly McCrary of Austin; one son: Michael Prather of Post; his mother: Hattie Prather of Vinita, OK; two sisters: Charlene Bickel of Ballinger and Fern Green of Claremore, OK; two brothers: Tim Prather of Fredericksburg and Rex Prather of Post; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Garza County Trailblazers.

Christopher Eugene Rangel

SEAGRAVES...Funeral Mass for Christopher Eugene Rangel, 20, was celebrated on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. in the Seagraves School Auditorium with Father Hugh Thekkel officiating. Interment followed in the Gaines County Cemetery in Seagraves with services under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Seagraves. Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Saturday, January 10th at Ratliff Chapel and Sunday, January 11th at St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Chris passed away Sunday, January 4, 2009 in Post, Texas. He was born July 23, 1988 in Denver City to Roy Rangel and now Shelly Duran. Chris lived in Post and then in Andrews for 3 years. He played football, basketball and baseball in Post and Andrews. Chris graduated from Andrews High School. He worked in the oilfield.

Survivors include: a daughter, Adriana Nicolle Rangel, of Wewoka, OK; his father, Roy Rangel and wife, Liz, of Seagraves; his mother, Shelly Duran and husband, Joe, of Post; two brothers, Roy Rangel Jr. of Seagraves and Timothy Joe Garza of Bangs; two sisters, Rebecca Duran and Bonnie Guerra; his grandparents, Lorenzo and Luisa Rangel of Roscoe, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers will be: Timothy Garza, Rebecca Duran, Jeremy Diamond, Ryan Braziel, Michael Rangel, Aaron Davila, Eric Rangel and Justin Zapata. Honorary pallbearers will be: Aaron Fox, Israel Ramirez, Efrain Madrid, Ruben Rangel, Mathew Rangel, Joe Trevino, Justin Trevino, Andrew Duran and Mark Rangel.

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Verda Slater

Services for Verda Slater, 91, of Post were held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009 in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with Bo Jackson officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Friday, Jan. 9, 2009 at Lynnwood Assisted Living Center in Tahoka. She was born Sept. 25, 1917 in Fannin County to G. W. and Rosa McAlister. She married Hollis C. Drake on March 26, 1938 in Vernon, TX. He preceded her in death in Nov. 1955. She later married Glen Slater on Dec. 29, 1967 in Post. Mrs. Slater worked at Burlington Industries and later farmed.

Survivors include her husband Glen Slater of Post; two sons: H.C. Drake of Mineola, TX and Tom Drake of Tuttle, OK; one step-daughter: Cheryl Moore of Ralls; one brother: A.J. McAlister of Post and one sister: Faye Kuykendall of Comanche; 13 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Rotary December Students of the Month



Zachary Davis

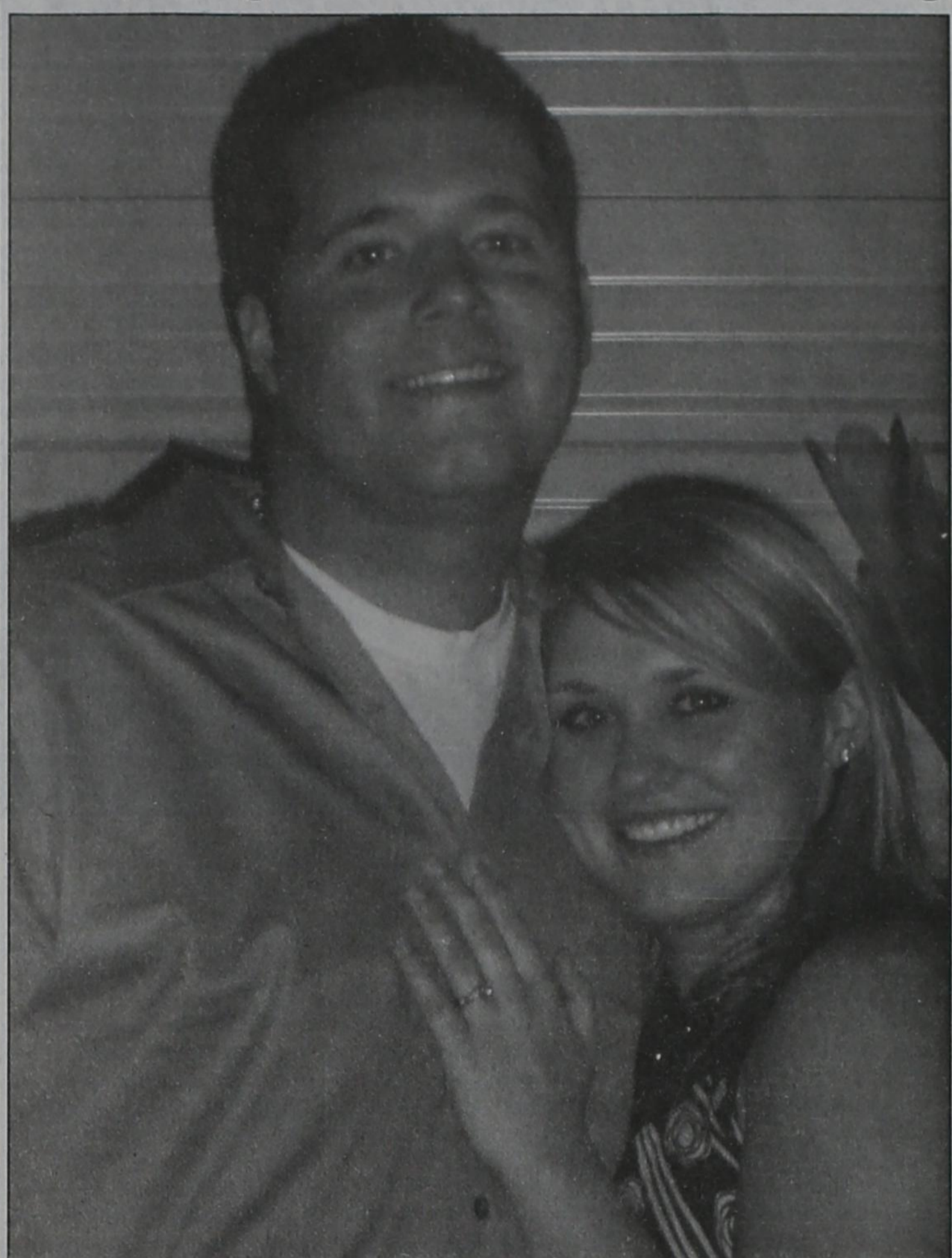
The Post Rotary Club recognized Post High School student Zachary Davis. Zachary is the son of Shelly Davis. His activities include band, UIL, and a member of the trio. His special interests include meteorology, NASCAR racing, and listening to music. He has been accepted and plans to attend the University of Oklahoma in Norman to get a degree in meteorology. He has been inducted into the National Society of High School Scholars. He has also been inducted twice into the National Honor Roll, and participated in Division 1 solo.



Quinten Davis

The Post Rotary Club recognized Post High School student Quinten Davis. Quinten is the son of Ruth Davis. He participates in UIL Academics, Debate, One-Act Play, and plays tennis. In his spare time he enjoys reading, he has an interest in old cars, and he also enjoys traveling. After high school he plans to attend Lubbock Christian University.

Dalby, Engle announce March wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Giles W. Dalby Jr. would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Kendra K'Nell to Tyler James Engle of Lubbock on March 21, 2009. Tyler is a 2007 graduate of Lubbock Christian University. K'Nell attended Lubbock Christian University and will now be attending Midland College. After their wedding, the couple will reside in Midland.

TxDOT reconstructs Trans Texas Corridor

Before approximately 1,200 attendees at the fourth annual Texas Transportation Forum Tuesday, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Executive Director Amadeo Saenz unveiled Innovative Connectivity in Texas Vision 2009, outlining updated guidelines for development of the Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC).

The document describes the transformation of the original TTC vision, appropriately altered with regard to corridor width, transportation mode, use of existing facilities, timeline for development, and level of involvement of local officials and citizens in planning.

"Texans have spoken, and we've been listening," said Saenz. "Citizens across the state have had good ideas about how Texas roads can better serve Texas communities. I believe this transformed vision for the TTC and other major corridor development goes a long way toward addressing the concerns we've heard over the past several years."

TxDOT agrees with many of the recommendations of the I-35 and I-69 Corridor Advisory Committees, citizen advisory groups created to participate in planning transportation projects along the two TTC project corridors already under way. Major corridor projects will now be comprised of several small segments closer to 600

feet wide and will no longer be called the Trans-Texas Corridor. Instead, the department will use the highway numbers originally associated with each segment, such as I-69, SH 130 and Loop 9. In addition, TxDOT will seek guidance from Corridor Segment Advisory Committees, comprised of citizens from affected communities along each corridor segment, to design and build facilities that meet the needs of the region, whether that includes road, freight rail, commuter rail and so on.

"I'm pleased with the level of public involvement called for in this document," added Saenz. "I'm hopeful that, working together, we'll develop a corridor that serves both the economic interests of the state and the needs of each individual community."

The original vision for the TTC, outlined in Crossroads of the Americas: Trans-Texas Corridor Plan, called for a corridor of up to 1,200 feet in width that

would allow for several modes of transportation in addition to utility transmission facilities.

Since the concept was publicly introduced in 2002, communities along the TTC-35 and I-69/TTC study areas have frequently voiced concerns over the corridor width, and viewed the idea as a one-size-fits-all concept, inappropriate for a state as diverse as Texas. The corridors are still in early phases of development. As each corridor continues to undergo federal environmental impact studies, the public will play a significant role in shaping the development and path of the roadway.

These environmental impact studies and input received from public participation in Corridor Segment Advisory Committees, Corridor Advisory Committees and town hall meetings will eventually determine the final route alignment to satisfy the state's transportation needs.

To view the complete document, visit www.txdot.gov.

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This week in Post City

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Since Monday night football is over for the season, we tuned in to Antiques Roadshow this week and during a segment about flashy cowboy stuff, we were proud to see a silver buckle awarded at a junior rode event in Post, Texas!

There was a gold letter in each corner of the buckle: P-O-S-T. The Post buckle was displayed with a couple of other silver buckles - all were examples of desirable genuine cowboy collectibles.

This reminded me of something Deborah Sue McDonald, Regional Coordinator of the Texas Plains Trail recently said about Post. Deborah Sue explained that Post has many things that other small towns do not have, but the most important was that we have retained our "sense of place." Meaning, we

have a strong heritage and have continued to preserve that heritage, celebrating who we are instead of trying to be something else. Guess that makes us genuine, too!

All of this rodeo talk also got me excited about the 69th annual Post Stampede Rodeo - even though it isn't until August. If you haven't been to that event in a while, you might want to make a point to attend this year. The Rodeo Association works and plans for this event all year and, in partnership with Post City Celebrations, Inc., stepped things up last year, resulting in the best attendance at both the rodeo and dance that we've seen in quite a few years.

This is genuine cowboy country - now that's our sense of place. That's our heritage and the rodeo weekend is a good time to celebrate!

I noticed that Monday, Jan. 12 was

national "Pharmacists Day." Why don't you use this as a reason to let Alisa Peters and everyone else at Hometown Pharmacy know how much we appreciate having these fine folks in our community? It is great to have a pharmacy right here in Post, especially when you feel miserable and you can just drive down the street to get relief.

Here's another reminder: make plans to get out to Ragtown Gospel Theater to see "Judas the Lost Apostle" as well as hear some good gospel music.

Performances are every Friday night at 7 p.m. and every Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. There will also be matinee performances on Sunday, Feb. 1 and March 1 at 3 p.m. This drama will run until March 14. Visit www.ragtowntexas.com for details and ticket information.

That's it for this week in Post City!



Kay Bailey Hutchison

UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

This month we will celebrate the 220th anniversary of our nation's very first presidential inauguration ceremony. Steeped in tradition, these ceremonies give all Americans, regardless of how they voted, the opportunity to come together every four years to honor our democratic process and the hard-won freedoms established by our Founding Fathers.

The oath sworn by General George Washington in 1789, as prescribed in Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution, has endured: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will try to the best of my ability, to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." George Washington personally added the phrase "so help me God," as have most of his successors.

He also established the tradition of the inaugural address. Throughout our tumultuous history, these cherished words have inspired, encouraged and reassured us.

The other individual components of modern-day ceremonies evolved over time. George Washington travelled 280 miles on horseback from his home in Virginia to New York City, which was then the nation's capital,

to attend his first inauguration. Along the way, Philadelphians crowned him with a laurel, women in New Jersey threw flowers and sang sonatas, and New Yorkers fired a 13-gun salute.

Thomas Jefferson, our nation's third President, was the first to participate in what has since become known as the customary Inaugural Parade after Washington, D.C. became our nation's capital in 1801. Subsequent processions have varied widely according to the tastes of each President. For example, Teddy Roosevelt's in 1905 included cowboys, miners, and the Rough Riders - his Spanish-American War cavalry regiment - on horseback. Modern-day festivities have included cheerleaders, marching bands, and floats.

January 20th will mark the nation's 56th formal inauguration ceremony since 1789. Presidents have been sworn into office 68 times, most often in public, but occasionally in private, such as immediately after the death or resignation of their predecessors. Originally small, indoor affairs, these ceremonies soon attracted widespread interest, moved outdoors, and expanded to include fireworks and balls by the 1820s.

Occasionally, carefully laid plans and good intentions have

gone awry. In 1829, Andrew Jackson, who sought to demonstrate that the White House belongs to the people, invited the public inside the White House after his swearing-in ceremony. Thongs took him up on his offer, spoiled the carpet and the ornate furniture, crowded the President up against a wall, and didn't depart until a clever White House steward placed large vats of whiskey out on the lawn to attract them outside.

This month we will observe history unfold as our nation's 44th President, and our first African-American President, takes the oath of office. Like his predecessors, he will follow tradition. He will attend the customary morning worship service, participate in a swearing-in ceremony and deliver an inaugural address on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol.

Later he will enjoy an inaugural luncheon with members of Congress in Statuary Hall and ride in an Inaugural Parade from the Capitol to his new office and home, the White House.

As many as three million Americans from every corner of our country are expected to attend.

We will all celebrate a hallmark of American democracy: the peaceful transition of power

from one party and administration to another. For 220 years, the United States - the world's oldest democracy - has stunned dictators and despots, and given hope to millions, by observing this most sacred of democratic customs.

The world's eyes will be upon us as we make history again. As America's soldiers, sailors, Airmen and Marines continue to defend our freedom abroad, let us all unite and take this opportunity to thank them, to appreciate the blessings that our Founding Fathers ensured, and to honor the courage, determination and leadership of the forty-three men who have presided over our great country. Let us all wish our incoming President godspeed as he becomes the leader of our nation.

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

White River Weekly Report

Jan. 16, 2009

Gauge Reading	2351.90	Rainfall for 2004	43.58"
Feet below spillway	20'7"	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 2,855,758,164 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 27% capacity or 8,764 acre feet. Subtract 11,772,681 MG for evaporation this week in December that leaves 2,843,985,483 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

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Russell Graves Outdoors

ARE THESE THE GOOD OL' DAYS? - Part 3

How 60 years of game management has enhanced wildlife populations Upland birds

By Russell A. Graves

Upland game birds - namely turkeys and bobwhite quail - have generally done better since 1945, due largely to restocking efforts and habitat management. Steve DeMaso, upland game bird program leader for TPWD, thinks that the marriage between private landowners and TPWD has been positive for upland game birds, just as it has been for large game.

At first, restocking was an inexact science - Rio Grande turkeys were often introduced in unsuitable habitat. But that was then ...



Learning and adapting from lessons of the past, now Rio Grande turkeys are widespread over much of the western two-thirds of the state, where suitable habitat components like tall roost trees exist. That's a far cry from the Hill Country concentration of turkeys back in the 1940s. Perhaps the most impressive upland bird comeback is the eastern wild turkey. Once all but extirpated from the state, now hunters can pursue Eastern wild turkeys in 43 East Texas counties.

Although the outlook for bobwhite quail isn't as glowing over the past half-century as it has been

for turkeys, there are some good reasons to be optimistic about the future of bobwhite quail in Texas.

"For quail, the largest contribution that TPWD has made is through research. We have collaborated on numerous studies with Dr. Fred Guthery to gain a better understanding of the effect of weather on quail populations, harvest regulations at a statewide scale, and the long-term population viability of quail populations," he says. DeMaso explains that on a departmental level, TPWD is a stalwart participant in the Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative. NBCI is a multi-state conservation effort that is primarily focused on habitat restoration and the ultimate range-wide recovery of bobwhite quail and other grassland wildlife species. Texas was the first state in the nation to introduce a statewide plan to restore and maintain quail habitat and quail populations.

"I think the future for bobwhites is bright," says DeMaso. "There are conservation opportunities everywhere, but we must position ourselves to take advantage of these opportunities. Bobwhites, for instance, now have a national presence in Washington D.C. due to the bird's plight. Will we ever have the great bird hunting of the past? Probably not. Do we have opportunities to stop habitat loss and deterioration in areas that still have strong bird populations? Yes."

A culture of change

One of the reasons for the increased emphasis on game and habitat is due to a simple shift in demographics. A lot of landowners in Texas now buy property for its recreational (rather than agricultural) value. As a result, interest in managing land for wildlife has exploded. Increases in the statewide population and the ongoing demand for developing the state's water supply will undoubtedly put pressure on habitat and wildlife resources.

However, most of the people I talk to agree that the best is yet to come for Texas hunters and game animals alike. Small game, big game, upland birds and migratory bird populations are strong; conservation, research and management interest in them is strong as well.

"The more we know of our wildlife," reads the book, "the better we will appreciate its cultural and material value. The greater security we provide for it, the more security wildlife will contribute to our nation and the happiness and vigor of its people."

Any questions or comments? Contact Russell at russell@russellgraves.com or visit his website at www.russellgraves.com

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Maybe it's the economy, but I've seen several things of late on the end of the world. More specifically, HOW the world will end.

Last time I remember seeing so much talk of this nature was before the start of new century.

I've compiled a list of some of the most "popular" theories on how the world could end:

- Massive asteroid impact: Asteroids and comets crash into our planet and can be seen in our "neighborhood" all the time. The last large collision occurred 100 years ago in Siberia, but in a very remote area.

An asteroid or comet of decent size would obliterate human life. And being that they travel much faster than the speed of sound, you'd probably never know it unless we happened to notice it on it's way here.

- Massive volcanic eruptions: Some scientists now say dinosaurs were killed not by an asteroid, but instead, or additionally, by enormous eruptions in what now is India. There is proof that life-ending eruptions have occurred throughout history and will likely occur again.

Yellowstone National Park is said to be a super volcano and scientists say it could erupt at any time - or not at all.

- Nuclear war: Obviously, a full-scale nuclear war would ruin human life. Scientists say numerous explosions the magnitude of nuclear bombs would blot out sunlight for months or even years, causing mass extinctions as most plants died and most animals starved.

Research has also indicated that the ozone layer would also be destroyed and would let in more extraterrestrial radiation, further cooling the planet.

- Climate change: There seems to be some debate amongst scientists regarding global warming, which is referred to as climate change. If you believe manmade climate change and the mass migration of millions and millions of people which would ensue, it would be a cataclysmic mess.

Some say the world would become too crowded and the adjustment which would be required across the planet would be too much to overcome. Low lying areas like Houston, New York, New Orleans and Florida would be no more and that's just North America. Much of China and other countries would also be lost to the rising oceans.

At the very least, it would take decades so solve such a crisis. Crime, disease and famine would be the order of the day.

Biblical prophecy: If you are a Christian, the second coming should probably be on the list. You don't hear many scientists speak about Christianity, but make no mistake, the Bible tells of an end of times.

Throughout the history of man, people have been asking how it will all end. Will it be quick? Will it be soon? The answer is still unknown and will probably remain so until it occurs.

Like all of you, I'm going to live my life the best I can through whatever the world throws at me. I guess the bottom line here is to get the most out of your life each day during your brief time here on this planet and love those around you each day. Pretty basic stuff...

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

WEATHER

It's been about the same everyday weather wise, we really could use some moisture about now, hopefully we will get some rain soon. Everyone got thru pulling cotton and we finished up ginning on Tuesday afternoon, our final count was 4,415. We are pretty proud since we were praying for 4,000 in the beginning. Hopefully we will get that moisture we need in order to get off to a good start for next year. The guys are cutting stalks, some are listing, some are just taking it easy before getting started. Keep checking our blog site daily, I will be updating it even though we are finished ginning. We'll still have lots happening out here. The address is <http://closecitycoopgin.blogspot.com>

We have a new metal sign here at the gin that a

friend made for us. He did a really great job, if you are ever out this way stop by and take a look.

Jon and Salli Page's son, Journey showed his rabbits in the Montague County stock show last weekend in Bowie and came out with a reserved champion. The Garza County stock show will be held this weekend, I hear it will be a one day event with everything being on Saturday. Be sure and go out to support our local youth. Those Ragtown kids that I know of that are showing are: Dakota Johnson, Jaycee Johnson, Kari Dunn, Justin Tanner, Ja D Young, Pacey Blevins and Bianca Abraham. In the Peeewe division; Bryson Nelson, Chelsey Nelson and Maegan Bland. I hope I didn't leave anyone out, if I did please let me know.

VISITORS

D.J. Sims stopped in to visit on his way to work; Noel White stopped in for a coke; Gene King came out to pick some paperwork up; Billie Jean came by to visit; Jean Morris also stopped in Wednesday morning. W.O. Fluit and Joe Reno came out and visited Tuesday afternoon. Joe and his wife Kay live in May, he is the son of Harold and Jeniece Reno who live in Brownwood. Joe and Kay are in Lubbock for a few days babysitting their twin granddaughters.

GET WELLS

Claudine Tipton is back in the hospital, Last I heard she was much better.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 16th - Amy Morris
January 17th - Erin Berley
January 17th - Melanie Morris
Don't forget our Ragtown Folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton in Post and Mary Ethridge and Carmen Abraham in Lubbock. Keep our troops in your daily prayers.
Sorry the news is kinda short this time, Hope everyone has a great weekend, we'll see ya next week.

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



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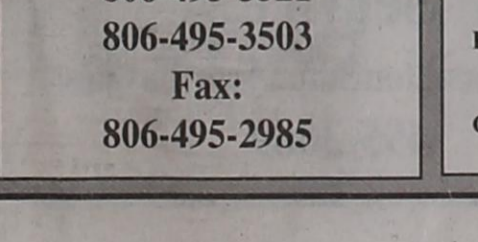
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Weekly Inspirations

WHEN OPPORTUNITY COMES

BY: Michael F. Taylor

Bubba and his brother BillyBob were sitting across the table from the trucking company executive who had been assigned the task of interviewing them as a potential new truck driver team.

It had been an arduous task for the two brothers to answer all of the questions and they were beginning to sweat just a little bit. Then, the interviewer presented this situation, "Bubba, let's say that you are driving one of our \$300,000 Tractor-Trailer rigs and BillyBob is in the sleeper.

Your rig is fully loaded with eggs fresh from the supplier and you are headed down a steep slope in the mountains of Colorado. Suddenly, your brakes fail! Then your emergency brake fails! You then try to slow the truck by gearing down, but all of the gears become stripped out.

The truck begins to accelerate out of control and is careening down the mountainside faster and faster. Now the lane ahead bottlenecks down to one lane and enters onto a trussed bridge that is simply almost too narrow for your truck, much less any other traffic. Tragically, you see coming directly toward you on the other side of the bridge another Tractor Trailer rig. You know that there is simply no way that both rigs can traverse the bridge. WHAT DO YOU DO, BUBBA?" the interviewer asked.

Without hesitation, Bubba said, "Well now, I would wake up ol' BillyBob for sure!"

"Why would you pick this exact time to wake up BillyBob?" the interviewer inquired, thinking that Bubba would respond with something about BillyBob assisting him in the process of evading collision. "Well now, BillyBob ain't never seen a crash like what's fixing to happen before!"

I guess Bubba did not want BillyBob to miss the opportunity to see the makings of the biggest omelet in the country after the crash. The Random House Dictionary defines opportunity as, "a situation or condition favorable for the attainment of a goal."

Did you know that God gives us many opportunities to learn and to grow in our faith as well? The Psalmist David teaches us how to pray for just that very thing, "Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD. Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in His ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of His covenant. For the sake of your name, O LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great." Psalms 25:4-11

This week my prayer for each of you is that as you walk in faith with the Lord Jesus Christ, He will reveal every day opportunities that this life has for a deeper relationship with Him.

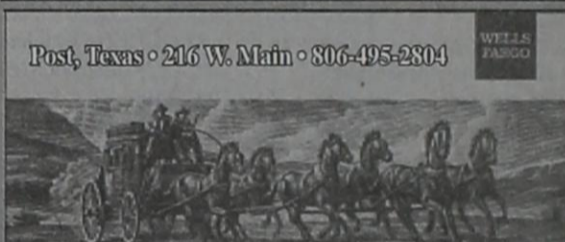
And David's prayer might be a really good one to remember when you are in your private prayer time.

God bless each of you this week!

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To all of Nana's dear friends,
There are not any words that can sufficiently thank all of you for your calls, your visits, your words of comfort, the wonderful food but most of all your loving prayers for us at the loss of our Mom and Nana.
What a wonderful lady she was and though she will never be forgotten she will be forever missed.

A most special thanks to Bro. Jon at First Methodist Church, Jesus Loves Me will always be special to us now, and to Jon Bill of Graham Chapel Methodist who is a wonderful constant in our lives and is always there for us.

To the ladies of Graham Chapel Methodist and The First Methodist for your labor of love in preparing the wonderful and delicious meal for us. Bless each of you.

Though we never wanted to go through this time, you all have made the road much easier for us. May God Bless each of you and keep you.

Jack and June Ballentine
Jane and Mack Terry
Judy and Rick Bush
Grandchildren and Great grandchildren

We thank you for all the prayers, help, cards & food that you provided during the time of our loss of our sister, Verda Slater. A special thank you to Tami & Desmond Ayala for the loving care you gave Verda &

Glen, you did so much and went out of your way, we thank you. To John Hedrick we thank you for always being there.

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Menus

Post ISD

January 19
Breakfast- Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk

Lunch - Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, chocolate pudding, milk

January 20
Breakfast - Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch - Pigs-n-blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk

January 21
Breakfast - Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake, milk

January 22
Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch - Meat & bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomato, rosie applesauce, milk

January 23
Breakfast - Cereal, graham crackers, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch- Sub sandwich, salad, tater tots, carrots w/ranch, brownies, milk

Southland ISD

January 19
Breakfast - Waffles, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch.....Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, hot roll, cake, milk

January 20
Breakfast - Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, milk
Lunch - Crispy tacos, lettuce/tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, jello, milk

January 21
Breakfast - Eggs, bacon, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Sandwich, chicken noodle soup, fresh broccoli, strawberry/bananas, crackers, milk

January 22
Breakfast - Cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, seasoned corn tossed salad, French bread stick, milk

January 23
Breakfast - French toast, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, western beans, oranges, milk

TRAILBLAZERS
January 19 BBQ chicken, corn, salad, black eyed peas, biscuit, strawberry cake

January 20 Salisbury steak, scalloped potato, cucumber salad, biscuit, cookie bars
January 21 Chicken enchiladas, Mexican corn, salad, beans, mandarin cake
January 22 Stew, cornbread, crackers, chocolate cake

January 23 Brisket, oven potato, baked beans, cheese roll, fruit

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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago January 18, 1999

Thirty-one single-family units and duplexes at Lubbock's former Reese Air Force Base had been tagged and local officials were interviewing movers this week in 1999 as the effort to increase the availability of housing continued in Post.

Announcement was made that The Dallas Tap Dazzler would perform in Post at the Ms Texas Senior Panhandle South Plains Pageant planned here on January 30 in the Post School Auditorium.

In spite of the planned opening of one correctional facility and preliminary plans for a similar geriatric unit, residents of the Post area were assured of an adequate water supply in coming years, according to County Judge Giles W. Dalby.

Mikki Wilks of Post and Brad Swaffer of Floydada, announced their engagement. The bride-elect is the daughter of Kim and Patsy Wilks of Post.

Sonic's Teacher of the Week was Ralynn Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Kirkpatrick is a business education teacher at Post High School and is married to Will Kirkpatrick.

20 Years Ago January 15, 1989

Garza Theatre Director Will McCrary announced that Karla Leslie, Representative David Counts, Big Ed Wilkes and Dirk West would all be special guest award presenters, along with last year's winners, at the Willy Awards Celebration. Coordinated for the occasion was Nelda Dalby.

Russell C. Graves, son of Ronnie and Diane Graves of Post, had been promoted in the U. S. Army to the rank of specialist. Graves is a military police specialist with the 64th Military Police Company in West Germany. He is a 1986 graduate of Post High School.

On behalf of the Texas Section Society for Range Management and Youth Activities Committee, Janell Jones, 10 year Garza County 4-H'er was asked to represent the Texas Section at the 1989 High School Youth Forum at Bilings, Montana.

30 Years Ago January 17, 1979

Geraldine Butler was named president of the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce. Larry Willard and Danny Shaw were elected president and president-elect of the Chamber of Commerce.

Garza County's new grievance committee corrected a county wage boost "boo boo." Because the county neglected to publish a public notice 10 days in advance to their wage hearing on boosting

1979 salaries for all county employees, the commissioners court was advised the raise was illegal. Salary increases were later reinstated by a unanimous vote of the grievance committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Runkles were honored on their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a reception at the First National Bank Community room, January 20. The reception was hosted by the couple's children.

40 Years Ago January 16, 1969

Old Yaller, one of Post's better-known dogs, died this week in 1969, evidently the victim of a dog poisoner. Old Yaller was the subject of a feature story in the Dispatch a few years earlier after he "adopted" Wayne Thomas, city mail carrier, and accompanied him daily on his mail route.

Work began on construction of a 30x30 foot dining area extension on the north side of Jackson Cafeteria and Cafe.

Voter registration for 1969 in Garza County totaled 1,023.

Inez Hartel was elected president of the Post Art Guild at the organization's regular meeting.

Fire, believed to be caused by a water heater, destroyed the kitchen of the Hi-Way Cafe, 701 N. Broadway, forcing the cafe to remain closed for several days while repairs were made.

Garza County cotton harvest stood at 2,098 bales this week - what County Agent Syd Conner called "the biggest county crop since the mid 50s and probably the biggest per acre production in Garza County's entire farm history."

50 Years Ago January 15, 1959

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Teaff announced the birth of a son, Rodney James, born January 8. He weighed eight pounds and four ounces.

The engagement of Linda Lane

Livingston and Wayne Runkles was announced.

Architects left an \$850,000 figure with the board of trustees of Post Independent School District as the approximate cost of proposed school expansion.

Harold Lucas was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Directors of the White River Municipal Water District will meet soon and hear a report that two federal officials were "favorably impressed" on an inspection of the proposed dam site and the four communities which are jointly seeking to build the \$4,000,000 dam.

The Garza County Community Chest campaign was more than \$2,000 over its \$12,500 goal.

60 Years Ago January 19, 1949

Two March of Dimes coin collectors were stolen from Hamilton Drug and one from the bus station. In addition to losing the March of Dimes container, Hamilton Drug was also robbed of from \$15 to \$20 in money from the cash register. A 14 year-old boy was arrested and surrendered almost as much money as was missing. Some of the money had been hidden in a can behind County Attorney Joe Moss's office.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Warren received an invitation to the inauguration and reception for Texas Governor Beauford Jester.

Alvin G. Davis, the nation's most outstanding 4-H boy, received an invitation, through Governor Beauford Jester, to attend the inauguration of President Harry S. Truman.

Neal Francis was honored on his birthday with a party at the home of his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Francis. Attending the party were Sherry Custer, Jerry Elmo Bush, Jane Francis, Kent and Pat Wheatley, Geneva Gilmore and Carolyn Boren.

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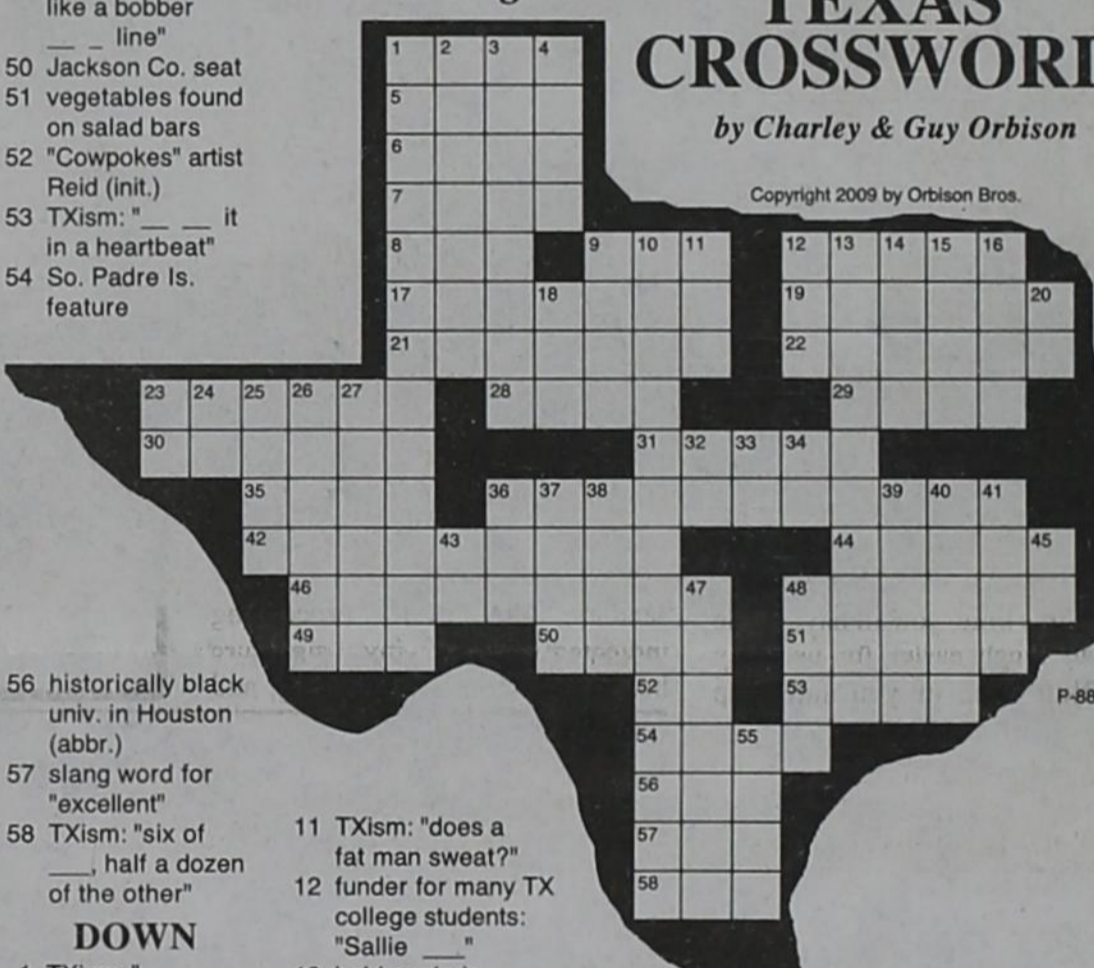
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ACROSS

- TXism: "your chaps" (hurry)
- car
- mineral springs
- TX Janis Joplin's "Full-___ Boogie Band"
- nat'l nurse group
- TX Debbie '59 film: "___ One for Me"
- TX Janis' "Bobby McGee"
- TX Don Henley "Eagles" tune: "Tequila ___"
- "Texas Goat Raisers Assn."
- TXism: "got a heart as big ___"
- corrected for publication
- "panhandler"
- TXism: "happy as ___ with two tails"
- TXism: "quick as ___ York minute"
- some TXns ___ 2nd language
- TX Quaid's "The Night the Lights Went ___ Georgia"
- TXism: "put a pencil ___"
- TXism: "___ bottom of the barrel"
- fanned at the plate (2 wds.)
- rub out
- TXism: "he can't see the ___ an eye chart"
- TX Waylon tune: "___ Sure Hank Done It This Way?"
- TXism: "dancing like a bobber ___ line"
- Jackson Co. seat
- vegetables found on salad bars
- "Cowpokes" artist Reid (init.)
- TXism: "___ it in a heartbeat"
- So. Padre Is. feature
- historically black univ. in Houston (abbr.)
- slang word for "excellent"
- TXism: "six of ___ half a dozen of the other"

DOWN

- TXism: "___ in TX rafter" (very quick)
- ___ texensis is scientific name for state flower
- In Jefferson, TX, Jay Gould private railroad car
- Garza Co. seat
- on 4/30/93 TX Willie hit the "Big ___"
- TXism: "confused ___ Turt"
- ___ in TX
- TXism for "against"
- musical symbol
- noted Cowboy WR Pearson (73-83)
- ___ River
- "Anno Domini" (abbr.)
- Cowboy Hall-of-Famer Lilly (init.)
- wide boot width
- slang for guns or pistols
- cavers' group: "UT ___"
- trapped possum
- ranchers feed ___ cattle & horses
- "those" south of the border
- "Last Picture Show" actress Cloris (init.)
- euro is currency in this union (abbr.)
- TXism: "___ outhouse on a cold morning"
- cattle auction action (2 wds.)
- TXism: "nekid"

Fun-n-Facts for Brain-iacs!

Brain Boost!

THE NOT JUST FOR KIDS PAGE

LOUIS BRAILLE

VOE 109



Braille is a simple system of raised dots that allows the blind to read. It was invented in 1824 by a 15-year-old boy, Louis Braille. Today Braille is used around the world as the universal written language for the blind.

Louis was born in 1809 in a tiny village of 600 people in Coupvray, France. He was every bit a normal healthy little boy who loved to help his mother around the small family farm and help his father in his saddle/harness making shop. Louis knew he was never to touch the sharp leather working tools; but like all little boys sometimes he forgot the rules. While trying to punch a hole in leather, three year-old Louis stabbed himself in the eye with a sharp awl (shown right). Without modern day medicine and antibiotics the injured eye soon became infected. The severe infection quickly spread to the other eye. By the time Louis was 5 he was totally blind.

Riddle Answer: A BED Laura Craig

BE ART SMART

MAKE A BRAILLE NAME PLATE FOR YOUR DESK

Fold a large (5 x 8) index card in half. Then flatten back out.

Use dry split peas and a dab of glue for each dot in the letters of your name. (HINT: be sure to space between each letter.)

Let dry completely before refolding and "reading".


Braille Everywhere



In 2009 it will be 200 years since the birth of Louis Braille. To commemorate this occasion the US Mint will issue a one dollar silver coin (pictured above) in his honor. It will be the first US coin readable in Braille. <http://www.brain-iacs.com>

Louis Just Wanted to Read

At age 10 Louis was sent to a special school for the blind in Paris. The only books Louis could read were expensive volumes of extremely large embossed or raised letters. One sentence could take pages to read. By the time Louis was 11 he had read all 14 books in the school's library. At the time, a captain in the French army developed a way of using dots and dashes for "night writing". The confusing system was based on over 400 different letter sounds. Louis figured there had to be a better way. For years the young boy perfected his dot system based on the 26 letters of the alphabet. It wasn't until 2 years after his death in 1852 Braille was accepted at the Paris School for the Blind. In 1949 the United Nations accepted a standard Braille code.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y	Z				

Think of each letter as having 6 possible dot positions. For example the letter C has dots in the 1 and 4 positions. The letter H has dots in the 1, 2 and 5 positions.

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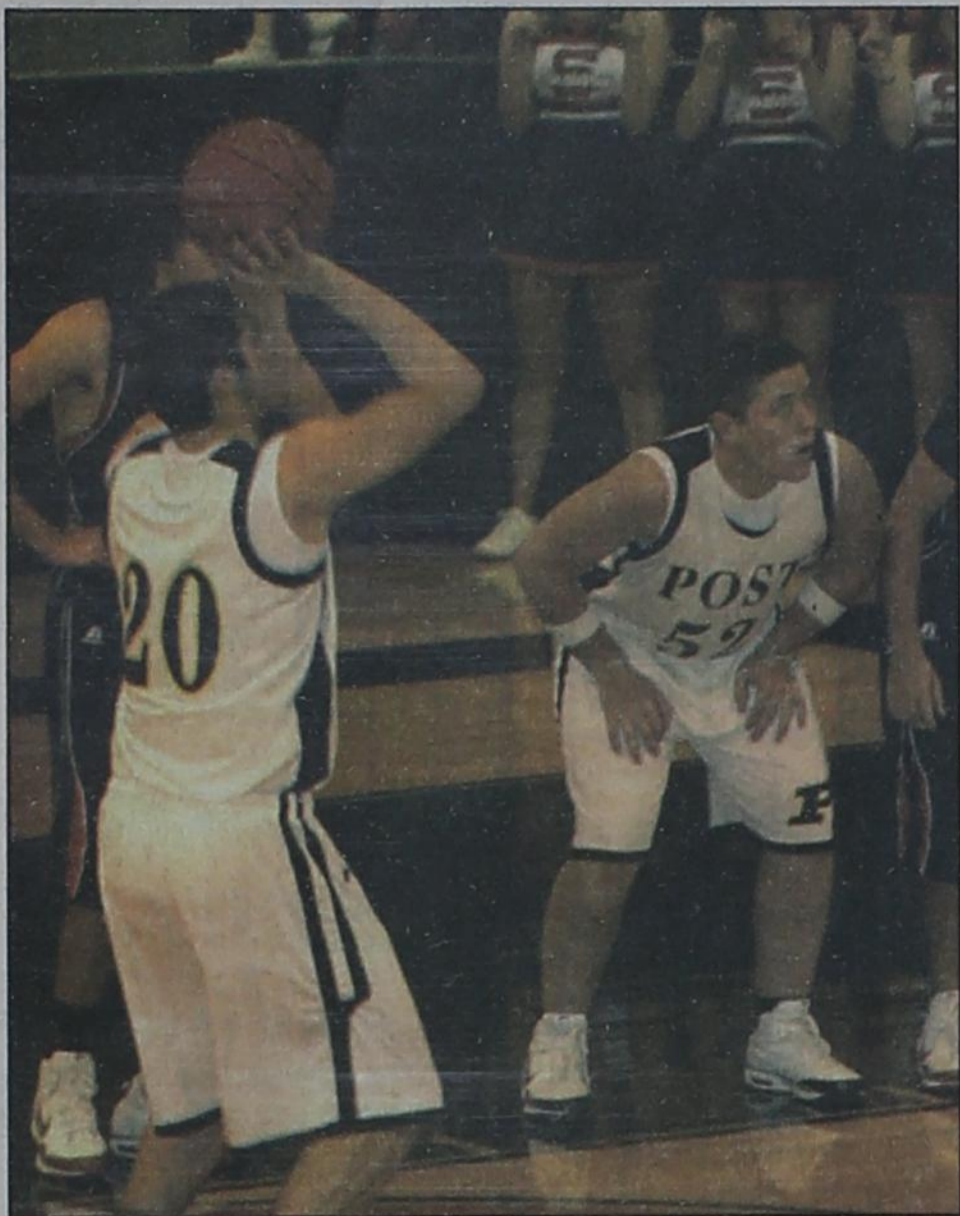
4 What has one head, one foot and four legs?
Use the Braille chart to read the answer to the riddle: ▼

5

6



To sponsor your Fun-n-Facts for Brain-iacs call 495-2816



The Post High School varsity squads were in action Tuesday night in Slaton, but lost both contests to their bitter rival. Tonight the high school teams host Littlefield starting at 4 p.m. Tuesday the high school teams host Roosevelt.

Photos by Mitch Holly



Post girls take on Denver City

■ Slaton defeats both varsity squads Tuesday

The Lady Lopes made the trek to Denver City on Friday Jan. 9th to take on the Fillies. The Lady Lopes were looking for their 1st district win, but fell short once again, losing 55-48.

According to Coach Edwards the Lady Lopes are playing hard but are struggling to get baskets to fall. The Lady Lopes continue to improve, with a margin of loss of less than 10 points per game, and feel that they are steps away from victory.

Leading scorer for the Lady

Lopes was Alex Miller with 21.

The JV Lady Lopes narrowly lost to Denver City 44-49. High point for the JV was Morgan Williams with 16. Brittney Miller had 11.

Tuesday night, both Post squads fell on the road to Slaton.

The Antelopes lost 62-33 despite Clint Windham's 15 points, the boys are 0-4 in district play. The girls fell 55-36 despite Stevens' 13 points and Miller's 9. The girls are 0-6 in district.

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*All livestock released at the

completion of the Pee Wee Goat Show
*Pen clean-up at completion of the Pee Wee Goat Show

Ag Conference - Lamesa
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Photography Project
The Photography project will start-up later this month. More information to come.

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

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Post Notes

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Benefit for Romero family

A benefit for Margaret Romero is being planned to help with funeral, medical and other bills. Anyone that would be interested in helping, please contact Starlet Freeman at (806) 294-5311 please leave a message.

50 cents sale scheduled January 31st

Caprock Springs Fellowship located on the corner of 12th and Ave I will be having a 50 cents sale on January 31st. The sale will start at 8 am and will be in the church sanctuary. They will be selling clothes and other items.

"Grandma Brag Page" deadline February 2

The Post Dispatch annual "Grandma Brag Page" will be published Friday, February 13th with a Monday, February 2 deadline for entries. The popular annual tradition features photos of grandchildren in advance of Valentine's Day. Call 495-2816 for details.

Volunteer Opportunities

If your non-profit organization or church needs volunteers, please email the information to The Post Dispatch, postcitydispatch@yahoo.com or bring the information to the office. Be sure to include a contact name and telephone number. Every few weeks, we'll print this information so our community will have the opportunity to respond to these volunteer needs.

Post Book Club to Meet

The Post Book Club will begin meeting again Saturday, February 21, 11 am at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The book selection is "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. "This astonishing, uplifting story of a real-life Indiana Jones and his humanitarian campaign to use education to combat terrorism in the Taliban's backyard." Anyone interested in reading is invited to join the book club. There are no membership dues. If you need a copy of the current book selection, please place your order at the bookstore by January 17th. Price of the book is \$12.00 plus tax. For more information, call 495-2665.

GED classes being offered at high school

GED classes are currently available for the public. Classes are free and are meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Post High School. Please enter high school building through the southwest entrance. Class meets in room 18. For more information, call (806) 495-2770. Leave your name and phone number and the instructor will contact you.

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