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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY/ GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners Court
January 26
9 a.m.
Garza County Courthouse
300 W. Main

City of Post City Council Meeting
February 10
6 p.m.
Council Chambers
City Hall
105 E. Main Street

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event info available at press time.

Post Varsity/JV Basketball @ Abernathy
January 23
5 p.m.

"Judas the Lost Apostle"
Ragtown Gospel Theater
January 23, 30; February 6
7 p.m.

"Judas the Lost Apostle"
Ragtown Gospel Theater
January 24 & 31; February 7
3:00 p.m.

Post Varsity/JV Basketball Vs. Idalou
January 27
5 p.m.

Post ISD GED Class
Post High School/Southwest
Entrance
Room 18
January 27
5-8 p.m.

Understanding TAKS for Elementary Parents
Post Elementary School Library
January 27
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center Game Night
January 27
5:30 p.m.

Post ISD GED Class
Post High School/Southwest
Entrance
Room 18
January 29
5-8 p.m.

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center Game Night
January 29
5:30 p.m.

Post Varsity/JV Basketball @ Shallowater
January 30
5 p.m.

Local students participate in county livestock show

Seventy-three Garza County 4-H, Post FFA and Southland FFA members exhibited their animal projects Saturday at the 45th Annual Garza County Jr. Livestock Show. Also participating were 18 Pee-Wee Rabbit and 18 Pee-Wee goat exhibitors. The show started with weighing in of 15 steers, 58 swine, 23 sheep and 34 goats on Thursday. Eighteen exhibitors checked in 30 rabbits on Saturday morning.

The show began at 9 a.m. Saturday with the Swine Show. Devin Blanton won the Grand Champion belt buckle and banner with his 1st place heavy-weight Breed Champion Cross, Devin, a Southland FFA member, is the son of Jimmy and Traci Blanton.

Katie Dunn won the Reserve Grand Champion plaque and banner with her 1st place heavy weight Breed Champion York. Katie is a member of the Post FFA and the daughter of Lance and Tonya Dunn.

Capturing the Grand Champion belt buckle in the Steer Division was Jarrett Blevins who won with his 1st place heavy-weight Breed Champion Exotic. Jarrett is a member of the Garza County 4-H and the son of Gary and Jaquita Blevins

Pake Jones, a Garza County member, is the son of Gary and Jaquita Blevins

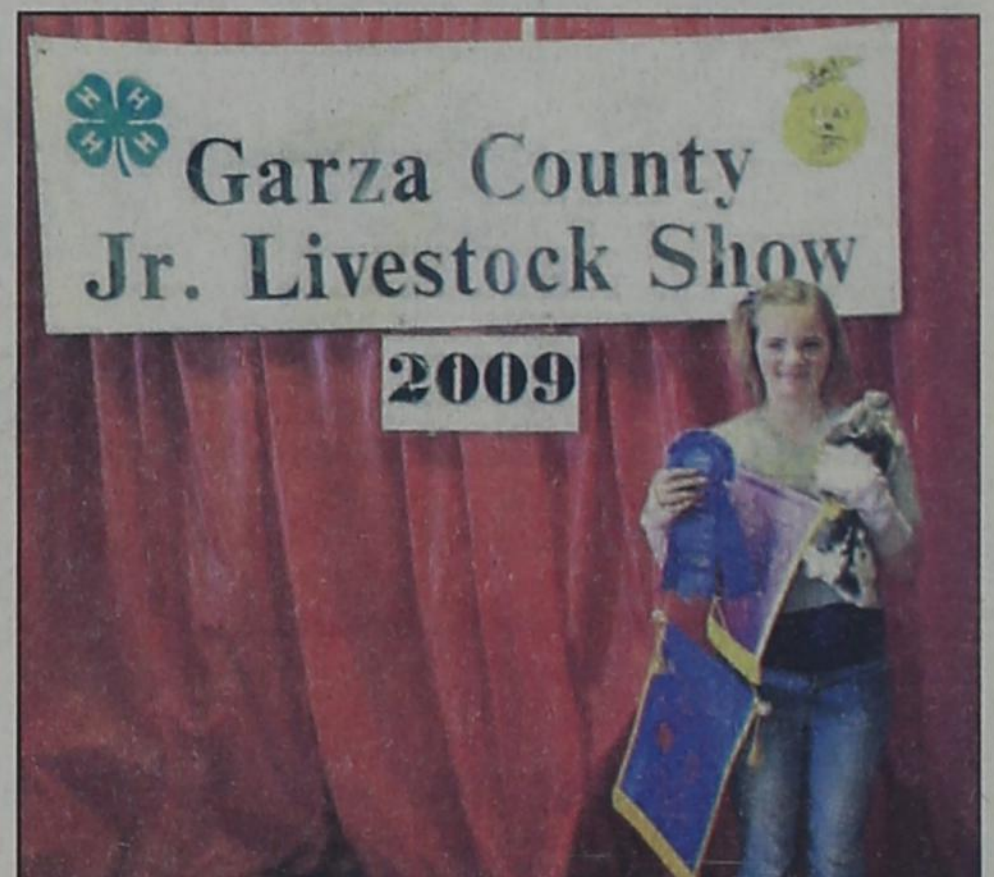
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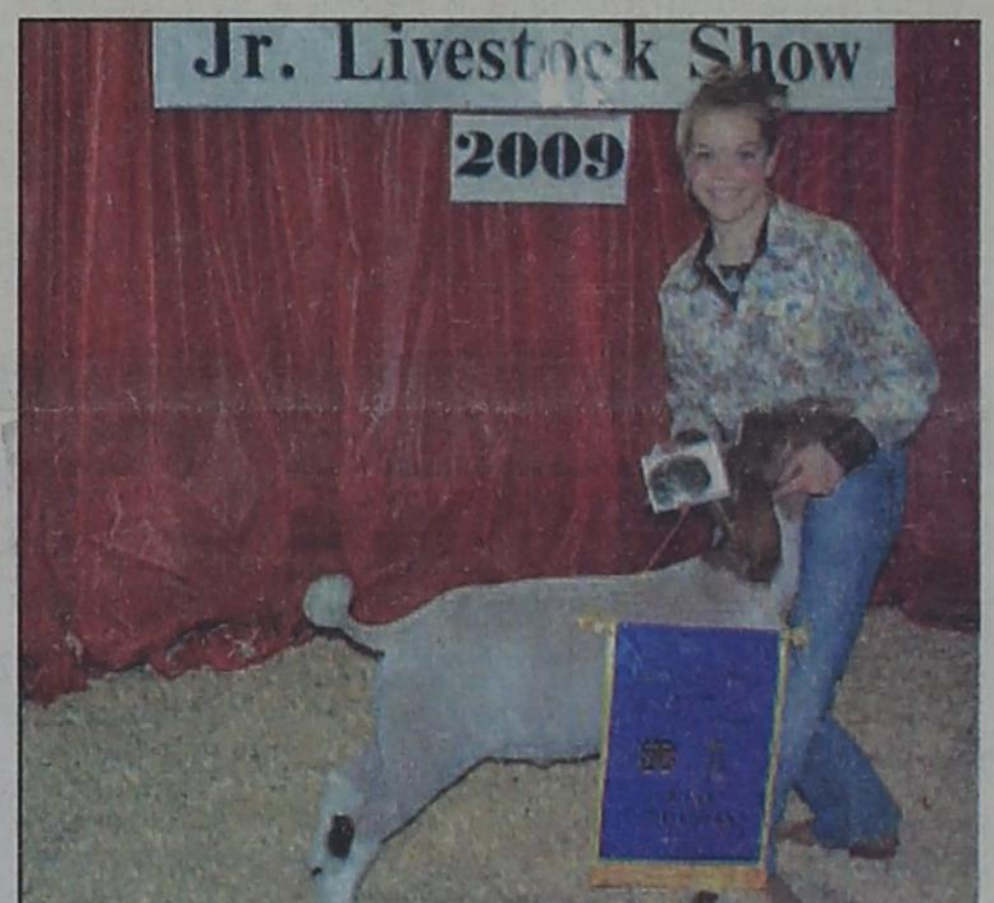
Jarrett Blevins, Garza County 4-H, winner of the Grand Champion belt buckle in the Steer Division with his heavy-weight Breed Champion Exotic.



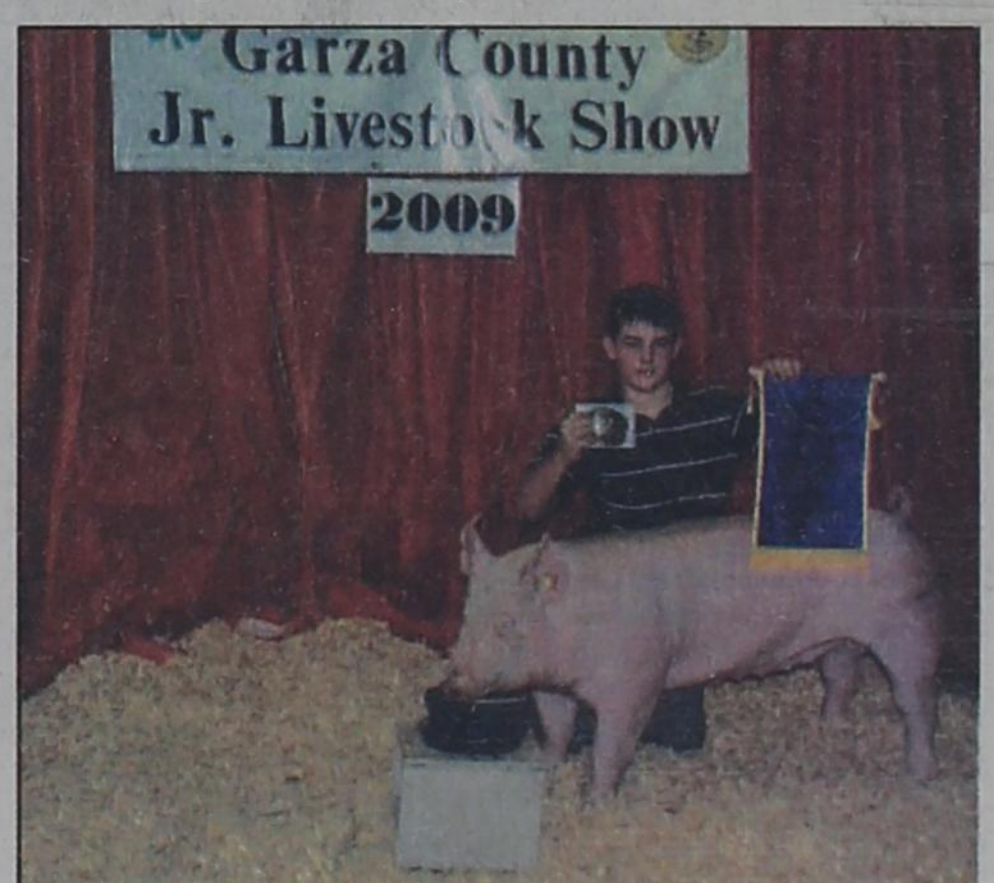
D'Nae Johnson winner of the Grand Champion belt buckle and banner in the Sheep Division with her heavy-weight Breed Champion Medium Wool. D'Nae is a member of the Garza County 4-H.



Jessi Isbell winner of the Grand Champion belt buckle and banner in the Rabbit Division with her Aged Doe Mini Rex Division Champion. Jessi is a member of the Garza County 4-H.

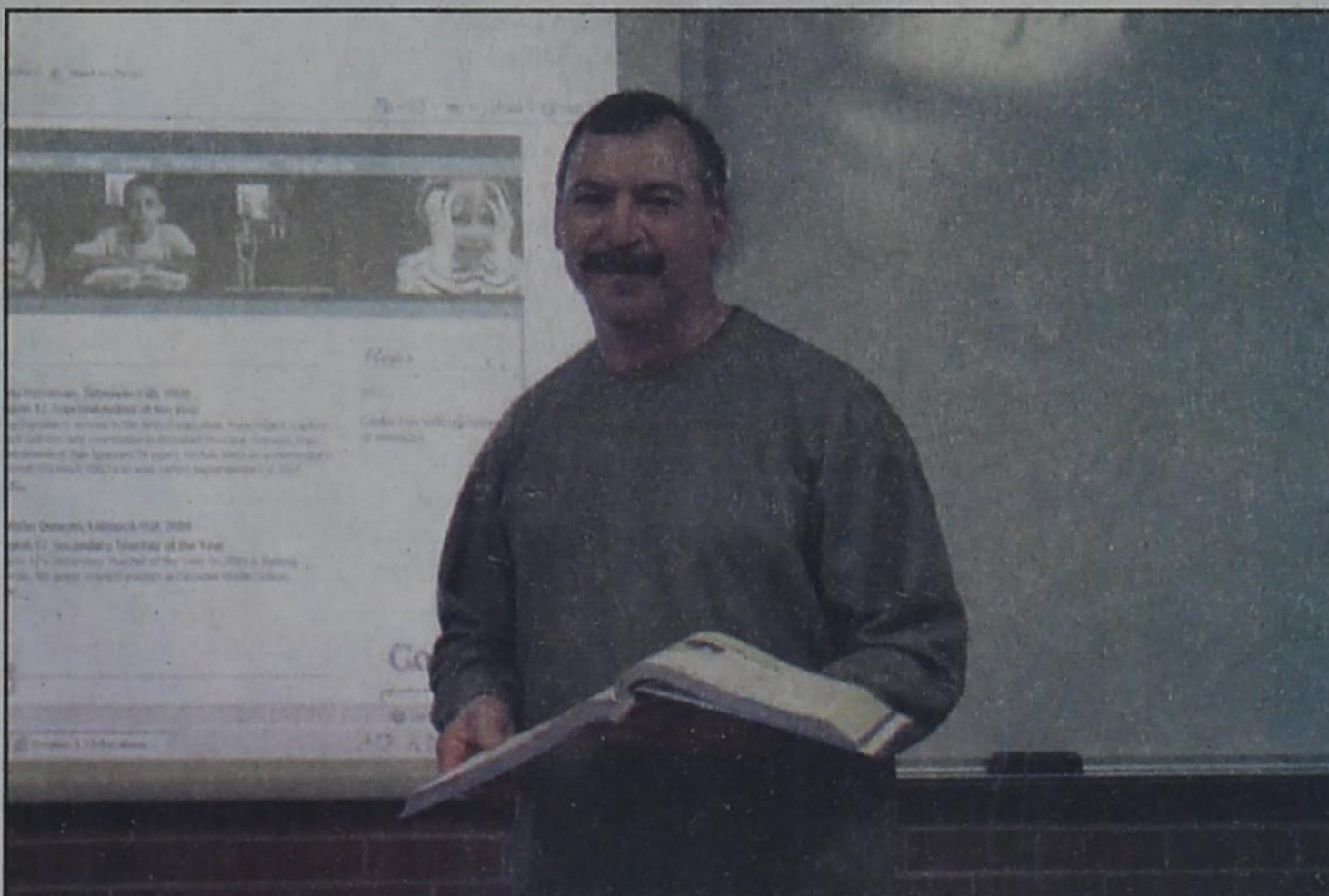


Sara Greer, a Post FFA member, won the Grand Champion belt buckle and banner in the Goat Division with her 1st place heavy Medium-weight Division Champion Goat.



Devin Blanton, a Southland FFA member, winner of the Grand Champion belt buckle and banner with his heavy-weight Breed Champion Cross.

Free GED classes available



GED instructor Ed Singletary is shown in his classroom at Post High School. Free GED classes meet Tuesday and Thursday nights at 5 p.m.

Classes being offered by Post ISD

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

If you have found yourself without a job or if you want to find a better job, but do not have your high school diploma, Post ISD offers classes free of charge to help you work towards getting your GED.

A GED (General Education Development) is the equivalent of a high school diploma. In many situations, having your GED is considered the same as having completed high school; either can increase your possibilities for a better job. A GED is also a requirement for joining the U.S. Armed Forces.

You no longer have the option of getting your GED after enlisting.

There are many reasons why an individual does not have a high school diploma. Some may have left school before graduating so they could work and help support their family. Others become discouraged or fail to understand the importance of education and drop out of school. The "why" doesn't matter. Now there is an opportunity to change your situation and set things in motion to prepare for a better future.

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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.

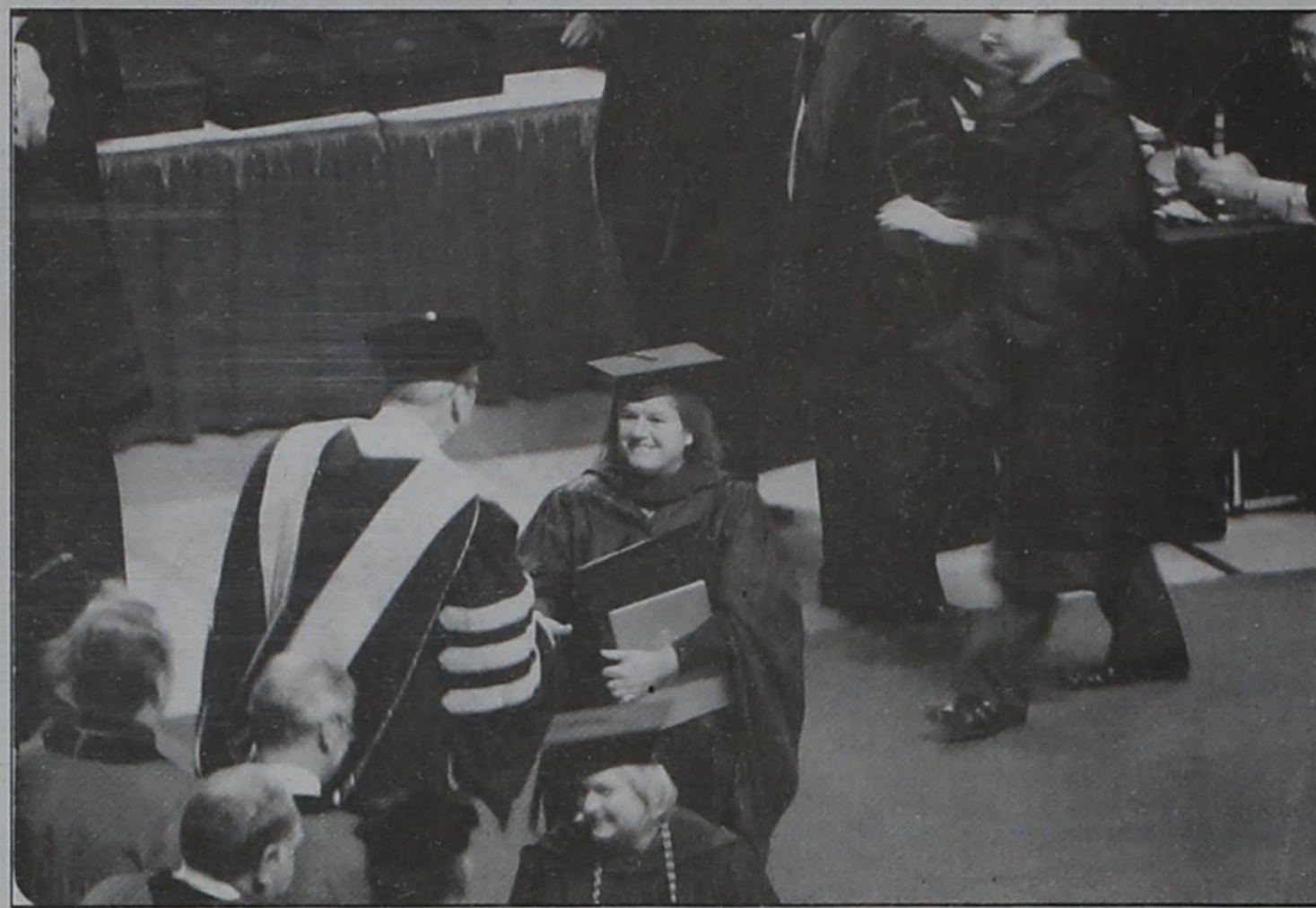
Homemade Fried Chicken
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Post Notes

Benefit for Romero family
A benefit for Margaret Romero will be on Saturday, February 7th at the Catholic Church Hall located at 205 W. Main. Bar-b-que plates will be sold. The cost is \$7 a plate. Plates to go. Prize bingo will be played and it will begin at 2 pm and will be played until prizes are gone. The cost is \$10 donation. Public is welcome.

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.

Graham Ole Opry
The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday January 24th 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.
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Jane Boren Lindsay of Post received her Masters in Photojournalism from Texas Tech University in December, 2008. She is the daughter of Millie Boren Sentell and sister of David Boren, both of Post. Lindsay also holds a Bachelor in Mass Communications from UT Arlington and a Masters in Psychology from Regis University in Denver. Lindsay and her husband, Dan recently published a documentary entitled "Story of Dan." The book chronicles Dan's treatment and survival of cancer and will be used by University Medical Center in Lubbock to help others who are being treated for the disease.

Southland ISD News

Congratulations to all of our students who exhibited animals this past weekend at the Garza County Stock Show. All of our kids did a tremendous job as did Mr. McCollister. Thanks to all of our parents, staff and to Mrs. McCollister for working very hard this weekend to insure our students success. Results are listed below:

Swine Show
Over all Swine show won by Devin Blanton with Hvy Wt. York

Hvy Wt. Durocs
Devin Blanton 1st and Grand in over all Duroc class division

Hvy Wt. Yorks
Devin Blanton 2nd and Reserve in overall York class division

Lt. Wt. OPB
Jaden Binford 2nd

Hvy Wt. OPB
Callie Odom 2nd

Lt. Wt. Cross
Callie Odom 2nd

Lt. Wt. Cross
Tanner Odom 1st
Med. Wt. Cross
Devin Blanton 1st and Reserve in overall of Cross
Trevor Metcalf 5th

Med. Wt. Cross
Corbin Mason 4th
Tanner Odom 3rd

Hvy Wt. Cross
Devin Blanton 1st and Grand in overall of Cross

Lamb Show
Lt. Wt. Med Wool
Tucker Lee 4th
Tyler Lee 5th
Tucker Lee 6th

Med. Wt. Med Wool
Tyler Lee 4th
Hvy Wt. Med Wool
Mason High 4th

Goat Show
Light Weight
Courtney Rackler 3rd

Bianca Abraham 2nd
Heavy Light Weight
Tucker Lee 4th

Bianca Abraham 5th
Michael Estrada 2nd
Maricela Guerrero 3rd

Medium Weight
Tyler Lee 4th
Heavy Medium Weight
Tanner Odom 3rd
Light Heavy Weight
Maricela Guerrero 5th
Tanner Odom 3rd

"These are great placings for everyone. There were a lot of great animals at this show." - Mr. McCollister

Congratulations also to our Boys Varsity Basketball team and coaches for a great win last Friday night versus Wellman-Union.

Good Luck to all of our students this week as we begin our benchmark testing. This week gives us a good idea of where we are and the direction we need to head in the last few weeks before our real testing begins.

Events for Next Week:
Junior High Basketball here versus Wellman-Union on Monday beginning at 6:00 pm
VG/VB versus Wilson here on Tuesday night beginning at 6:30
JVB/VG/VB at O'Donnell on Fridat night beginning at 5:00 pm

Post ISD students make All-Region 16 band

Thirteen Post high school students competed last Thursday afternoon at Abernathy for a spot in the region 16 1A-2A band.

The students were required to learn 7 scales and 2 etudes, slow and fast. They were competing against students from Abilene all the way to Plainview, Rotan to Farwell.

"I was very pleased," said director Aaron Rathbun. "There was a desire to succeed with this bunch. You could just feel it."

The following students will be gathering at the Lubbock Civic Center Friday and Saturday January 30 and 31. Time of the concert will be announced. These students will join the 16 Post Junior High students who perform earlier that day.

On clarinet: Amber Wilson, Evette Rodriguez, Courtney Basquez, and Ale Rodriguez; flute: Dar-

lene Arraiza and Crystal Sanchez; trumpet: Kaleb Tanner and Kalyll Villalon; bass clarinet: Nichole Ramirez; tuba: Matt Tanner; horn: John Bocko; baritone: Chase Odom and contrabass clarinet: Jackie Milton.

The following students just missed the cut by one: Zach Davis, Kambry Mason and Jordan Aguilar. Making a good showing in the competition for the Pride of Post band were Amanda Duran, Taylor Joy, Tiffanie Brooks and Shirley Araiza.

"I am very proud of these students. They have competed against peers from other schools and come up winners. I want to thank assistant director Bernie Tackitt for his work with these students," Rathbun continued. "It is nice to isolate those 20 students with a capable teacher like him and keep the other 30 with me."

Stock show ...

4-H member, won the Reserve Grand Champion plaque and banner with his 1st place heavy-weight Breed Champion ABC. Pake is the son of Greg and Channa Jones.

Jessi Isbell won the Grand Champion belt buckle and banner in the Rabbit Division with her 1st place Aged Doe Mini Rex Division Champion. Jessi is a member of the Garza County 4-H and the daughter of Lonnie and Georgette Isbell.

Winning the Reserve Grand Champion plaque and banner in the Rabbit Division was Hunter Fellhauer with his 1st place Aged Buck Reserve Breed Champion. Hunter is a member of the Garza County 4-H and the son of Jesse and Misty Basquez.

Following the Rabbit show, 18 youth ages 8 and under participated in the Pee-Wee rabbit show. They were Raelea Blevins, Adrianna Hernandez, Sylvia Hernandez,

Sarah Palmer, Justin Willborn, Addee Williams, Briley Winkle, Johnny Winkle,

Holden Basquez, Cloie Cimental, Truett Egan, Delaney Fluitt, Ryleigh Graves,

Averi Graves, Cecilia Hernandez, Latham Huckaby, Shania Quintana, and

Haylee Willborn. Each exhibitor was presented a trophy.

D'Nae Johnson won the Grand Champion belt buckle and banner in the Sheep Division with her 1st place heavy-weight Breed Champion Medium Wool. D'Nae is a member of the Garza County 4-H and the daughter of Mike and

Tammy Bland.

The Reserve Grand Champion plaque and banner went to Sara Greer, a Post FFA member, with her 1st place light-weight Reserve Breed Champion Medium Wool. Sara is the daughter of Curt and Kim Greer.

Sara Greer also won the Grand Champion belt buckle and banner in the Goat Division with her 1st place heavy Medium-weight Division Champion Goat.

Taylor Osborn won the Reserve Grand Champion plaque and banner with her 1st place, heavy Heavy-weight Division Champion Goat. Taylor is a Post FFA member and the daughter of Keith and Roxanne Osborn.

Following the goat show, 18 youth ages 8-under participated in the Pee-Wee goat show. They were Kenedi Holly, Raelea Blevins, Carson Key, Hanna Krauser, Haley Krauser,

Bryson Nelson, Brailey Nelson, Cooper Osborn, Bailey Pennell, Michael Tadlock, Maegan Bland, Dylan Greer, Jake Morris, Chelsey Nelson, Kelton Lee, Kade Edwards, Emma Edwards, and Drew Porter. Each exhibitor was presented a trophy.

Between to shows the hat was passed for donations to benefit the Lockney High School loss by fire. A total of \$398.00 was collected.

GCJLA would like to thank each exhibitor for their hard work and courteousness throughout the show. We want to commend project advisors Greg Jones, CEA-Ag for

4-H, Nick McCollister for

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Southland FFA, and Lance Dunn and Perry Smith for Post FFA, for a job well done.

We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who sponsored awards including Lytegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. who provided plaques, banners, rosettes, and ribbons. Grand Champion belt buckle donors included Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc. - Steer; Crown Unlimited, Inc. - Swine; South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. - Dickens Division- Sheep; Reef Chemicals- Rabbit; and Milton and Billie Williams and Keith and Roxanne Osborn - Goat.

A thanks goes to everyone who helped with weigh-in or served as ring help throughout the show. To Syd Conner who served as announcer, Jennifer Henderson -photographer, Billie Williams and Nancy Morris who helped with bookkeeping duties. Thanks to Jackie Milton who is coordination the slide show presentation for the sale. Ribbon presenters included; Cheyenne Morris the Garza County 4-H Sweetheart and Brooke Morris, Kari Dunn, Katie Dunn, Taylor Osborn, Sara Greer, Dakota Greer, Jaycee Johnson, Bianca Abraham.

A big thanks goes to Nancy McDonald, CEA-FCS, who coordinated the concession stand along with committee members Traici Blanton, Shellee Odom, Barbara Palmer and Anita Morris. Thanks to all the parents and youth who worked in the concession stand. We appreciate everyone that helped make the 45th annual stock show a success.

GED ...

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 5 to 8 p.m., you can attend free classes that prepare you for the GED exam. You must be at least 17 years old and have a social security card. The classes are in Room 18 of Post High School. Use the southwest entrance to the building.

The classes are taught by Ed Singleterry, who also teaches Spanish at the high school. Students can begin GED classes at any time during the semester and continue at their own personal pace until they are prepared for the exam.

"It can take 2 to 3 months or much longer," explains Singleterry. "There is no charge regardless of how long it takes."

Singleterry, who has taught in Post for six years, is uniquely qualified to teach the adults in his GED classes as he was a non-traditional college student, returning to college in his 30s. Singleterry graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in English. He understands the challenges of attending evening classes after working or caring for a family all day.

This dedicated teacher also understands the potential for someone who has the resolve and personal commitment to study on their own for as long as it takes to pass the GED exam. Singleterry sites one former student, Irene Guerrero, who he says "personifies the dedication and perseverance it takes. Irene attended classes for 3 years to prepare

for her GED exam, but she passed all 5 sections the first time she tried. It wasn't easy because she encountered many distractions during those 3 years. But, she kept working."

The GED exam consists of five parts: Science, Social Studies, Reading, Math and Writing. National statistics indicate that a high percent of high school graduates could not pass the GED exam. Yet many who did not graduate from high school, but complete the preparation classes pass the GED exam. Three of Singleterry's GED students have gone to college and one graduated from college and now works for a community college. Several men completed classes, passed the exam and joined the armed services and have been successful there.

When a student is ready to take the GED test, it is available in Lubbock or Snyder and the cost is from \$70 to \$100. Catholic Family Services of Lubbock offers assistance with this cost and often an employer will pay part or the entire test fee for an employee. Post ISD and Region 17 share in funding the GED preparation classes so they can be offered to students at no charge.

Now is the time to take advantage of these free classes to prepare for a better job or to enter the job market for the first time. For more information, come to room 18 at Post High School any Tuesday or Thursday night, 5-8 p.m.

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POST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Post, Texas

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended August 31, 2008

Data Control Codes		10		98
		General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 6,667,756	\$ 67,788	\$ 6,735,544
5800	State Program Revenues	3,658,592	134,420	3,793,012
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	756,928	756,928
5020	Total Revenues	10,326,348	959,136	11,285,484
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011	Instruction and Instruction-Related Services	4,753,089	605,932	5,359,021
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	197,172	-	197,172
0013	Curriculum Development and Instructional Staff Development	140,195	37,983	178,178
0021	Instructional Leadership	37,971	15,000	52,971
0023	School Leadership	494,398	-	494,398
0031	Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	259,516	31,232	290,748
0033	Health Services	54,024	-	54,024
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	234,874	-	234,874
0035	Food Services	4,564	264,548	269,112
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	442,718	1,475	444,193
0041	General Administration	501,776	-	501,776
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	908,889	-	908,889
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	63,277	-	63,277
0053	Data Processing Services	95,105	-	95,105
0061	Community Services	15,592	-	15,592
0071	Principal on Long-Term Debt	50,109	-	50,109
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt	399	-	399
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	295,769	-	295,769
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Public Schools	18,018	-	18,018
0093	Payments to Member Districts of SSA	220,423	-	220,423
6030	Total Expenditures	8,787,878	956,170	9,744,048
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,538,470	2,966	1,541,436
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7913	Proceeds from Capital Leases	-	-	-
7915	Operating Transfers In	-	-	-
8911	Operating Transfers Out	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	1,538,470	2,966	1,541,436
0100	Fund Balances - Beginning	4,594,727	1,656	4,596,383
3000	Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 6,133,197	\$ 4,622	\$ 6,137,819

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Obituaries



Louise Rogers Brandon

Louise Rogers Brandon passed away Nov. 8, 2008 in Fredericksburg, TX. She was born Sept. 25, 1924 in Post, TX to Hayden and Eva Wilder Rogers. Survivors are her husband, William; a son, Edwin Smith and wife, Cindy of Mesa, AZ; a brother, John Slaughter Rogers and wife, Alice of Chandler, AZ; two sisters, Mary Rogers Spears and husband, Don of Lovington, NM and Alma Rogers Norris of Talpa, TX.

Interment in Rest Haven Cemetery, Tempe, AZ.

Edith Nell Rogers Madden

Edith Nell Rogers Madden passed away on Aug. 19, 2008 in San Antonio, TX. She was born Oct. 3, 1928 in Post, TX to Hayden and Eva Wilder Rogers.

Edith is survived by a daughter, Linda Bendele and husband, Joe of Divine, TX; three grandchildren: Rob Alexander of San Antonio, TX, Michael Alexander and wife Cindy Allen of Yancy, TX and Cindy Alexander Brown and husband, Scott of Weatherford, TX. Edith is also survived by three sisters and one brother: Louise Rogers Brandon and husband, William of Fredericksburg, TX, Alma Rogers Norris of Talpa, TX and Mary Rogers Spears and husband, Don of Lovington, NM and John Slaughter Rogers and wife, Alice of Chandler, AZ.

Interment in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, TX

Kirk Heser

Our beloved father, Kirk Heser passed away on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009. He was born June 21, 1961 in Seattle, WA to Ronald and Anna May Stokes Heser. He was raised and lived most of his life in Houston (Clear Lake City), TX. Kirk moved to Post in 2006 and was employed as a millwright with Mechanical Field Services at the Oxy Plant.

Heser was predeceased by his mother and is survived by his son, Forrest Heser of Conroe, TX and daughter, Callie Heser of Post. He is also survived by his father, Ronald Heser of Houston; two sisters: Lynne Beardsley and her husband Tom, Tracy Samford and husband, Mike of Houston; two brothers: Mark and wife, Charisse of Denver, CO, Todd of Houston; seven nephews and one niece. Heser also leaves the light of his life, granddaughter Serenity Naron.

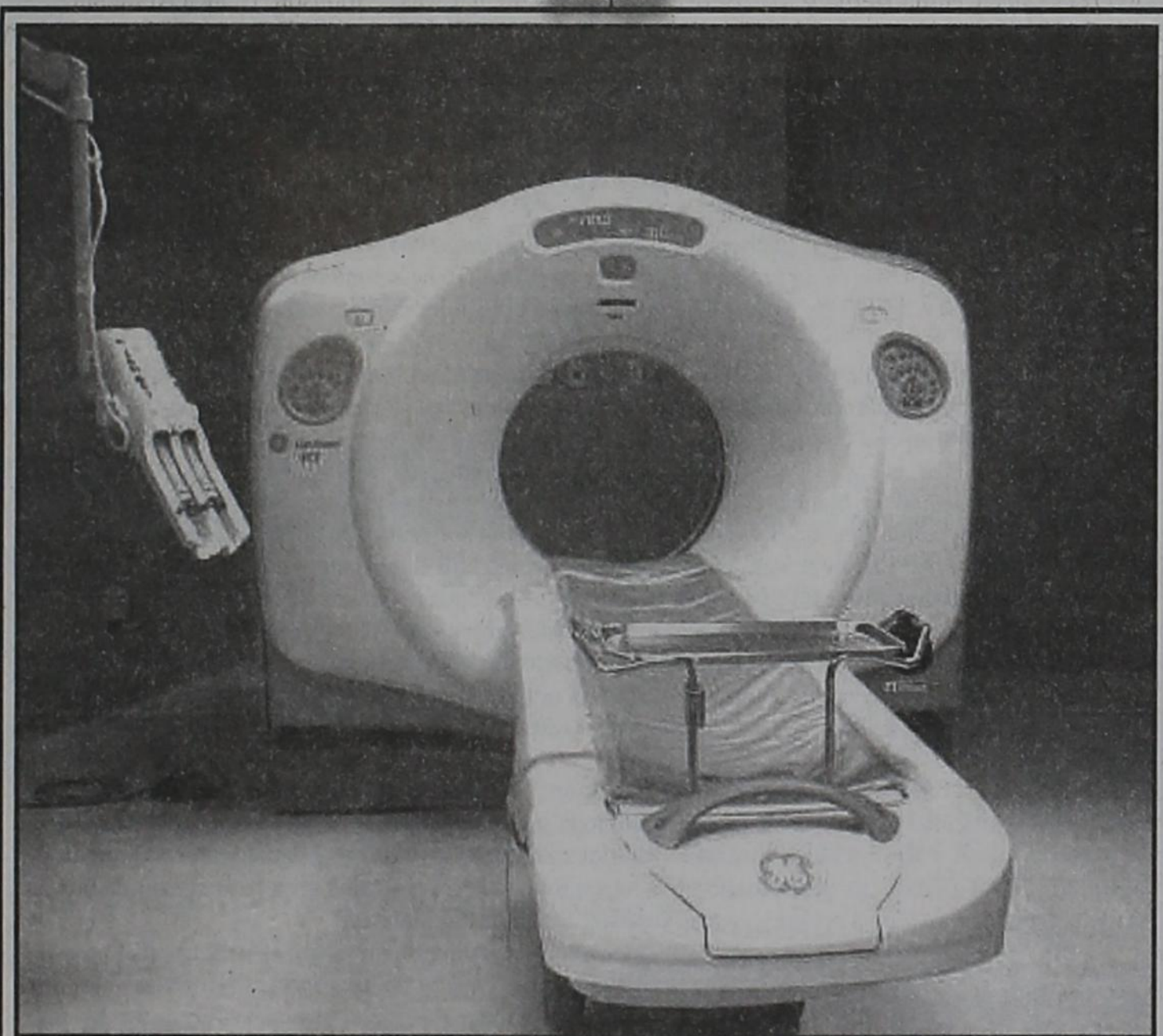
Kirk had a genuine good heart and an easy-going attitude and will be greatly missed. He was a "Chevy" man.

If desired, donations in Kirk's name may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 2425 Fountainview, Ste. 280 Houston, TX 77057.

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Fishers celebrate 50 years of marriage

Steve Fisher met Charlotte Webb while dragging Main Street in Littlefield, Texas, April of 1958. From that time on, they only had eyes for each other. Steve was 18 and Charlotte was 17 years old. They were married the next January 24, 1959, in her parents home in Littlefield. Three children came along during the next few years, all born in Lubbock. Scott born on December 18, 1960, Gina born on February 20, 1962, and Danine born on June 12, 1963.

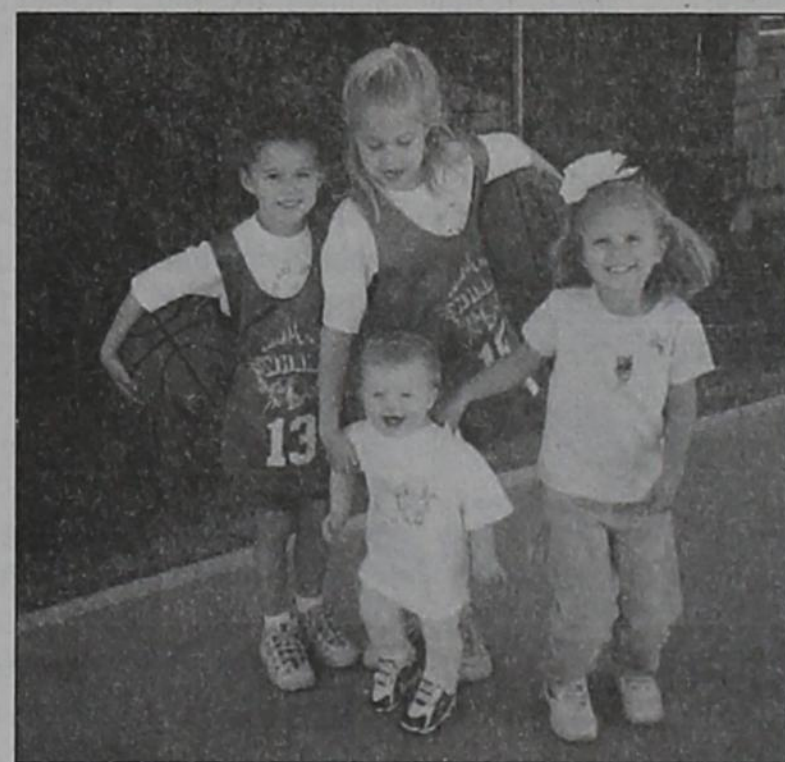
Steve was hired by Boeing in 1966; the family then moved to the Seattle, Washington area. After the children grew older, starting in 1978, Charlotte worked as a nanny for a doctor's family for 16 years. Steve retired from Boeing in 2000 and owned a cabinetry business. With a strong feeling that God was calling them back to their "hometown" of Texas, they moved back to this area. Dec. 18, 2003, they came to their home of Post. Steve serves as an elder and Charlotte as a God-inspired encourager at Caprock Springs Fellowship in Post (corner of 12th and Ave I). This previous summer the couple celebrated their Golden Anniversary with their family at one of Charlotte's favorite places, Seaside, Oregon. Their children, in-laws, and all 8 grandchildren spent some great family time together in a vacation home on the coast: Scott and Holly Fisher with Ryan and Dylan, Gina Scott with Derek, Jacob, Jessica and Rianna; and Danine and Wes Dover with Mitchell and Dustin. Caprock Springs Fellowship, family and friends will honor the Fishers with a 50th Wedding Anniversary reception Sunday, Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. in the Wells Fargo Bank meeting room. No gifts, please, but cards will be appreciated.



Steve and Charlotte Fisher

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Valentine Brag Pages February 13, 2009



This size (four singles) \$40.
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The Post Dispatch
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This week in Post City

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

As we are all well aware, this week was a historical time for our country.

In addition to all the hype and news coverage of the pre-inaugural, inaugural and post-inaugural events, I experienced several lengthy discussions with family and friends about the significance of this new presidency.

You won't be surprised to know that not everyone agrees on the subject. Obviously those who voted for Obama are pleased that their man won. Some who didn't vote for him are willing to support his presidency, indeed feel that for Americans this is the patriotic thing to do. And, some who opposed this man are distressed and fearful about the future of our country.

My general philosophy is that regardless of how difficult it is to endure a situation or event, if you can learn something, you will be a better person for the experience. There are lessons for all of us in these times—despite our political leanings. I sincerely hope we have all learned that each and every vote counts! We should never ignore this privilege whether in

a city, county, state or national election.

I also believe that in the years between elections, we should all have distinct communication with our elected officials—city, county, state and national. Just as each of our votes count, each of our voices do also. We all have the opportunity, perhaps the duty, to strengthen and broaden our influence; to abandon any suggestion of apathy or languor.

In addition, I am hopeful that the long election process we have experienced has taught us to seek the truth for ourselves and not allow our opinions to be formed through the filter of others.

Unfortunately some of the fear surrounding our future with this new president is based on information, usually distributed by email early in the campaign that has been proven false. I intended to keep the emails I received, but somehow only one survived. That is the email stating that Senator Barack Obama refused to use a Bible when he took his oath of office and requested the Koran instead. (Actually, it was Keith Ellison, a US Representative from the state of Minnesota, elected in 2006 that requested the Koran for his swearing-in ceremony.) Pres. Obama used the Bible from

Lincoln's inauguration in the presidential ceremony Tuesday.

In an attempt to better understand the new president's heritage, I began reading his first book, "Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance" a few days before the inauguration. I'm only on the third chapter, so there are many things yet to learn; however, it is already obvious that Obama had a difficult, unsettling childhood until he went to live with his grandparents in Hawaii at the age of 10. It is interesting that some fatherless men use their situation to excel and exceed all expectations and others are not able to rise above difficult beginnings.

As we look to the future of our country, regardless of how we voted, we will be well served to remember these words from Ronald Reagan's 1985 Inaugural speech: "Again, let us remember that though our heritage is one of blood lines from every corner of the Earth, we are all Americans."

I will echo a phrase often used by former President Bush, as well as others: "God bless America" during this time that is hopeful for some and unsettling for others.

That's it for this week in Post City!



Kay Bailey Hutchison UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

Often we begin a new year with a set of goals to achieve, or with a list of priorities that will receive our special attention in the foreseeable future. Some people pledge to get fit; others resolve to be more fiscally responsible. Likewise, Congress must, at the outset of a new legislative session, set an agenda and work to accomplish it.

First, we must reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), whose operating authority expires in March. The entire aviation industry has been hit hard by fuel prices and our weakening economy, and the continued operation of our aviation system is critical to movement of American goods and people. The FAA projects that domestic air travel will nearly double to 1 billion passengers annually by 2015. In order to improve security and capacity and to upgrade key systems like air traffic control (ATC), Congress faces the important challenge of advancing and equipping the aviation industry to keep pace with projected increases in demand.

Modernizing the ATC system, known as the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen), must be a national priority. NextGen will broadly expand air traffic capacity by transferring infrastructure from ground-based radars

and navigational aids to satellite technology and will rely on aircraft on-board automation. These upgrades will allow the FAA to monitor more flights in a more efficient and safe manner. Such modernization efforts are vital to our air transport system's ability to meet future travel demands and eliminate gridlock in our skies and at our nation's airports. This would be particularly beneficial to Texas and its approximately 400 airports. Our state's general aviation airport system is one of the largest in the country, accounting for 783,700 jobs and \$20.6 billion in payroll and an economic impact of a \$48.8 billion. NextGen and other aviation improvement efforts are critical to keeping Texas a hub of tourism and commerce well into the future.

Unfortunately, vital projects like NextGen have been hampered by Congress' failure to approve a multi-year FAA Authorization bill. Instead, over the last two years, Congress has passed a series of eight short-term extensions, creating funding instability and inconsistency in our aviation infrastructure programs. First, we must extend the current programs through the end of fiscal year 2009. Then, we must work toward a multi-year reauthorization bill, which is key to providing our air

transport system the continuity of funding and support to take on critical projects.

The second priority must be to reauthorize the Highway Bill to improve surface infrastructure.

The existing Highway Bill expires in September, and its reauthorization will be difficult because we must modernize the formula for the Highway Trust Fund, which disparately apportions money to the states. Every year, many states contribute millions of dollars to other states to build their highway networks. Texas, for example, receives only 92 cents in federal highway funding for every taxpayer dollar paid into the Trust Fund. While this is a huge improvement over the 75 cent return when I first took office, Texas is long overdue for retaining its money. Now that we have a national highway infrastructure in place, we should concentrate on using federal highway dollars to maintain the national system. And most of the gas taxes should be left to individual states and municipalities to collect and spend without having to route the money through Washington bureaucracy. This is the approach I will urge. I will also pursue the continuation of the policy I enacted two years ago that bans tolling of federal highways in Texas that taxpayers

have already paid for, unless it builds a new lane and maintains the same number of free lanes. Some states have allowed every lane of a federal highway to be tolled, thereby prohibiting its free use.

In January, the Senate Commerce Committee intends to hold a nomination hearing for Raymond LaHood, a former Illinois Congressman, who has been slated to serve as the new Secretary of Transportation.

As our nation addresses a range of challenges in the coming months, I pledge to work with Mr. LaHood and my colleagues to tackle these and other transportation priorities that are critical to our nation's well-being in 2009 and beyond.

White River Weekly Report Jan. 16, 2009

Gauge Reading	2351.80	Rainfall for 2004	43.58"
Feet below spillway	20'9"	Rainfall for 2005	15.57"
Rise	0"	Rainfall for 2006	28.85"
Rainfall Past Week	0"	Rainfall for 2007	24.19"
Rain to Date	0"	Rainfall for 2008	33.16"

White River Lake has 2,830,993,488 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 27% capacity or 8,688 acre feet. Subtract 11,772,681 MG for evaporation this week in December that leaves 2,819,220,807 MG available as of today. White River's daily average demand for 2008 was 1.23

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

I saw a show on depression the other day and it seems it is simply human to become depressed. It got me to thinking about other mental "problems" we may face in our day-to-day lives such as worrying too much and denial.

I don't want you to think to yourself: "Boy, might as well stop reading because this is depressing." I'll try to keep it interesting.

Anyway, we all get depressed from time-to-time. Some go through horrible depression while others only mildly and not very often.

Some try and disguise the fact they are depressed for they see it as weakness. For those people, now that you know that everyone has it, you can let go and get a little sad like the rest of us.

I think I'm somewhat like Mom was. Outgoing on the surface, but I can become introverted and reclusive. There are times when I just want to be alone. Don't know why, I've just always been like that.

I also like to worry. Well, I wouldn't say I like it, but I do worry about things out of my control. Don't know for sure, but I bet worrying and depression are linked somehow. Mom used to make up things to worry about. My wife reminds me not to worry about things I can't control. I try to obey her and it works pretty good.

Back to the topic of depression: In this country, billions of dollars are spent on anti-depressants. That alone should tell us it is human to get sad. I wonder if every person in the country who claims not to get depressed could be diagnosed with a case of denial. Oh man, I think I suffer from denial as well.

I may be getting depressed from the denial I have about worrying too much ... or maybe it's the other way around. It's insane to me the amount of trouble we can get into while mulling these things over. Not that there is anything wrong with insanity...

Since I'm cleansing my mental state in this space, I might as well disclose that I suffer from a fear of failure. It must be a mild case, however, because I keep trying new things.

When I was a child, I had a sense of normalcy. I watched reruns of "Leave It To Beaver," "I Love Lucy" and "Father Knows Best" and thought the world was this normal place where there was little crime and divorce and no one got depressed. Now I really wonder just what exactly normal is.

Am I normal? Are you? Between us, I'm a walking, talking freak-show who sometimes gets depressed, worries too much, is in denial and who has a fear of failure. How about you?

At the very least, I feel better haven gotten all that off my chest. I can honestly say that I feel pretty "normal" at this very second and that's good. I hope you do as well.

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Russell Graves Outdoors

THE CULT OF QUAIL

How can a bird that's six inches tall and weighs barely a third of a pound inspire such devoted passion?

By Russell A. Graves

It starts with a keen nose, a steely point, a frenzied flush and a bevy of action. It happens so fast, the event borders on sensory overload. To hear someone describe a covey rise is as close as you'll get to hearing a bona fide, shotgun totin' quail hunter spout a haiku.

How can it be, though? How can a bird that's six inches tall and weighs barely a third of a pound incite such devoted passion by its followers? It's easy to understand if you've ever experienced the heart-pounding exhilaration of a covey rise on a crisp bobwhite quail-country morning or spent time following good dogs.

As a kid, I roamed the blackland hills of North Texas with my buddy Garry in search of the few coveys around my home. The dogs would zigzag in and out of the wild rose thickets until they settled on a point. Even when I knew it was coming, my heart would still skip a beat with the flurry of buff and brown colors scrambling in front of me. I'd try to gain my composure and make a clean shot, but mostly I missed — drinking in the glorious moment of the most exciting two seconds in the Texas outdoors.

Early on, I became a member of the cult of quail. Although there weren't a lot of birds where I lived, Garry and I would still slip afield and chase them two or three times a season. Growing up, we were the only two quail hunters I knew. In 1993, that changed when I moved to wild quail country in the Texas Rolling Plains.

In Childress, I met hunters from all over the nation, and soon I realized that the cult of quail is a substantial one. I use the word "cult" not in a religious sense, although some may claim that devotion to the bird nears religious zealotry. Instead, I find the alternative dictionary definition to be most appropriate: "an exclusive group of persons sharing an esoteric, usually artistic or intellectual interest."

Every season finds people descending on my town, as well as other area burgs, to chase the winged rocket. Way out in northwestern Texas and Oklahoma, you won't find theme parks, grand museums or monuments to Texas liberty. What you will find, in varying abundance according to the prior year's rainfall and local land management practices, is bobwhite quail. Arguably, the bobwhite quail is one of the hottest tourist attractions in the great swath of the Texas Midwest that spreads in a triangle roughly from the Wichita Falls area to Big Spring, then north along the Caprock to Clarendon and back as well as rural western Oklahoma.

Opening weekend of quail season finds hotels at capacity and local restaurants full of blaze orange and oilcloth-clad hunters. What brings the hunters in droves is simple. Save for the south Texas brush country, on a nationwide basis, bobwhites cannot be found anywhere else in as significant numbers as

they are in the red dirt mesquite and prickly pear flats of the Texas Rolling Plains and Western Oklahoma.

Being a cult of quail member isn't necessarily cheap. In 1999, Quail Unlimited reported that, on average, their Texas members spent \$10,354 annually in pursuit of bobwhites, and 65 percent of that money was spent in the small towns near where they hunted quail. Simply put, bobwhite quail are an important tourist attraction for a bevy of small communities whose economies are often marginal at best.

Each year, I run across hunters from states with traditionally strong quail hunting heritages, but for a variety of reasons, wild quail numbers aren't what they once were. Thus the great migration from southeastern and midwestern states to hunt in Texas. Some even live the entire quail season in our midst.

Speaking with cult members, I am always delighted to hear their varied answers as to why they love to hunt quail. For the group, one reason can't sum up their passion for the sport. Instead, a tapestry of rationales justifies their devotion to the cause. But one thing was constant with each one of them: Once you join the cult, you don't ever want out.

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

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Launching Soon!

In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

I am going to start off this week talking about our old school out here. The doors are boarded up to keep people out of it so that nobody gets hurt. It is not unusual to see a strange vehicle and people walking around the building just looking and some even taking pictures, it is a very interesting building. All of us out here are pretty nosy and we take into account who is coming and going and we can tell if you are up to no good. We welcome anyone who wants to come out and take a walk around to do so, even stop in the gin and ask some questions or look at some old pics we may have laying around, but do not back your van up to the window and push it in to get inside! We are watching you. It would be so nice for it to be restored one day.

We had a little excitement out here Saturday night. An electric line went down and caught a patch of CRP on fire behind Lois Child's house, which happens to be just across the road from my house. We called the fire department out and they really got here in record time. Some asked why not just let it burn? It was a little too close to our homes for that. Anyway thanks to the firemen for a great job. Danny and Susan Gonzales traveled to the Dallas area and got to baby-sit Stevie while his parents, Steve and Flora attended their annual golf banquet; in a few months they will get to baby-sit a while longer while they attend the annual National Conference which will be held in New Orleans this year. Daymon and Barbra Ethridge traveled to Horse-shoe Bay to attend the memorial for Barbra's

brother, Paul, who passed away. Also attending from here Jerry and Judy Bush; Travis and Judy Guy and Ronnie Morris. I have to apologize to Russ and Jake Morris for leaving them out of my news last week. Russ showed in the pig show and did quite well and Jake showed in the peewee show. Sorry guys. **VISTORS** Can you believe we have had no visitors other than our regulars. Ya'll come out and see us sometime. **GET WELLS** Claudine Tipton is back at the nursing home and we are glad to report she is feeling much better. Mike Gonzales was a little under the weather over

the weekend; he is feeling much better also. **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK.....** January 26th - Daniel Yarbrow January 26th - Bobby Terry January 26th - Xan Everitt January 27th - Nelson Esparza **ANNIVERSERIES THIS WEEK** January 27th - Jerry and Judy Bush January 29th - Tommy and Ruthann Young 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 and check out our blog at <http://closecitycoopgin.blogspot.com>

Weekly Inspirations

Land That I Love

By: Michael F. Taylor

In this week of historic presidential changeover, I felt that it might be appropriate to take a look back into our history for a moment to a few former presidents who have served our country.

Certainly, we must then look to the words of our very first president, George Washington who was quoted as saying, "It is impossible to righteously govern the world without God and the Bible." One of my particular favorites, President Ronald Reagan wisely stated, "Within the covers of one single book, the Bible, are all the answers to all the problems that face us today—if only we would read and believe."

During the terrible period of the United States Civil War, Abraham Lincoln once met with several ministers for a prayer breakfast. While there, one of the ministers made this comment to President Lincoln, "Mr. President, let us pray that God is on our side". Lincoln's answer gives us the correct perspective, "No, gentlemen, let us pray that we are on God's side." What a wonderful insight into life President Lincoln made that day. Many of the words spoken by our former presidents have resounded down through the years.

On January 20, 1953, Dwight D. Eisenhower attended a service at the National Presbyterian Church prior to being inaugurated as the 34th president of the United States of America. Following the service, Eisenhower returned to his hotel and penned a prayer that he would later read during his inauguration ceremony. His prayer: "Almighty God, give us, we pray thee, power to discern right from wrong, and allow our words and actions to be governed thereby and by the laws of this land. Especially we pray that our concern shall be for all the people, regardless of station, race, or calling, so that all may work for the good of our beloved country and thy glory. Amen."

Once again, words of wisdom and importance. I believe that my all time favorite funny story on the words of a former president lie in those of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born in Hyde Park, New York, on January 30, 1882, to James and Sara Delano Roosevelt. Most of us are very familiar with President Roosevelt and his strong political involvement in the Great Depression and later as Commander in Chief of our military forces as this country battled through World War II. Sadly and unfortunately, President Roosevelt did not live to see the end of World War II as a cerebral hemorrhage took his life on April 12th, 1945.

The story goes that President Roosevelt became tired of smiling his big smile and saying all the usual niceties at the stream of endless White House receptions he was forced to attend. So, one mischievous evening he decided to see if anyone was actually listening to what he was saying. He stood at the entrance to the reception hall and extended his hand, smiled politely and said quietly to each guest as they shook his hand; "I murdered my grandmother this morning." Amazingly, guests would simply respond back with "Well, How lovely!" or "Just keep up the great work!" Not one guest seemed to be actually listening to what he was saying, with the exception of a lone diplomat.

When the president commented to this particular dignitary, "I murdered my grandmother this morning," the man quickly responded, "I'm sure she had it coming to her, Mr. President." You have to laugh at that one!

Yes, there have been many words spoken by our presidents which have given us inspiration and guidance. For me, the words that seem to continue to have significance today, are those which speak about our relationship to God as a people and as a country. This week remember the words "GOD BLESS AMERICA, LAND THAT I LOVE. STAND BESIDE HER, AND GUIDE HER, THROUGH THE NIGHT WITH THE LIGHT FROM ABOVE!"

This week, fervently keep our nation in your prayers as we endeavor to move forward into 2009. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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January 26
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January 27
Breakfast - Muffins, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch - Baked potato, carrots /ranch, fruit cup, texas toast, milk

January 28
Breakfast - Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch - Crispy chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fancy jello, milk

January 29
Breakfast - Pop tarts, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch - Nacho grande, salad, orange smiles, cornbread, milk

January 30
Breakfast - Cereal, graham crackers, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch- Corn dog, French fries, broccoli /ranch, sparkly apple, crispy treat, milk

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January 26
Breakfast -Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
Lunch - Burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, sugar cookie, milk

January 27
Breakfast - Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, milk
Lunch - BBQ chicken, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread, milk

January 28
Breakfast -Eggs, bacon, toast, juice, milk
Lunch -Steak fingers, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, frozen cherry bar, milk

January 29
Breakfast - Breakfast bar, yogurt, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken fajitas, broccoli & cheese, seasoned corn, French bread sticks, apricot fruit fluff, milk

January 23
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Lunch - Pizza choice, tossed salad, banana, chocolate cake, milk

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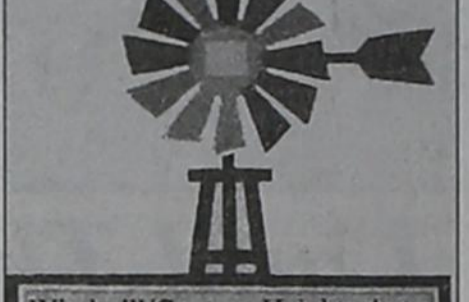
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January 27 Taco salad, beans, rice, salsa, pumpkin crunch

January 28 Roast, potato, carrots, peas, roll, apple crisp

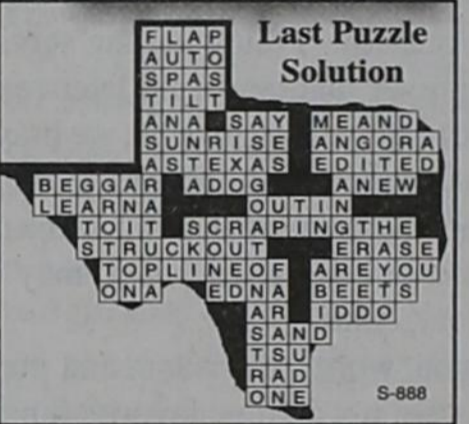
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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
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10 Years Ago
January 25, 1999
The Amity Study Club enjoyed entertainment by Jerica Tyler, who had performed at the Cactus Theatre in Lubbock, Old Mill Trade Days and for many other clubs and organizations. Her mother, Marinette acted as her audio engineer and camera crew.

Six contestants, including three local women, were slated to participate in the Ms. Texas Senior-Panhandle, South Plains Pageant in Post. Local women entering the contest were Marie Neff, Barbaralee Newcomb and Jimella Simpson.

Ninety-one Garza County youth participated in the 35th Annual Garza County Jr. Livestock Show, receiving a total of \$42,165 in premiums, floor prizes, prize money and awards for the 1999 show.

Randy and Raquel Britton proudly announced the birth of their twin sons, Austin Douglas and Brandon Douglas, born January 13, 1999 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

20 Years Ago
January 25, 1989
The 1988 Willy Awards, complete with song and dance and guest celebrities, was highlighted by the naming of Garza Theatre best performers during the gala held at the Post Community Center. Taking best actress honors at the third annual Willy Awards was Anne Leake, and Lonnie Welborn was tabbed as best actor.

Nicole and Miles announced the birth of their sister, Rachel Renae Gray, who was born January 12 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed five pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 and one-half inches long. Her parents are Rodney and Vicki Gray.

Post High School All Region Band Members were Ruth Ann Gutierrez, Dustin Ammons, Melinda Curry, Trevor Thuet, Lisa Shults, Teresa Shults, Barry Owen and Melanie Reece.

Some of the businesses in Post in 1989 were Chadeo One Stop, Postex Warehouse, Wallace Lumber Co., Tom's Texaco, Prairie Flowers, Great Expectation, PDQ, Garza Exxon, Circle F Glass, Caprock Liquor Store, Bergstein Oilfield Services, Style w/a Smile, Taylor Appliances, Anne's Beauty Salon, Happiness Is... and Jackson Cafe.

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30 Years Ago
January 25, 1979
Dr. Thomas E. Pass, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, was chosen 1979 moderator of the 72-county Palo Duro Union Presbytery. Ruth Ann Newby was Post's lay delegate to the Presbytery.

Linda Waldrip has been promoted to cashier of the First National Bank of Post. She is also an assistant vice president. Houston Heidelberg, D'Lynn Young and Golden Capps were winners in the Garza Soil and Water Conservation District's annual poster contest.

Will Kirkpatrick was elected president of the National Junior Honor Society of Post Middle School at a luncheon. Other officers included Kim Carlisle, Rhonda Adams, Derek Walls and Tim Tannehill. Linda William, nurses aide, was named Garza Memorial Hospital Employee for the Month of January.

40 Years Ago
January 23, 1969
The Garza County Soil Conservation District's annual Outstanding Conservation Farmer and Rancher award plaques were presented farmer Gerald Norman and rancher Arnold Sanderson at a meeting of the district board.

School health nurse Bessie Strawn, through the cooperation of Dr. Harry A. Tubbs, city health officer, and the State Health Department, completed an immunization clinic for approximately 150 primary and elementary school pupils.

Tommy Young, president of the Post Jaycees, will be a candidate for state director at a regional Jaycees meeting to be held in Dumas.

Ben Miller and Donna Stewart were elected "Mr. and Miss PHS" by the high school student body.

An open house was planned by the Church of the Nazarene for their new parsonage at 805 W. 13th street.

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50 Years Ago
January 22, 1959
The Texas Employment Commission estimate for 1958 gave Garza County a population of 8,400, and increase of a little more than 33.5 percent over the 1950 population figure of 6,281.

Four building permits, including one for a new \$17,500 residence, was issued at the city hall.

The first general salary increase for elective county officials since 1951 was proposed by the Garza County commissioners' court. The salaries of the four county commissioners would be boosted from \$3,360 a year to \$3,780 a year - an increase of \$420 a year for each commissioner.

Coach Albert Parson's Post Antelopes, co-favorites with Floydada for the District 3-AA Championship, opened conference play with a 72-55 victory over Slaton.

The new 1959 Bel Aire hardtop made its debut in Post this week at Caprock Chevrolet, 111 S. Broadway.

60 Years Ago
January 27, 1949
The rush to buy 1949 license tags for motor vehicles in Garza County began this week in 1949. The tags were a bright yellow-orange with black numerals. For automobiles the tags prices ranged from \$7.50 for a 2,000 pound car to \$30 for a 6,000 pound car.

B. K. Bowen, a Garza County resident since 1915 who had been ill for nearly two years, died at his home. Mr. Bowen was born in Parker County on January 22, 1862.

Sheriff Will Cravy announced that only three days remained in which to pay poll taxes.

A slow rain followed by sleet and snow brought the total moisture for January here to 2.87 inches.

"Forever Amber" was showing at the Garza Theatre along with a Bugs Bunny cartoon.

Giles Dalby attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, accompanied by his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Giles Connell.

SUDOKU

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9	7	4	2	8	3	6	5	1
1	8	3	5	6	7	4	9	2
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ANSWER:

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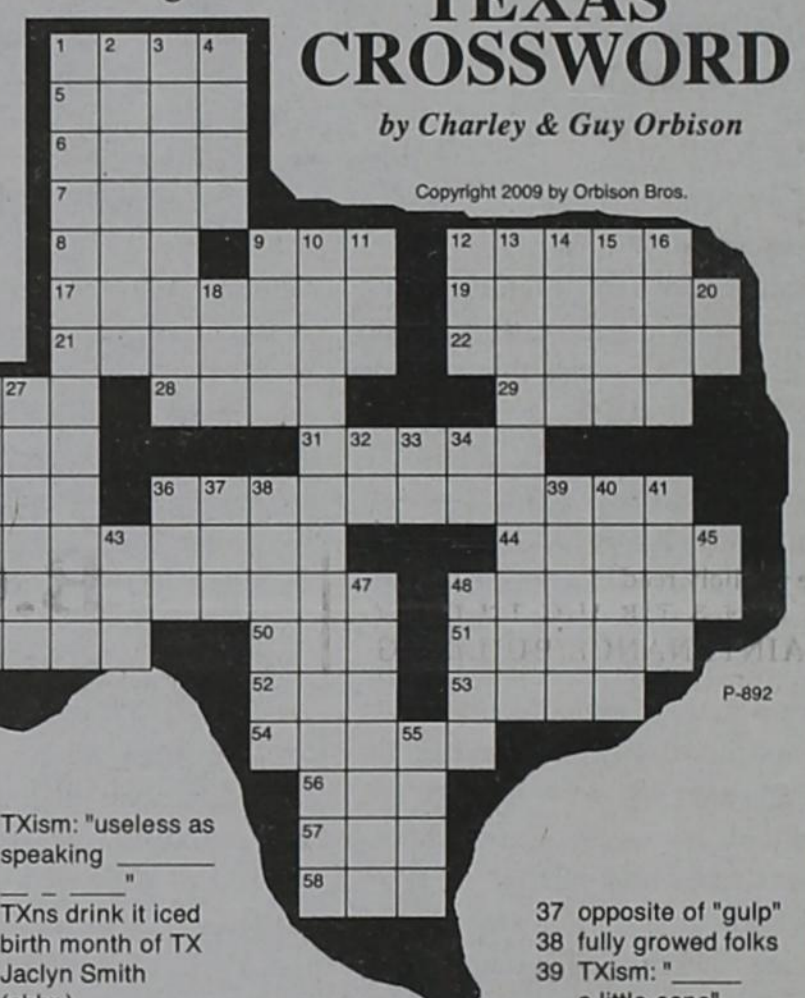
- 1 TXism: "he's ___ to walk the river with"
- 5 snake-___ kits are useful in TX
- 6 TXism: "blaze ___ trail" (explore)
- 7 penny
- 8 TX-born Melora Hardin film: "The Chick"
- 9 TX Lamar Hunt founded this tennis tour in '68 (abbr.)
- 12 he'll replace TX Bush on 1/20/09
- 17 ___ Myers designed the TX capitol
- 19 Big Bend rare bird: "___ Warbler"
- 21 TX Fort Bliss site: "___ Mesa"
- 22 steak cuts
- 23 El Paso's 1st name meant "___ the river to the north"
- 28 ___-gallon hat
- 29 TX Sally Parr film: "The Sun ___ at Dawn"
- 30 TXism: "a ___ and a snorter" (mean horse)
- 31 TX Betty Buckley TV show: "___ is Enough"
- 35 TX song: "Is Anybody ___ to San Antonio?"
- 36 TXism: "safe ___ up a tree"
- 42 dude ranch activity (2 wds.)
- 44 this TX Spelling was a TV producer
- 46 golfer nightmare (2 wds.)
- 48 silent film actress and singer "Texas" ___
- 49 discounted prices
- 50 British slang for toilet
- 51 TXism: "old ___"
- 52 ___ o'shanter
- 53 TX Tanya's "Can ___ You Tonight"
- 54 film (76): "A ___ Town in Texas"
- 56 TX Ima Hogg did not have a sister by this name
- 57 noted TCU coach "Dutch" (init.)
- 58 TXism: "red ___" (liquor)

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- 1 TX-born Harding film: "Biography of ___"
 - 2 in Wood Co. on 69
 - 3 TXism: "hard ___ putting up ___ windstorm"
 - 4 "Lonesome Dove" orphan boy
 - 9 Cowboy LB DeMarcus
 - 10 TXism: "useless as speaking"
 - 11 TXns drink it iced
 - 12 birth month of TX Jaclyn Smith (abbr.)
 - 13 high-powered TX political figure
 - 14 ___ vera
 - 15 TXism: "green as ___ money"
 - 16 TX or IA town
 - 18 "___ it down"
 - 20 TXism: "cold ___ a banker's heart"
 - 23 TX George W.'s grandfather (init.)
 - 24 birth month of TX Fess Parker (abbr.)
 - 25 "got off ___-free"
 - 26 Rangerettes wear short ___
 - 27 in Shelby Co. on hwy. 84
 - 32 smartness number
 - 33 TX-raised Oakland guard Upshaw (init.)
 - 34 "howdy"
 - 36 TX-born Sissy Spacek '86 film: "Violets ___ Blue"
 - 37 opposite of "gulp"
 - 38 fully grown folks
 - 39 TXism: "___ a little cane" (celebrate)
 - 40 this TX Banks was "Mr. Chicago Cub"
 - 41 borrowed money
 - 43 this Majors was wed to TX Fawcett
 - 45 ex-Cowboy guard Nate (init.)
 - 47 '53 film: "How ___ A Millionaire"
 - 48 TX milkman Borden
 - 55 TX George W. in December '08: "___ duck"

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MOON MARVELS

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The moon...wolves howl at it. (So they say.) Cows jump over it; (Well, at least the hey diddle diddle kind.) and astronauts, (12 of em') walked on it.

It is the natural satellite of the planet Earth. It brightens up the night sky from the reflected light of the Sun and causes the ocean tides with its gravitational pull. It was once thought to be made of cheese, or dust so deep astronauts would sink below the surface. Exploration has proved both these theories wrong. Scientists often call our moon a double planet with earth. It is enormous, as far as moons go. How it was formed is still a mystery. The current theory is billions of years ago a planet the size of Mars may have crashed into the surface of the Earth. The debris from the massive impact shot into space and eventually fused together to form the moon. Our moon adds wonder and mystery to the night sky. Read more *marvels of the moon*.

"Once in a Blue Moon"

Every 2½ years there are two full moons in one month. This is called a blue moon. The expression, "Once in a blue moon" refers to something that does not happen often.

Because there is no wind on the moon, the American flag is held forever in a wave.

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MOON-Y WORD WONDERS

Find the missing moon letters:

- moon_o_f - car top opening
- moon_e_m - ray of light
- moon_i_h_ - brightens night
- moon_c_p_ - moon surface
- moon_t_u_k - dreamer
- moon_t_n_ - gem
- moon_h_n_ - corn whiskey
- moon R_v_r - old song
- moonw_l_ - MJ dance step
- moon_i_ - chocolate snack
- H_n_ymoon - wedding trip
- _a_v_s_ moon - fall sky

On July 20, 1969 Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the surface of the moon.

WORD WONDER ANSWERS
1-moonroof, 2-moonbeam, 3-moonlight, 4-mooncape, 5-moonstruck, 6-moonstone, 7-moonshine, 8-Moon River, 9-moon walk, 10-moonpie, 11-Honeymoon, 12-harvest

Moon Facts

The gravitational pull of the moon causes tides by pulling the seas upward, making the ocean rise and fall 2 times each day.

From Earth, we never see the backside of the moon. In 1959 a Russian spacecraft took the first photo of the dark side of the moon.

Galileo was the first one to look at the moon through a telescope. He thought the dark spots were maria (the Latin word for seas).

On the moon, you would be taller, because without the Earth's gravity your spinal cord does not compress.

The first word spoken on the moon: "Houston". "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

To learn more about our heavenly neighbor, 842 pounds of moon rocks have been brought back to Earth.

The line between the dark and light side of the moon is called The Terminator.

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Coach Chris Jones presents an Academic All-State Football Team Honorable Mention award to Post High School senior, Chad Miller.

Miller receives All-State Football honor

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Chad Miller, a senior at Post High School, made the THSCA Academic All-State Football Team as an Honorable Mention player. The teams are selected by a point system that awards points for GPA (grade point average), class rank and SAT or ACT score. Nomination of a student requires an overall GPA of at least 92 including grades 9-11 and the first six weeks of grade 12; must be a member of a team in good standing and be of good moral character. Over 2000 applicants from 1A through 5A schools including 6-man schools were received by the Texas High School Coaches Association. State Farm Insurance co-sponsors the program which is in its eighth year.

"We are very proud of Chad for making the Academic All-State Football Team and representing the Post Antelopes in a great way!" PHS coach Chris Jones said. "Chad was a fantastic senior leader for us this year and has worked very hard to be deserving of this award. The criteria set forth for this award is very strict and only an elite group of players make the list. We offer our congratulations to Chad for this outstanding accomplishment."

Miller was a linebacker on defense and a receiver on offense for the Post Antelopes. He played football all four years in high school and also participates in basketball, tennis and UIL One Act Play. The senior is the son of Gwin and Charla Miller. He plans to attend Texas Tech University.

Post honorable mention All-District football selections named

Six Post Bold Gold Antelopes recently received 2A All-District Honorable Mention recognition. "Our staff is very proud of the accomplishments of these young men," said PHS Coach Chris Jones. "Each of these players understands it takes the effort and work of the entire team for any of them to receive individual recognition."

Honorable Mention Offense:
Quarterback – Aaron James, Jr.; Wide Receiver – Chad Miller, Sr., Ernest Saldivar, Soph.; Offensive Line – Robert Contreras, Jr., Mitch James, Jr.

Honorable Mention Defense:
Defensive Line – Nick Rodriguez, Jr., Kaven Martinez, Fr.; Linebacker – Chad Miller, Sr.; Defensive Back – Luis Duran, Jr., M.J. Wynne, Jr.

Eighth grade basketball results

8th Boys
Jan. 13
Vs. Roosevelt
Coach Kelso

The young men started the game like they finished, hustling. We got our first district win 33-28. Vance Blair led the way with 14 points, Tavish Soto with 7 points, Aaron Macy 5, Nathaniel Gill 4, Dalton Holly 3 points. I was not just happy with the win but our defensive play was outstanding. Great job!

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There is no admission charge; a hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. Those on the program are Charlie Stice and Tim Stice from Tahoka also Chloe Mason, John Hedrick, Bill Harp, Jane Mason, Reece Belongia aka Hank the Cowdog, Audry Beth Hunt, Ollie Joe Abraham, Ronnie Raybon, Morris Tyler and Noel White. Concession stand with drinks and snacks. For more information contact Noel White at 495-3261.

Fire Department's chili supper planned

The Post Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting the annual chili supper on Saturday, February 27 at the fire station. Chili will be served starting at 6:00 pm until chili is gone. For more information or questions, contact P.I.O. Bryan Looney at (806) 535-9721

Constables office has new phone number

The Garza County Constables office has changed their phone number to (806) 990-4810.

American Legion Post 270 Scheduled to meet

The American Legion James C. Cole Post 270 will meet at 7 pm on Thursday, January 29th at the First Christian Church located at 812 W. 13th St. All members are urged to attend. This meeting will decide the fate of Post 270. Do we continue to exist or dissolve?

50 cents sale scheduled January 31st

Caprock Springs Fellowship located on the corner of 12th and Ave 1 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.

Clothes and food available from church

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Good luck to all exhibitors that will be exhibiting livestock at the Ft. Worth Livestock Show and all of the upcoming major shows over the next couple of months.

Photography Project

First Photography Project meeting January 26, 4:00 at the Extension office. If interested but cannot attend the meeting, contact Jaquita Blevins at 495-2517 or the Extension office.

Rabbit Showmanship Clinics

Rabbit Project meetings every Thursday after school at the Extension office until February.

Showmanship topics: Rabbit grooming, posing your bunny, questions judges may ask, etc. For more information contact Barbara Palmer 470-1295 or Extension office 495-4400.

Clothing & Textiles Project

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