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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY/ GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners Court

February 9
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

Post ISD

School Board Meeting
February 12
7:30 p.m.

Administrative Board Room
501 S. Avenue K

NOTE: Video of last month's meeting at post.k12.tx.us - click on "Board of Trustees"

Garza County Health Care District

February 19
6:30 p.m.

Citizens Bank Meeting Room
210 N. Broadway

Garza County Commissioners Court

February 23
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
February 6, 13, 20 & 27
7 p.m.

Post Varsity/JV Basketball vs. Slaton

February 6
5 p.m.

"Judas the Lost Apostle"

Ragtown Gospel Theater
February 7, 14, 21 & 28
3 p.m.

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Dalby Unit recognizes outstanding employees

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

MTC staff selected its outstanding employees for 2008 at the Dalby Unit last week. Trevah Yarbrow, an 8 year employee of MTC received the Employee of the Year award. Rick Searcy received Security Employee of the Year. He began work as a correctional officer in 2001. Charla Miller received Supervisor of the Year award. She will mark her 10th year of employment with MTC in May of this year. Warden Kerry Dixon made the presentations and everyone was treated to banana splits.

MTC - Management Training Corporation - is a private corporation that leases the Dalby

facility from Garza County and contracts with the Federal Bureau of Prisons to house prisoners in the unit. When fully staffed, the Dalby Unit employees 318. Of these employees, 192 are security. Approximately 50% of the employees live in Garza County. "If Post had more available housing, more of our employees would live here," Warden Kerry Dixon explained.

Warden Kerry Dixon has over 12 years experience in the correctional profession including 7 years as a correctional officer. He was named warden of the Garza County facility in 2007.

When the Dalby Unit accepted its first inmate in 1999, it had a maximum capacity of 1054

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(From left) Warden Kerry Dixon of The Dalby Unit presented annual awards to outstanding employees: Rick Searcy, Security Employee of the Year; Trevah Yarbrow, Employee of the Year; Charla Miller, Supervisor of the Year. Garza County Judge Lee Norman also attended the presentation.

Chamber steps up service to members

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce has hired Harry Record to handle public relations and membership development for the organization.

"Janice Plummer, the Chamber Manager, does an excellent job. She is in the office to meet visitors and answer telephone and email inquiries about our community as well as provide service to our members," said Thessa Harp, past President of the Chamber. "The Board of Directors realized the need for someone to be 'out and about' so we could have a better idea of the kind of help our members as well as other businesses need."

Later in the year, Record will also visit area communities to promote Post and Garza County.

Record and his wife, Janice moved to Lake Alan Henry from Ft. Worth in 2008. They attend Holy Cross Church in Post. He is a graduate of TCU and before retiring held sales and management positions with national companies including YSL Beaute, Inc., Lancaster Group and the Revlon Corporation.

"Harry has a real desire to become part of our community and to contribute to its continued growth and development," Harp continued. "We are very



(From left) Post Area Chamber of Commerce Manager Janice Plummer works with Harry Record and Thessa Harp to plan Chamber events for 2009. Record, who manages public relations and membership development, began working for the Chamber last month.

Photo by Rosa Latimer

fortunate that he is willing to work on a part-time basis to help develop a stronger business community and a stronger Chamber."

The annual Chamber banquet, open to all Post and Garza County residents and businesses, will be February 28, 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person.

A catered meal will be served and reservations are required.

Other events for the community planned for 2009 include a workshop, "Advertising Your

Small Business" in March; Post and Garza County Job Fair in May; the August Rodeo Parade; a Community Prayer Breakfast in September; an October Art and Music Festival and the Lighted Christmas Parade in December.

The Chamber also has a quarterly meeting for its members.

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce office is located at 131 E. Main St.; telephone 495-3461. Office hours are Tues. - Fri., 1 to 5 p.m.

Agency offers energy bill help

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2009.

The primary intent of this funding is to make money available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with

young children under the age of six.

The basic philosophy of energy self-sufficiency will be the central theme in the CEAP. The program is designed to offer flexibility to allow for creative implementations and innovation. Service delivery not only entails utility payments on behalf of the client, but also a system that addresses the underlying contributing causes of energy-induced hardship.

For more information concerning this program, contact Carla Perez at the SPCAA center on So. Highway 84 or call 806-495-2329.

Post FFA, Garza County 4-H make donation

Members of Post FFA and Garza Co. 4-H presented a check to the Tanner Cook family of Idalou in the amount of \$812.00. The money was gathered during the Garza County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale.

Leaders of both organizations would like to thank everyone who contributed to the fund and also for setting a good example for our youth by helping those in need. The presentation was made between the varsity girls and boys games against Idalou. Accepting the donation was Tanner's father

Johnny Cook. Tanner, an Idalou football player, suffered severe injuries during a playoff football game.

Those who presented the donation included Taylor Osborn, Brooke Morris, Matti Smith, Audra Williams, Blaine Osborn, Brian Osborn, Chase Greathouse, Jarett Blevins, Skylar Jones, Ben Mason, Pake Jones, Reed Williams, Bandy Osborn, and Johnny Cook. Also participating but not pictured Kari Dunn who made the announcement over the P.A. system.

Tuesday grass fire



Jerry Taylor submitted these photos of a grass fire southwest of Post Tuesday evening. Garza County fire officials helped extinguish the blaze.



Post Notes

VFW Post 6797 meeting scheduled February 9th

VFW Post 6797 Men and Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Monday, February 9th at the Post on the Clairmont Highway. The ladies will meet at 6:00 pm and the men will meet at 7:00 pm. All members are urged to attend as plans for the District meeting to be held in Lubbock on Sunday the 15th starting at 8:00 am will be made. The VOD & Patriot Pen winners will be present. Post 6797 has the 1st Place winner in the VOD and the 2nd place winner in the Patriot Pen contest for the District. Any questions or need a ride to the meeting call the Commander 495-2026.

Stitchin Club

The Caprock Cultural Association is going to form a knitting/crocheting/needlework "Stitchin Club". To find out more information please join us Thursday, February 12, 6 p.m. at the Heritage House located at 109 N. Ave N, or call Shawnette at 806-495-4148.

TAKS MEETING RESCHEDULED

The re-scheduled TAKS informational meeting will be held

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PLEASE NOTE

The following telephone numbers. Some have changed:

Constable's Office

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Collier graduates with honors from Texas Tech

Texas Tech University College of Arts & Sciences held commencement exercises on December 13, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena. Christin Nicole Collier of Post, Texas received a Bachelor of General Studies Degree with an emphasis in Biology, Business and Chemistry, Cum Laude in Honors Studies from new TTU president, Dr. Guy Bailey.

Christin, daughter of Alexa Collier of Post, Texas and Bill Collier of Ransom Canyon, Texas was a 2005 graduate of Post High School.

While a student at Texas Tech, Miss Collier was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority where she served as External Relations Committee Chairman for three years, Vice President of Communications her senior year and delegate to Panhellenic her junior and senior years. She was elected to Freshman Council in September 2005, elected as a Student Government Arts & Sciences Senator in February 2006, and served on the Student Life Committee, as Arts & Sciences College Coordinator and as freshman council sponsor until her graduation. Christin was also tapped for membership in HON Honor Society, National



Christin Collier

Society of Collegiate Scholars, Omicron Delta Kappa and Order of Omega, where she served as secretary.

Christin and her parents attended the Honors College Winter Graduation Banquet on December 12, 2008, where Dr. Gary M. Bell, Dean of the Honors College, presented Miss Collier her Honors College medallion.

Family and friends celebrated Christin's graduation with a special dinner after commencement ceremonies.

Following graduation, Christin moved to Breckenridge, Colorado where she is currently working for Breckenridge Sports. She will be attending graduate school at Texas Tech in the fall of 2009 to pursue an MBA in Business.

This past week in history

- 1/31/1940 - The first Social Security check was issued by the U.S. Government.
- 2/1/2003 - NASA's space shuttle *Columbia* exploded while re-entering the Earth's atmosphere. All seven astronauts on board were killed.
- 2/2/1887 - The beginning of groundhog day in Punxsutawney, PA.
- 2/3/1959 - Buddy Holly (22), Ritchie Valens (17), and the Big Bopper (28) died in a plane crash in Iowa.

Dalby ...

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prisoners. When the 2007 expansion was complete, the capacity increased to 1921. The average daily population in 2008 was 1872 inmates and the average length of stay for a prisoner at the facility is 376 days.

Prisoners at the Dalby Unit are 100% deportable criminal aliens. When a prisoner is released from this location, they are turned over to the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE). This agency takes the former inmate to a secure holding facility until he can be deported to his home country.

"One of the greatest challenges in dealing with the inmate population is the cultural differences of the prisoners," Dixon said. "The prison houses inmates from approximately 70 different countries. Employees participate in cultural diversity classes to help them understand the customs and behavior of the prison population."

Warden Dixon explained that the operations of an MTC facility are based on professional image and team work. "We also have a strong belief system - belief in the human race. We operate from the belief that with proper education and role models, people can change." At the Dalby Unit, the potential for change is provided through the programs and classes offered inmates and that potential is further enhanced by the positive influence of staff on the prisoners whenever possible.

All staff at the Dalby Unit wear a pen with the acronym "BIONIC." Those initials stand for: Believe it or not I care. "This company [MTC] is not just about pleasing our customer, which is the Federal Bureau of Prisons. We are about changing people," Dixon said.

The Dalby Unit offers school for prisoners that begin at the Kindergarten level and continue through 12th grade. These classes are taught in English and in Spanish. The facility also provides financial management instruction and substance

abuse programs as well as classes to prepare for the GED examination.

"We believe that even though every one of these prisoners will be deported and there's no chance they will be living in our community, wherever they go we want them to have the opportunity to be a better human being" the warden said.

MTC also believes in supporting its staff and the community. "In addition to providing the opportunity for employment in Garza County, we offer excellent benefits. If we stay in budget and serve our customers efficiently, our employees are rewarded."

"Strong community involvement is another priority. It helps balance any negative perception of the facility. In addition, by supporting the community we are supporting our staff," Dixon said. "It is a pleasure to be involved in the same endeavors with them."

Dixon explained that MTC has some limitations regarding financial support within the community. "An organization must be a 501c3 non-profit. However, if a group meets that criteria and needs some help, they can always come to the Dalby Unit." Indeed the facility has made a positive impact on many facets of the community: Meals on Wheels, the booster club, youth football and other athletics, scouts, the stock show, and Trailblazers as well as employee blood drives on a regular basis. Each year MTC awards three \$3,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Post and Southland.

The Dalby Unit has supported the American Cancer Society the past several years by sponsoring a bass tournament. In addition this year, they plan to sponsor a golf tournament with the proceeds going to that organization also. "We'd like very much to lead the way in bringing back the Relay for Life in Garza County," Dixon said. "If anyone is interested in doing this, give me a call."

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LCU picks Post grad

Ricky Abraham-Alvarez, formerly of Post, was recently given the opportunity to advertise for Lubbock Christian University. He was chosen among many candidates for his view of teaching as his mission in life. He is a 2000 graduate of Post High School, an alumnus of South Plains College and Lubbock Christian University. Ricky currently teaches Spanish I and II at Lubbock High School. He is the grandson of Gloria Abraham and the late Abel Abraham, the son of Betty Abraham Garza, the stepson of Raymond Garza, and the nephew of many proud uncles and aunts.

- 2/4/1974 - Patricia (Patty) Hearst was kidnapped in Berkeley, CA, by the Symbionese Liberation Army.
- 2/5/1942 - Former Dallas Cowboy quarterback Roger Staubach was born.
- 2/6/1971 - NASA Astronaut Alan B. Shepard used a six-iron that he had brought inside his spacecraft and swung at three golf balls on the surface of the moon.

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Obituaries

Peggy Jean McMinn Ellis
Peggy Jean McMinn Ellis, 79, of Amarillo died Thursday January 22, 2009. Memorial Services were held at 11 a.m. at St. Luke Presbyterian Church with Dr. Tom Pass of Houston officiating. Burial was at Memory Gardens Cemetery, arrangements by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors. Mrs. Ellis was born August 24, 1929 to John D. and Aleta Mae McMinn in the small community of Jester, OK. She moved with her family in her early school years to Bushland and then to Amarillo. She graduated from Amarillo High School in 1947 and was married to Travis Ellis August 3 of the same year. She moved with her husband to a wide variety of locations, working to assist him in the pursuit of education for parallel careers as Christian minister and educator. She was employed by various companies and institutions, including Goodfriends of Austin, Lathams of Lubbock, Alcoa in Emeryville, CA., Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas and Hawaii Baptist Academy in Honolulu. During those same years she furthered her own education, completing courses in Bible, history and library science.



Sybil Lorene Cockrum

Services for Sybil Lorene Cockrum, 92 of Tahoka and formerly of Post were held at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Post with the Rev. Steve McMeans of Lubbock, officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home Post.

Sybil died Saturday Jan. 31, 2009 at the Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock. She was born Nov. 27, 1916 to Francis Edward (F.E. 'Bud') and Willie Etta (Callis) Marable in Post. Sybil attended Post Schools and graduated from Post High School in 1938. She attended the Mission Beauty School at Roswell, NM. Sybil married Dan Bush Cockrum on July 24, 1938 in Post at the First Christian Church. Dan preceded her in death Jan. 17, 2007. Sybil worked for Shorty Hamilton, Parrish Grocery and Dewalt Flower Shop and later for Chant Lee. She and Dan owned and operated Cockrum Printing and Office Supply, until they retired. They moved to Lynnwood Assisted Living due to health. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Pricilla Club and the Garden Club.

She is survived by one son: Dan E. and his wife Lynda Cockrum of Carlsbad, NM. Three grandchildren: Michael and his wife Veronica Cockrum of Grand Canyon, AZ; Kimberly Lynn Cockrum and Andrea Lorene Cockrum, both of San Antonio. Two great-grandchildren: Daniel Alexander Cockrum and Katelyn Emily Cockrum, both of Grand Canyon, AZ.

Pallbearers were: Johnny Kemp, Joe Cook, Archie Gill, Bob Hudman, Rick Jones and Michael Cockrum. Honorary Pallbearers were: Hans Hudman, Preston Poole, Jr. and Harold Craig.

Memorial are suggested to: First Baptist Church, 402 West Main Street, Post, TX 79356.

Tommy F. Leake

Services for Tommy Leake, 75, of Lubbock, formerly of Southland and Lubbock were held 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009 in Englands Chapel with Mike Holley of Post officiating. Interment followed in Resthaven Cemetery, Southland under the direction of Englands Funeral Service of Slaton.

Tommy was born March 11, 1933 in Wilbarger County; he died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009 in Lubbock.

He graduated from Southland High School in 1951 and worked as a salesman for Basinger International Harvester in Southland before entering the US Army in 1953.

After his discharge in 1955, Tommy moved to Tulsa, OK where he worked for Time Freight Lines for 26 years and retired from Tulsa County Parks Dept in 1999.

He was a member and deacon of Fairview Baptist Church in Tulsa.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents: John and Dulca Leake; a daughter: Nelda Ann Cartrite; brothers: Bill, Joe and Bob; a sister: Catherine Hendrix; and his wife, Mary.

His survivors include his son, Preston Leake of Post and stepson, Michael Herron and stepdaughter, Tish Herron both of Tulsa, along with 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

Garza County Trailblazers receives state grant

State Representative Joe Heflin announced that Garza County Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center was one of 12 community programs in House District 85 who received a grant from the Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program.

Trailblazers received over \$5,000 in grant proceeds. "This grant will supplement funds that the center receives from other sources," explained Billie Williams, Secretary in the Garza County Judge's office, who helped complete the grant application.

Williams indicated that there has been a decrease in funding for the Senior Citizens Center from sources such as SPAG.

"This money will help us purchase food," said Doyle Schumard, Center Director of Trailblazers. "We get some food from the South Plains Food Bank and other sources, but sometimes we have to buy items such as meat."

This grant will help us feed our seniors." Trailblazers currently serves 40-50 lunches at the center and delivers to 15-18 household citizens each day.

Announcing the grant recipients, Rep. Heflin stated, "The willingness of our communities to help those in need is to be commended and encouraged. Providing money for fuel, food and other expenses that come along with home-delivered meals is essential for the programs that provide

this assistance to our elderly and homebound. I am very happy to see our District's increased participation in the Texans Feeding Texans program."

Established by the 80th Texas Legislature in 2007, the Texas Department of Agriculture's Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program helps to offset the cost of producing and delivering meals for qualified organizations that have a record of providing home-delivered meals to the elderly and disabled.

This past summer, Rep. Heflin encouraged more District 85 organizations to apply for the grants. The result was an increase in the number of participating counties and programs as well

as a 37 percent increase in the amount of funds awarded to programs in the District.

You can shed tears that he is gone, or you can smile because he has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all he has left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see him, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember him and only that he's gone, or you can cherish his memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, or you can do what he'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Our Precious, even though you are gone, not a day goes by that we don't miss your smiling face, your voice, and your strong faith in God. We miss the way you would try to cheer us up when we were feeling sad, just by saying "don't cry, just pray." You were a blessing and a joy to have. We know we will see you again.



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Births



Fremin and Lorie Rivera are proud to announce the birth of their grandson, Antonio Noel Caceres, Jr. Antonio, the son of Antonia Rivera and Noel Caceres, was born Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008 at 7:04 a.m. at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 8 lbs 6 oz and was 23 in. long. Antonio Noel was welcomed home by his uncle Fermin Rivera, Jr.



Tyne Blaine Stipe was born Jan. 25, 2009, 5 lbs 5 ozs and 18 3/8 in. Proud parents are T.C. and Lesley Stipe. Proud grandparents are: Les and Christy Rutherford of Post and Gary and Connie Stipe of Gail.

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De Leon, Lott married Oct. 4 in Austin

Alana Elizabeth De Leon and Brandon Jay Lott were united in holy matrimony Saturday, October 4, 2008, at Lakeway Resort and Spa in Austin, Texas. Father Michael Hoffman, of Mission, Texas, performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Medardo "JR" and Susan De Leon of Mission. She is the granddaughter of Medardo and Rosalba De Leon and the late J.C. and Mary Martin from Mission.

The groom is the son of Doug and Donna Harden of Austin, Texas, and Brad and Stacy Lott of Frisco, Texas. He is the grandson of Bill and Willie McBride of Post, Texas, Leecy Lott of Frisco, Texas, the late Grant Lott of Post, Texas, and the late Myrtle McBride of Pampa, Texas.

The bride wore a gown designed by Pronovias by Valentino. The ivory gown was a beautiful sleeveless V neck modified A-line gown of duponi silk. The gown featured a bodice with ruching to the waistline with a brooch gathered at the hip. The full length skirt featured a standard train. Her gown was enhanced with a diamond pendant made from her late grandmother's necklace. The bride wore orchids in her hair.

The bridal bouquet was a simple elegant clutch with green hydrangea, ivory roses, chocolate cosmos, green cymbidium orchids, white ranuncula, and green hypericum berries. The bouquet was wrapped with ivory satin ribbon and had the bride's grandmother's rosary attached.

Courtney Cowan of Los Angeles, California, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Erika Cecil of Austin, Texas, Deborah



Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Jay Lott

Martinez of Pharr, Texas, Kelly Arguello of Huntington Beach, California, Sandra Collins of Venice, California, and Myriann Harden, sister of the groom from Austin, Texas.

Junior bridesmaids were Arielle, Alyssa and Julianna Epstein of Austin, Texas, and Samantha Sommers from Malibu, California. The flower girl was Ashley Sommers of Malibu, California.

Brian Bruskrud of Calabasas, California, was the best man. Groomsmen were Atul Singh, John Chisholm and Chris Scull of Los Angeles, California, Ken Tionson of Scarsdale, New York, and Daniel Crook of Mission, Texas. The ringbearer was Joshua Epstein from Austin, Texas. The groomsmen served as ushers.

Andrea Garcia, cousin of the bride, from San Antonio, Texas, read the scripture and

Omar Abou-Sayed, friend of the groom from Sugarland, Texas, read a poem.

To honor the bride's Hispanic heritage, David and Rebecca Crook, godparents to the bride, presented the couple with arras. A

special hand tying ceremony was performed to honor the groom's Irish heritage, as well as an Irish Blessing given by the groom's grandfather.

A cocktail hour was held immediately following the wedding ceremony and was followed by a dinner/dance reception at Lakeway. As a surprise for the bride the groom arranged for a fireworks display over Lake Travis.

The bride graduated from Mission High School in 1995 and is a 2000 graduate of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, with a degree in Mass Communications. She is employed as a nanny in Los Angeles, California.

The groom graduated from Shamrock High School in Decatur, Georgia, in 1994 and is a 1999 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Radio, Television and Film. He is employed by Warner Brothers Studios in Burbank, California.

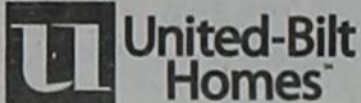
The bride and groom took a delayed honeymoon to Belize and are at home in Los Angeles, California.

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Opinions

This week in Post City

By Rosa Latimer

We were in Hereford this past weekend to visit my husband's family - specifically his four older sisters.

These women are such an inspiration I wish you could meet them, but since that's not possible; I'll tell you a little bit about Joyce, Jolene, Bernice, and Cecilia.

First you should know that the youngest is 83 years old and the oldest is 92 and each lives alone. Yet these women will drive or fly to any destination that promises lots of time to visit with family or help each other through a difficult time. They are all, without exception, interesting, smart and fun women.

The girls grew up on the farm near Hale Center, TX where they graduated high school. They lived through the depression and the "dust bowl days" and had to help their father with farming and chores because two brothers were born many years later. Eventually they all made their way to California to work and marry. Now all but one is back home in Texas. The women share a strong bond and many happy memories.

Joyce is 92 and after approximately 6 weeks of illness has just moved into an assisted liv-

ing facility. Until this time she maintained her own home and her independence. Joyce enjoyed a career of sixty-plus years as a professional model and fashion buyer in California. She is a pianist, has traveled all over the world, studied at Cambridge, and can still "strike a pose" at the drop of a hat.

Jolene, who just turned 90, was selected "Volunteer of the Month" at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center. Believe me, this was not an honorary award! Jolene has served as the chairwoman of the center's week-long Christmas event, "Festival of the Trees," that raises almost \$100,000 each year for the center. She was a genuine "Rosie the Riveter" and is an accomplished artist as well as the family historian. She is currently writing her memoirs.

Bernice, 86, still lives in California where she moved with Jolene to help build airplanes during WWII. The oft-told family story is that she was a bit ungainly as a young woman earning her the name "Calamity." She has certainly outgrown that label. During our recent visit, she told me how she spends her time in her gated retirement community: hard court volleyball 3 mornings; water aerobics 2

mornings; water volley ball 3 afternoons and line dancing when she has time. She had a badly swollen hand from a bad "spike" during a volleyball game a couple of days before she left for the weekend in Hereford. That didn't slow her down - she still had her good right hand! Bernice has a quick wit and bright, smiling eyes.

Cecilia lives near Waco and is the youngest of the sisters. She's an enthusiastic football fan (especially the Cowboys) and organized the Super Bowl party last weekend, bringing all sorts of snacks and drinks. If anyone in the family needs help, Cecilia will likely be the first to swoop in and get things done.

Personally, one quality I've found in these women that I especially appreciate is their complete acceptance of me when I married their "little" brother a few years back.

Yes, Cecil and Cleo Bell can be very proud of their "girls," all they have contributed to their families and their communities. Anyone who has the pleasure of knowing these women is inspired and energized. It is always a blessing to spend time with Joyce, Jolene, Bernice and Cecilia.

That's it for this week in Post City!

White River Weekly Report Jan. 30, 2009

Gauge Reading 2351.70	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 2,808,554,663 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 27% capacity or 8,613 acre feet. Subtract 19,551,059 MG for evaporation this week in December that leaves 2,787,003,604 MG available as of today. White River's daily average demand for 2008 was 1.23

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

All publicity is good publicity - even bad publicity. That's what the movie stars say.

Can I have an "Amen!" from the peanut gallery?

Yep, I think I see heads nodding.

At this point I should probably explain that my image of a peanut gallery is a balcony in a darkened movie theatre where all the seats are filled with giant peanuts wearing monacles but no top hats. They're all watching the movie and eating popcorn, canes leaning against their knees -- a dapper bunch of bald guys. You didn't think they'd be eating peanuts, did you?

If you're still with me, you're a candidate for membership in my cult following. You'll need counseling to get out.

Back to peanuts. They're in the news, tainted by their relationship with Salmonella, capitalized to fit our analogy:

The peanuts are a classy bunch of guys who shouldn't be hanging

out with such a gal as Sal. She's got a bad reputation.

Speaking of bad press, that's exactly what's gotten peanuts into trouble lately - getting pressed into peanut butter at a plant where Sal was apparently lurking in dark places.

That is how peanuts get turned into peanut butter, isn't it? Or do they get milled? What do I know? I just know I'd like to have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich right now. Yum. So, at least for me, the theory holds that publicity is publicity. Even bad news about peanut butter is enough to drive me to the cabinet to search for a jar of the stuff.

But maybe I'm not normal. (Quiet in the peanut gallery.) Maybe most American consumers have lost their appetite for peanut butter in the wake of recent salmonella-related events. Pity. If America ever needed peanut butter, it's now. We're in a peanut butter economy.

Is your 401(k) shrinking? Have

you lost your job? Your house? Peanut butter to the rescue. It's the common man's bailout.

Sure, other foods can also stretch a budget - rice, beans, lard, liver, flour, potatoes, cabbage. But don't they just scream ordinary? I think so.

But peanut butter screams special - sort of like popcorn, another cheap food with pizzazz. And they're both fashionably American. Ancient Mayans and Aztecs made peanut paste, and urban legend has it that Squanto popped popcorn for the Pilgrims. Can't you just see all those serious Pilgrims munching Wampanoag popcorn? I can.

Anyway, regarding both popcorn and peanut butter, consider these predictions:

To save money and get back to the basics, not always synonymous, someone will discover what Squanto knew - not all popcorn has to be popped in a microwave. Hold it over an open fire and it pops right on the cob.

But homemade peanut butter is the fad that really will catch on. Capitalizing on widespread mistrust of factory-made peanut butter, someone will use television to market a nifty device for

making the stuff at home. Expect much homemade peanut butter to end up in festive gift jars at Christmastime.

Some of it will have salmonella.

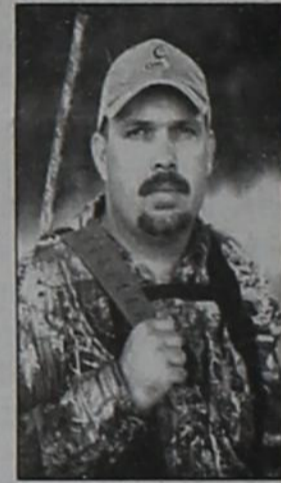
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Russell Graves Outdoors Goose Nation

By Russell A. Graves

Justin Hill and Erik Guggenheim didn't set out to be prominent members of Goose Nation - it just turned out that way. As members of the Ranger Creek Goose hunting team, their jobs involve grinding away every weekend in weather that ranges from downright hot to frigidly cold and everything in between. Their myopic approach to goose hunting is simple: get the geese in close for the clients.

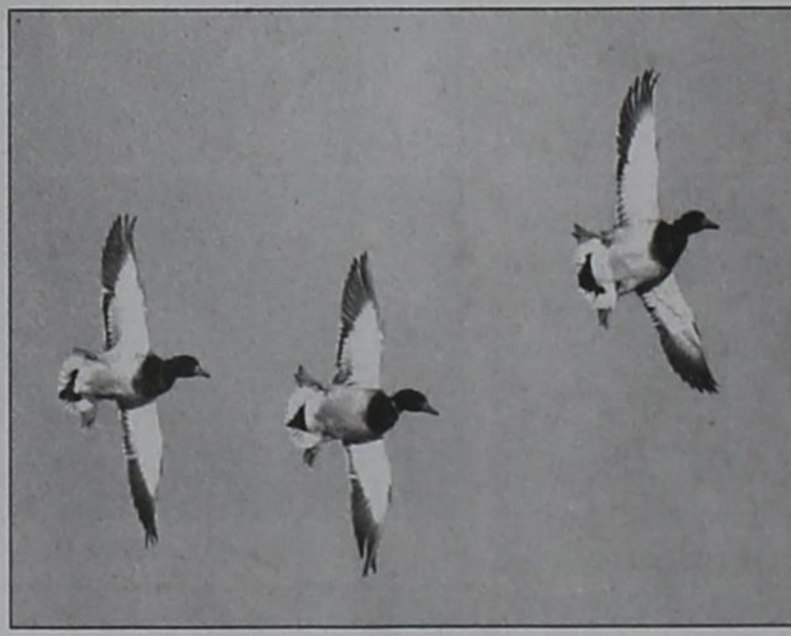
During the week, Justin and Erik toil in the professional world. Justin travels out of Abilene and is a sales representative for a pharmaceutical company and Erik heads up a structural engineering firm from his base in Keller, Texas. On weekends, however, both don camouflage and mud boots and work tirelessly to place hundreds of decoys in an enticing pattern. Lots of work for what amounts to literally just a few seconds of action by morning's end.



Lying in a pop-up blind at the edge of a broad natural lake as geese by the tens-of-thousands (yes, I said tens-of thousands) drift overhead, I am struck by how I am in the most unlikely of places to see this much waterfowl.

From the road you might never notice the shallow-water basins that dot the landscape on a swath of Texas Midwest that lies roughly between Knox City and Haskell. From high overhead the geese see them and they come down in droves to roost on the naturally occurring lakes and feed on the spoils left behind from the peanut harvest in farm fields all over the area.

"I've hunted for ducks and geese all



over the Western Hemisphere and I can tell you that day in and day out, the action isn't much better than it is around here," admits Guggenheim. "On a given day we'll see thousands of geese and the variety of birds overall is amazing." Guggenheim is correct, during my day in the blind I see speckled belly, Canada, and snow geese in addition to several braces of mallards, pintails, gadwalls, and green-winged teal. While I am here to just photograph, the hunters take their limits in short order and we get off the lake to rest it for the week.

"We try to take care of the lakes and not over-hunt them," advises Hill as he hurriedly tries to stow the mounds of gear back in the cargo trailers. "We realize that we have a precious resource and work hard to take care of both the water and the geese."

With such a demanding goose hunting schedule - every weekend for the entire three month season - I wonder how the two respected guides manage to take care of themselves much less all of their clients.

"We do all this for the love of hunting geese," confides Hill. "Sure you get tired, but we cherish the opportunity to bring people out to experience what we experience. That never gets old..."

For more information about Ranger Creek Goose check out www.rangercreekgoose.com

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

For the past few months I've attempted to work at my day job and keep both of my sons at the same time.

To all of you stay-at-home moms - my hat is off to you. To you working mothers - I don't know how you can sustain it for any period of time. I won't even go into the difficulty of being a working mother.

Men - either by nature or tradition - fail to do near as much as women concerning our children. This is not a certainty, but it is obviously the more common of the options. Maybe in all societies, women are the chief care-givers of the home.

Please understand that I can get the job done. I can handle the normal activities of my children, but it's not easy. Throw in the fact that I'm trying to run a business and it was pretty darn tough.

Now I love my boys more than I can even begin to explain, but it's good to be back at work. The constant distraction of even the most basic of questions became overwhelming.

The boys are ages 5 and 3 and the number of questions they can fire from those fast-moving mouths is amazing.

They're needy as well. Examples:

"Dad, can you get me a drink?"

"Dad, can you put my show on?"

"Dad, may I have a snack?"

"Dad, when's Mom going to be home?"

"Dad, can you wipe me?"

Honest to goodness, I should be as skinny as a beanpole because Sutton Hawk is a frequent visitor to the accommodations.

I don't want this to seem as if I didn't enjoy my time with them. I very much did. Maybe too much.

The boys and I are close. I would say we are as close as humans can get. That won't change because I'm now away for several hours a day. But being at home was special.

We're all familiar with the cliché, "Enjoy it now, they grow up fast." Truer words have never been spoken.

I'm glad to have our friend Darlene back with us to help with our kids. She was greatly missed. I wish her absence would have been under different circumstances as she lost her mother, but I think the boys will help provide a release from the sadness of losing a parent.

I firmly believe this time spent with them helped me to heal from the death of my mother last year.

The love of a child is a mighty powerful thing.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather

The weather has been a little windy and dry but overall pretty nice. We do have a slight chance of rain for Sunday so keep prayers a coming. A little moisture would sure help those plows move a little better!

John and Susan Boren have done a facelift on their home. They live a mile north and about a quarter of a mile west of here on the old Bo Wheatly place. They have put a combo of rock and brick on the outside of their house. It is just beautiful. If you are ever out this way drive by and check it out.

I have to tell on my self. I was going to be good and clean the coffee maker we have here in the office, if you have ever read hints from Heloise then

you know vinegar is a cure all when it comes to cleaning. I had heard to run vinegar full strength thru the coffee maker then run clear water 3 or 4 times to rinse it out, so I did this and was soooo proud of myself. The next morning the guys didn't really stick around long. Jim Ellis came in around 10 and got a cup of coffee and said, "Traci this coffee tastes bad." I immediately knew it was the vinegar. I guess I didn't rinse it good enough. I work for a great group of farmers ... none of them wanted to hurt my feelings by telling me the coffee was bad, they just poured out their cups and left; except for Jim, and I say thank you to him. If he hadn't told me, we'd have had vinegar coffee the next day also! We have all had a good laugh but I will not use vinegar

to clean the coffee maker anymore.

Congratulations to Ricky and Judy Bush on the birth of their 22nd grandchild. Miles Luca was born last Thursday weight 8 pounds 6 ounces. Mom, Krishna and baby are doing great!

VISTORS

Brad Pitts with the Altman Group came out to visit and bring us some caps and calendars. We also had Kenneth Bullard, Bobby Terry, Barry Morris and Lupe Valdez. Jose Contreras and his little one, Logan stopped in as well as Jose's sister, Cecilia.

GET WELLS

We send a big get well out to Louis Abraham who is a little under the weather.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

February 6th - Mike Carter

February 11th - Jack 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 and check out our blog at <http://closecitycoopin.blogspot.com>

Everyone have a great weekend! 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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Weekly Inspirations

The Righteous and the Wicked Contrasted

Psalm 1

- 1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.

This Week in Christian History

1441
Pope Eugene IV published the encyclical "Cantante domino." It asserted that the biblical canon of the Roman Catholic Church contains both the 66 protocanonical books (i.e., the complete Protestant Bible) and 12 deuterocanonical (aka "apocryphal") books 78 writings in all.

1810
The Cumberland Presbyterian Church was organized in Tennessee as an outgrowth of the Great Revival of 1800. Standing between Calvinism and Arminianism, the denomination holds a "medium theology" which affirms unlimited atonement, universal grace, conditional election, eternal security of the believer and salvation of all children dying in infancy.

1873
Birth of George Bennard, American Methodist evangelist. He penned over 300 Gospel songs during his lifetime, but is primarily remembered today for one: "The Old Rugged Cross."

1874
English poet and devotional writer Frances Ridley Havergal, 37, penned the words to the popular hymn of commitment, "Take My Life and Let It Be [Consecrated, Lord, to Thee]."

1950
American missionary and martyr Jim Elliot resolved in his journal: 'I may no longer depend on pleasant impulses to bring me before the Lord. I must rather respond to principles I know to be right, whether I feel them to be enjoyable or not.'

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Sincerely,
Antonio & Angelina Rodriguez

I would like to thank all of my friends and family that called or came by after my accident. Thanks to the Ambulance crew for all you do everyday. A special thanks to my "second" family at the clinic for taking such good care of me. You guys are great.

Brandy Fannon

The family of Jeanie Byrd would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, phone calls and cards while Jeanie was hospitalized and at home. It meant so much to her. Thanks to each who provided food, for the beautiful flowers and for being such a comfort to all of us during this difficult time. A special thanks to Post EMS for your helpfulness, care and concern.

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February 10
Breakfast - Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch - Crispy tacos, lettuce, tomato, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk
February 11
Breakfast - Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch - Grilled cheese,

Menus

tortilla soup, broccoli w/ ranch, strawberries & bananas

February 12
Breakfast - Breakfast, pizza, fruit, milk
Lunch - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, bread sticks, sliced peaches, milk
February 13
Breakfast - Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch- Chicken patty on bun, tater tots, western beans, orange smiles, milk

Southland ISD

February 9
Breakfast - Biscuits, jelly, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange, chocolate pudding, milk
February 10
Breakfast - Breakfast burritos, juice, milk
Lunch - Hot dogs, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk
February 11
Breakfast - French toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch- Chicken fried

steak, mashed potatoes/ gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk

February 12
Breakfast - Muffins, oranges, juice, milk
Lunch - Meat & bean chalupa, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, applesauce, milk
February 13
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Lunch - Submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, tater tots, baby carrots w/ranch, brownie, milk

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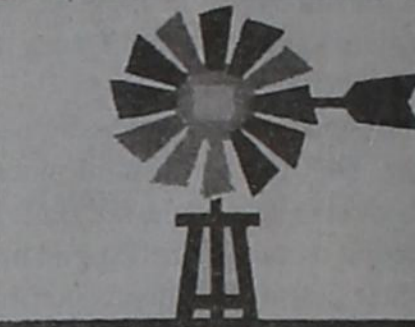
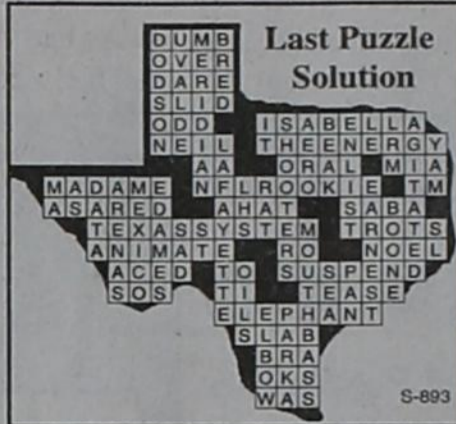
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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago February 4, 1999

Cody Hill, Parmer County Extension Agent served as judge for the 1999 GCJLA stock show. In the lamb show, he chose a brother and sister team of Jennifer and Jay Josey as the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Lambs, respectively. The same duo were also chosen as Senior and Junior Showmanship winners in the lamb division. In the Goat show, Patrick Reiter led the Grand Champion Goat, followed by Aaron Cooper selected Grand Champion Steer.

Post's own Marie Neff was crowned winner of the first annual Panhandle/South Plains Ms. Texas Senior Pageant. First runner-up in the competition was Barbaralee Newcomb, also a Post resident. Named Ms. Congeniality was Mary Ingram of Lubbock.

Tiffany M. Jackson, daughter of Alton Steel and Barbara Smith of Post, entered active duty in the U. S. Air Force January 27.

20 Years Ago February 8, 1989

Family representatives of Jack Myers and Sallie Satterwhite were presented plaques honoring this year's inductees in the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Family members present at the Chamber's banquet were Ned, Kelly Jo and Fred Myers, children of Jack Myers and Satterwhite's daughter Vada Satterwhite McCampbell and her children Judy Buth and Jerry Don McCampbell.

Dewayne Warren, who left Post recently for Air Force basic training was the guest of honor at a "going away" party at the Post Community Youth Center. The event was hosted by his parents Chet and Becky Warren, Jimmy and Beth Hodges, and Kristi Hodges.

Eric Reese, a student at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall semester.

David and Kelly Posey of Odessa announced the birth of their son, Christopher William, born December 27, 1988.

30 Years Ago February 8, 1979

Larry Willard has been re-elected as president of the Post Chamber of Commerce, but three of the chamber's directors will be new - Jane Terry, Jim Boles and Jim Pollard. Geraldine Butler has been named president of the women's division.

Post got only an inch of snow, but it was snow. Weatherman Glen Barley said it contained .12 of an inch in moisture and that's wet for snow.

Coach John Morrow's Post Does split a pair of district starts in last week's play, defeating Tahoka's girls 40 to 25, but bowing to Cooper, 58 to 41. The split gives the club a record of 12 wins and 13 losses to date.

Mary Ann Norman of Post was among the 380 graduates of Baylor University at the close of the fall semester.

40 Years Ago February 6, 1969

The Texas Highway Commission has approved the construction of a boat ramp on White River Lake. The boat ramp, parking facility and access road will be built adjacent to FM-Road 2794. The estimated cost is \$30,500.

Clearview Company of Post advertised seven cable channels for only \$6.50 a month, plus they will pay \$15 trade-in for your antenna.

Dee Ann Walker of Post was elected to the office of treasurer of the senior class at Baylor University.

Post FFA members exhibited 11 hogs and seven lambs at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, with five of the hogs winning places. The winners were shown by Jay Bird, Jimmy Kemp, Sonny Bevers and Rocky Gribble.

50 Years Ago February 5, 1959

Marine Pvt. L. W. Evans of Post, is scheduled to finish four weeks of individual combat training February 9 at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California.

A son weighing six pounds, 10 ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Walter Boren, Jr. on January 30 in Garza Memorial Hospital. He was named James Bruce.

Among the many Texans attending the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo over the weekend were Boy Hart, Tom Copeland, Nathan Little of Post and Monta Moore of Levelland.

Snowfall Monday and Tuesday measured from one and one-half to two inches in the Post vicinity and deposited .21 inches of moisture here. Icy roads caused the Post schools to remain closed Monday and Tuesday, but classes were resumed Wednesday morning.

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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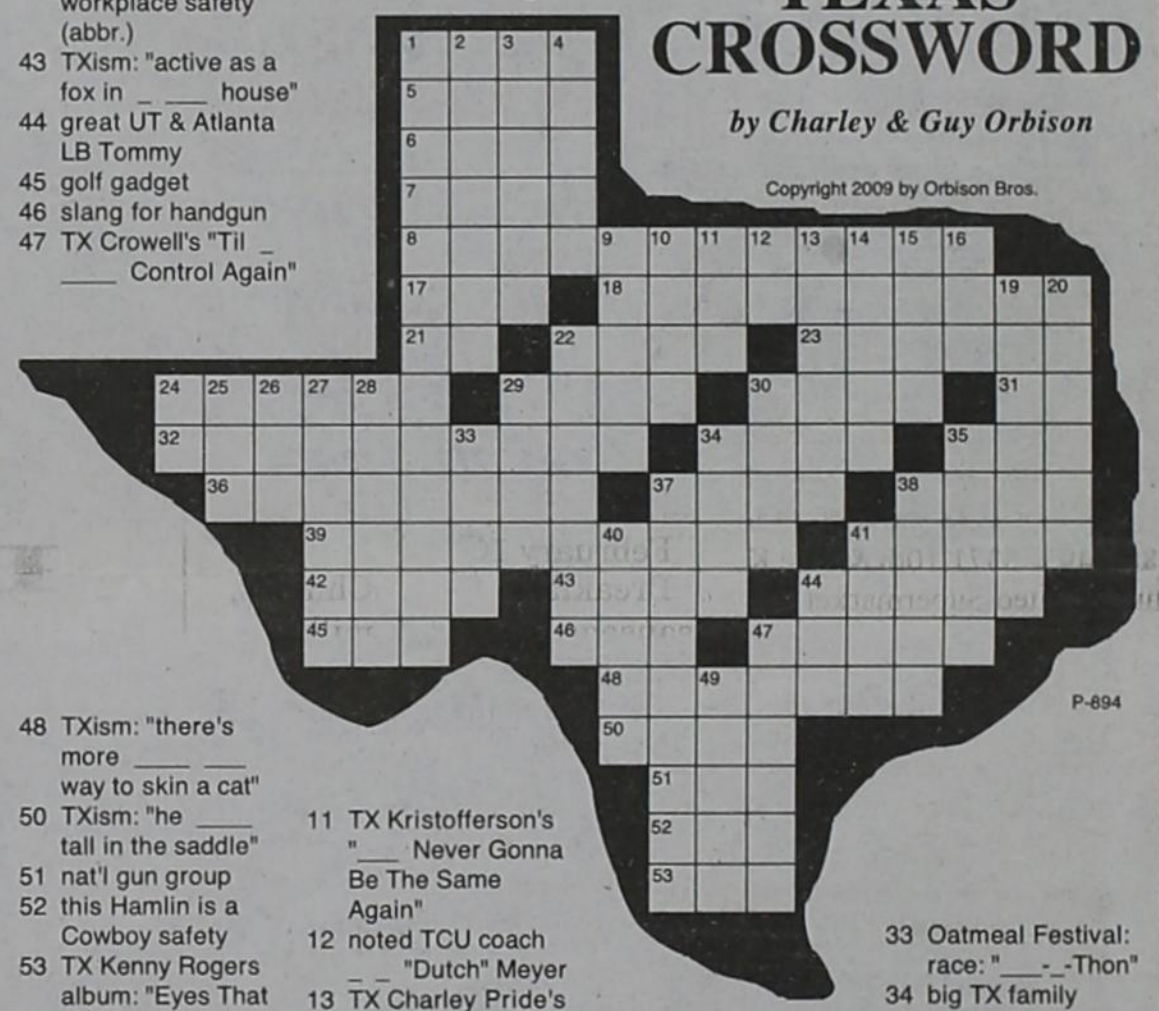
- eatery in TX; "Good _____"
- TXism: "bright as _____ penny"
- move an airplane before takeoff
- TXism: "if he bought a cemetery, people would _____ dying"
- TX residence contractors (2 wds.)
- a lobby group for 51-across (abbr.)
- these "pilots" are trained at Johnson Space Center
- this co. started with the electric bulb
- TX ZZ Top album: "_____ Hombres"
- TX Larry Hagman old TV show: "_____ of Jeannie"
- Larry of film "Medium Rare" with TX Meat Loaf
- Crystal City FM
- dueling sword
- Cowboy Flozell played college ball in this state (abbr.)
- TX director of "Poltergeist"
- disgusting stuff
- Hidalgo Co. lake: El _____ del Rey
- big observatory near Fort Davis
- long narrow cut
- "Pineapple King"
- TXism: "_____ a two-dollar pistol"
- Cowboy owner Jerry
- federal agency for workplace safety (abbr.)
- TXism: "active as a fox in _____ house"
- great UT & Atlanta LB Tommy
- golf gadget
- slang for handgun
- TX Crowell's "Til _____ Control Again"
- TXism: "there's more way to skin a cat"
- TXism: "he _____ tall in the saddle"
- nat'l gun group
- this Hamlin is a Cowboy safety
- TX Kenny Rogers album: "Eyes That _____ in the Dark"

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DOWN

- TXism: "he _____ hog" (rich)
- "Hilton _____" in Dallas
- Howe, TX paper: "_____ Enterprise"
- steal
- showing more skin
- computer operator
- TX Kristofferson's "_____ Never Gonna Be The Same Again"
- noted TCU coach "_____ Dutch" Meyer
- TX Charley Pride's "Where _____ Her Memory"
- TXism: "it's all over but the shouting"
- TXism: "the brand is still smoking" (_____ steak)
- TX Buddy Holly's album: "Peggy _____"
- Tex-Mex grub in corn husks
- golf ball blemishes
- Guadalupe St. next to UT (2 wds.)
- Dublin, TX parties on "_____ Patrick's Day"
- coach Landry
- Gov. Colquitt (init.)
- TX chili? (2 wds.)
- TX Willie tune: "Why Do I Have to _____ a Temple FM"
- this '07 tropical storm caused flooding in TX
- Oatmeal Festival: race: "_____ -Thon"
- big TX family
- daughter's husband: "_____ -law"
- TX Jones' "_____ I Still Care"
- TX singer Gray
- TXism: "_____ the ball game" (over)
- TX-born actress Crawford
- convenience store: "Stop _____"
- TXism: "smart as _____ full of owls"

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Bird Watching

Your backyard is a natural bird habitat and a great place bird watching. You will need a book, called a field identification, and a pair of binoculars. Make slow movements and talk softly. To identify the bird, study it carefully. Notice the colors and size. Is it bigger or smaller than a sparrow? Does it have any particular markings or patterns? Notice the color and shape of the beak. Different beaks are adapted for the food the bird eats. Long beaks are good for finding food in soil; tweezers like beaks are used to pick insects. Very long beaks, like on the hummingbird are used to get nectar from flowers. After you had a good look at the bird, consult your field guide for identification.

Many birdwatchers keep a Life List of all birds they have seen. Happy Birding!

Brain-iac Fun Facts

- There are over 10,000 different birds.
- The largest bird, an ostrich, can weigh 345 pounds.
- Within 2 week after hatching, most birds are as big as their parents.
- The Ancient Egyptians thought the god, Horus, had the body of a man and the head of a bird.
- The first birdwatcher may have been the ancient scholar, Aristotle. He took notes on the migration of dinosaurs.
- Scientist believe dinosaurs may be the descendants of birds!
- Birds use their tail for steering.
- Bird bones are hollow.

http://www.brain-iacs.com



The tiny hummingbird egg is only the size of a pea!

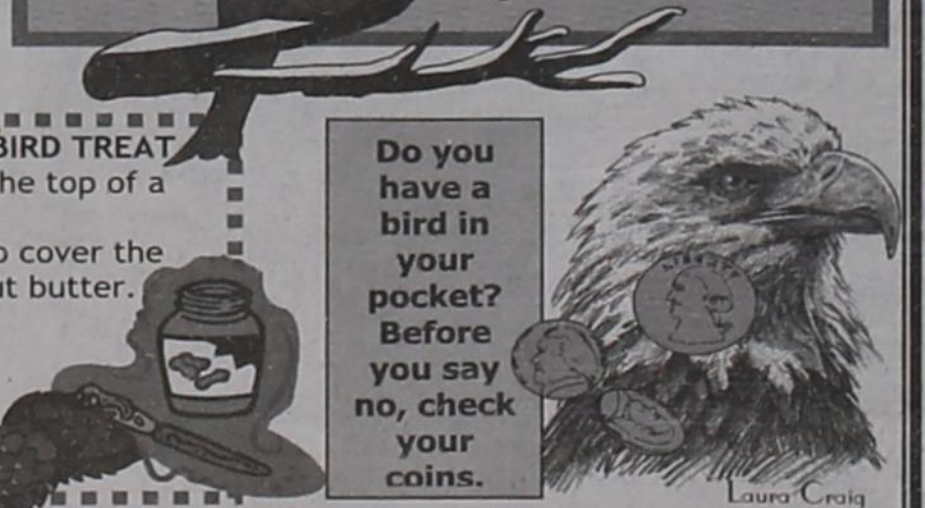
MAKE A BACKYARD BIRD TREAT

- Tie a string around the top of a pinecone.
- Use a plastic knife to cover the pinecone with peanut butter.
- Roll the pinecone in birdseed.
- Hang from a tree.

ENJOY THE SHOW!

The Audubon Society

John James Audubon was a famous naturalist (someone who explores nature). In 1803 he began to travel the US painting birds. His realistic paintings depicted life-size birds in their natural habitat. His paintings and books helped to make bird watching popular. At the time, people would kill birds with tiny pellets from a "collecting gun". Then the birds were stuffed and displayed for study. After seeing a huge pile of dead birds, John Audubon began to realize that if we continued to kill wildlife it would die out. Today the Audubon Society named in his honor works to protect wildlife.



Do you have a bird in your pocket? Before you say no, check your coins.



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The Post Antelopes (1-9 in district) and Lady Antelopes (2-9 in district) split Tuesday's games against Denver city. The girls won 66-52 while the boys fell 46-43. The teams host their home finales tonight against rival Slaton starting at 5 p.m.

Photos by Mitch Holly



Junior High Basketball

7th Grade Boys
2-2
Vs. Shallowater

Campbel Kirkpatrick led the Lopes with 5 points. Taylor Soto and Tyler Jones also scored 4 points Alan Alaniz scored 2 points. All participants played very hard.

8th Grade Boys
2-2
Vs. Shallowater

Aaron Macy led the scoring here Monday with 5pts. Vance Blair with 4 pts. Nathaniel Gill, Tavish Soto, Dalton Holly all added 2 points each. See ya in Denver City next week.

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Post Volunteer Fire Dept. Chili Supper @ the Fire Station
February 7
6 p.m.
Donations accepted

Post ISD GED Class
Post High School/Southwest Entrance
Room 18
February 12
5-8 p.m.

Post Varsity/JV Softball
vs. Floydada
February 7
Noon

Post Varsity Softball @ Tahoka
February 12
5:00 p.m.

Understanding TAKS for Elementary Parents
Post Elementary School Library
February 10
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center
Game Night
February 12
5:30 p.m.
205 E. 10th

Post Varsity/JV Basketball @ Littlefield
February 10
5 p.m.

Post Boys Basketball @ Roosevelt
February 13
5:00 p.m.

Post ISD GED Class
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February 10
5-8 p.m.

Post Varsity/JV Softball @ Lamesa
February 13
1:00 p.m.

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February 10
5:30 p.m.
205 E. 10th

Post Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
February 28
6:30 p.m.

Post Community Center
113 W. Main
Call 495-3461 for reservations

Post Notes

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Feb. 10, 5-6 p.m. in the elementary school library. The meeting is for all parents of elementary school students.

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.

Revival Services

Post Church of the Nazarene will be having their Winter Revival Services with Pat and Donna Burkhalter. Services will be from Wednesday February 4th through Sunday February 8th.

Services will begin at 7 pm nightly with our Sunday service at 10:45 am and at 6 pm. The public is invited to come and be a part of these services. For more information please contact the church at 495-3044.

Middle School TAKS meeting

The Post Middle School public TAKS information meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19th at 7:00 pm in the Middle School Library. All parents of Middle School age children are invited and encouraged to attend.

Heart Screening at Trailblazers

Confidential heart health screenings are being offered by Accolade Home Care at the Garza County Trailblazers on February 19th located at 205 E. 10th from 9:30- 10:30 am. For more information, call Accolade Homecare in Lubbock at 806-791-2100.

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. For more information, call 495-2665.

Garza County Senior Van

The County van is available to take seniors to and from Trailblazers for lunch Monday, Wednesday & Friday free of charge. The van is also available by appointments on Tuesday and every other Thursday to take seniors to and from Lubbock for Dr. appointments. If you have any questions or would like more information please call Melinda Quintana at 806-495-4425.

Pictures for Daniell Family

If you have any pictures of Gary & Heather Daniell or any of their family, please email them to Angie Meyer at awalden@nts-online.net or mail pictures to Angie at 715 W. 14th St., Post, TX 79356.

The Daniell family, formerly of Post, recently lost all of their belongings in a house fire in Cleburne. Heather also made lots of fleece blankets for friends in Post. If you have one of her blankets, she would love to have a picture of that also. Please call Angie at 790-1141 if you need more information.

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.

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