

Area election filing, election dates set

City, School & Health Care District
Election - May 9, 2009
Post Community Center
Early Voting - April 27 through May 5

City Council Wards 1, 2 & Mayor
Candidates filed: Incumbent Dick Odom, Ward 2
Filing deadline: March 5

PISD School Board three at-large positions
Candidates filed: Incumbents Mike Holly and Alexa Collier;
Fred Postell
Filing deadline: March 9

Health Care District
Precinct 3 & 4 representatives
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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY/

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

All of these meetings are open to the public.

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

City of Post City Council Meeting
March 10
6 p.m.

Council Chambers
City Hall
105 E. Main Street

Garza County Commissioners Court
March 9
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 20 & 27, March 6 & 13
7:30 p.m.
877-RAGTOWN for reservations

Tommy Brandt in Concert and

"Judas the Lost Apostle"

Ragtown Gospel Theater
February 21
3 p.m.
877-RAGTOWN for reservations

"Love Letters"

Garza Theatre
February 20, 21, 27 & 28;
March 6 & 7
8 p.m.
495-4005 for reservations

Bold Gold Classic UIL Meet

Post High School
February 21

Band Solo/Ensemble
Coronado High School,
Lubbock
February 21

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center Fish Fry, Games and Music
February 21
2 p.m.

San Angelo Stock Show
February 23 & 24

Post ISD GED Class
Post High School/Southwest
Entrance
Room 18
February 24
5-8 p.m.

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center Game Night
February 24
5:30 p.m.
205 E. 10th

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Black history exhibit at local historical museum

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Pat Cruse of the Garza County Historical Museum, has created a special exhibit commemorating Black History Month. The focus of the exhibit is three African American women who were early pioneers in United States history. Cruse's sequence for presenting the history of black Americans is logical. Without the early work of these individuals and others like them there would be no successive chapters in the history of African Americans in our country.

Cruse is also leading research efforts to put the Post chapter of black history together. She, with the help of others, is collecting pictures and information about Lincoln Elementary and principal/teacher, Zata Reece Pennie as well as students who attended the school on the east side of our community. While this information is not quite ready for publication, a quick review of the information reveals a very interesting chapter in the development of life in Garza County.

One of the three historically significant black women highlighted in the exhibit is Sojourner Truth who was born into slavery in New York. After being freed, in the late 1840s she connected with the abolitionist movement, becoming a popular speaker. Ten years later she began speaking on women's suffrage issues and delivered a famous speech, "Ain't I a Woman?" at a women's rights convention in Ohio. During the Civil War this energetic black woman raised food and clothing contributions for black regiments.

She met Abraham Lincoln at the White House in 1864. Truth made her home in Battle Creek, MI during the mid 1850s and returned there in later years, where she died in 1883. If you stand facing the C. W. Post mausoleum in Battle Creek, Sojourner Truth's gleaming white tombstone can be seen just beyond.

The museum exhibit also honors Elizabeth "Bessie" Coleman (January 26, 1892 - April 30, 1926) who was born in Atlanta, TX and grew up in Waxahachie, TX. Known as "Queen Bess," she was the first African American to become an airplane pilot, and the first American of any race or gender to hold an international pilot license.

The third woman featured in the display is Harriet Tubman, a runaway slave from Maryland who became known as the "Moses of her people." Over the course of 10 years, and at great personal risk, she led hundreds of slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad. This undercover organization was a secret network of safe houses where runaway slaves could stay on their journey north to freedom. Tubman later became a leader in the abolitionist movement, and during the Civil War was a spy for the federal forces in South Carolina as well as a nurse.

This museum tribute to Black History Month includes information on these women, photographs, a large framed print and a tapestry depicting African American culture. Cruse has also displayed figurines from her private collection depicting historical characters.



Pat Cruse of the Garza County Historical Museum is shown with a special exhibit commemorating Black History Month. The exhibit will remain at the museum for several months.

Photo by Rosa Latimer

The Black History exhibit will be on display at the Garza County Historical Museum beyond the month of February. The museum, located at 119 No. Avenue N, is open Tues. - Sat., 10 am to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 495-2207.



A Diamond Heavy Haul truck travels east in the west bound lane of Main Street. This hauler has been making this trip down the historic brick streets of Post several times each month.

Photo by Rosa Latimer

Oversized truck travel sparks concern for safety

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Since East Main Street in Post is also a portion of State Hwy. 380, many trucks travel this route daily. However, several times each month, we experience an extreme situation that some are calling dangerous.

Diamond Heavy Haul, based in Ohio, sends its heavy haulers down Main street several times each month. The difference with this truck and its cargo is that altogether it stretches the full length of a city block and, in order to make the turn east off of Hwy. 84, this enormous vehicle must turn into the west bound lane. The trailer-truck continues east-bound in the westbound lane, maneuvering between parked cars until it reaches the railroad tracks. At that point it can return to the eastbound lane as it hits the highway.

There are times when the Sheriff's department can dispatch an escort for this monster truck; however, more often, it continues its chosen path with an "Overload" escort pickup traveling in front and behind.

There is great concern by many Post citizens because of the damage caused to our brick streets by

these trucks. In the case of Diamond Heavy Haul, who chooses to make Main Street a one-way, east-bound street, there is added concern for safety.

These concerns are shared by the City Council who has pursued for some time a truck bypass that would direct heavy load traffic traveling east on Hwy. 380 away from Main Street. The proposed bypass extends across Hwy 84 at George's Restaurant, with a left curve at the depot, joining back onto Hwy. 380 at the railroad tracks east of the downtown area. Ric Walton, City Manager, recently explained, "The engineering and design is complete for the bypass. Actually, the project fits the description 'shovel ready' that we've been hearing lately." This status puts the federal project potentially in line for some of the federal stimulus funds that are earmarked for state "shovel ready" infrastructure projects. At this point, no one really knows how much of the stimulus money will be available by the state or how the money will be distributed. The City may have to pursue other funding options to complete the bypass.

On the other side of this issue are those who believe that any truck bypass will also be used by

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Post Notes

"FireProof"

The First United Methodist Church is sponsoring a showing of the movie "FIREPROOF", starring Kirk Cameron. Showtime is Saturday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. The movie deals with your relationship with God and others and how you handle them. "A great movie with an inspiring message," says Cameron. All are invited to attend.

Trailblazers Fun Day

Garza County Trailblazers will be having a fun and food day on Saturday February 21st at the Trailblazer center located at 205 East 10th St. The Fun starts at 2:00 p.m. There will be a fish fry, games and music. Jerry and Wanda Osborn will be cooking the meal. Do not bring anything except an appetite and open mind! There could be some door prizes so be sure to show up for yours!!! Hope to see you there for the fun and Food.

Ribbon Cutting scheduled at New Jail

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will have a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Garza County Law Enforcement Center Feb. 19th at 3:30 p.m. The facility is located at 412 E. 15th St.

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 locate 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 meet Saturday, Feb. 21, 11 a.m. at Ruby Land Books, 127 E. Main. The book selection is "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. Anyone interested in hearing discussion about the book is invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call 495-2665.

Class of '64 Reunion Meeting

There will be a meeting to plan the 45th class reunion of the Class of '64 on Saturday, February 21st at the home of Margie Maestas, 801 South Avenue M. If you need further information, please call Margie at 495-0225 or 549-3536 either before 11:30 or after 7:30 p.m.

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Mary Elise Stevenson and Joseph Stephen Norman

Norman, Stevenson plan July wedding

Lee and Marsha Norman of Post announce the engagement of their son, Joseph Stephen Norman to Mary Elise Stevenson, daughter of Kathleen Stevenson of Dallas, TX and the late Brock Stevenson.

The couple will be married July 18, 2009 at the Dallas Arboretum in Dallas, TX.

Mary is a graduate of Lakehill Preparatory School in Dallas and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech Communication and a Master of Arts Degree in Communication Studies from Baylor University. She is currently employed as an instructor at Baylor University in Waco, TX.

Steve is a graduate of Post High School and received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from Baylor University. He is currently employed by Lavertys in Waco.

The bride elect's maternal grandparents are the late Dr. Howard Burkett and Rose Anne Burkett of Dallas. Paternal grandparents are the late Brock and Madlynn Stevenson, Jr. of Nashville, TN.

The groom's maternal grandparents are Jean Tipton of Tahoka and the late Marshall Tipton of Post. Paternal grandparents are Glenn and Mary Margaret Norman of Post.

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American Legion's meeting scheduled for February 26th
The American Legion's James C. Cole Post 270's regular monthly meeting will be held at the First Christian Church 812 W. 13th St on Thursday February 26th at 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

VFW Post 6797 yearly trip to Big Springs
VFW Post 6797 Men and Ladies Auxiliary will make their yearly trip to the Big Springs VA Hospital on February 26th. They will put on Bingo for the patients and they will take sandwiches, chips and desert for them also. They can use any of the following items: toiletries, soap, tooth brushes and tooth paste, tablets, pencils, pens and envelopes. If anyone would like to donate any of these items including the refreshments please call the Commander Chuck Ratliff 495-2026, he will gladly pick these things up. We can't take books or magazines down as they have too many of these at the present time. They will be leaving that Thursday by 5:00 pm, if you have anything for them to take, please call before then

PHS Class of '89 Reunion
The PHS Class of '89 is getting ready to hold their 20 year reunion and are looking for the following people; Jesse Espita, Johnnair Perez, Paula Robertson, Carol Salinas. If you know how to contact any of these people please call Traci @ 632-3611.

Post Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet
The annual Chamber banquet, open to all Post and Garza County residents and businesses, will be February 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Post Community Center. A catered meal will be served and reservations are required. Tickets are \$20 per person. Call the Chamber office for more information and to make your reservations: 495-3461.

My Special Place accepting new enrollments
My Special Place is now accepting enrollment applications for children 6 weeks to 12 years of age. We are open Monday through Friday 6:30 am to 5:30 pm. Please call (806) 495-3446.

Stitchin' Club
The Stitchin' Club meets every Thursday, 6 p.m. at the Heritage House, 109 N. Ave N. The group is sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association and anyone interested in needlework is invited to come. Call 806-495-4148.

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. For more information, call (806) 495-2770. Leave your name and phone number and the instructor will contact you.

Trucks ... (Continued from Page 1)

passenger vehicles. If this scenario develops to a great extent, businesses on East Main Street would surely suffer a loss of traffic and potential customers. These circumstances would result in a lifeless downtown area with beautiful, well-preserved brick streets.

Regardless of how long it takes to complete the bypass project, or whether it is ever finished, in the mean time surely there is an alternative route for these monster heavy haulers. An alternative route that would keep them traveling on the right side of the street.

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE?

The Federal Government has called on lenders, servicers, and banks to assist homeowners. This is a tremendous benefit for borrowers seeking to lower their payment and lower their interest rate and even reduce the principal balance. This restructuring is designed to keep homeowners in their home by customizing a loan payment to fit their budget with their existing lender.

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Obituaries

Iris Joy Parker

A memorial service will be held for Iris Joy Parker at the First Presbyterian Church in Post, TX, March 8 at 2 pm.

Iris Joy Parker died peacefully in Provincetown, MA, on her father's birthday, February 10th, at the same age he passed, 81, and from the same disease, heart failure. Three days after celebrating Christmas in Lubbock, TX, 2005, Iris Parker moved to Cape Cod to be near her daughter, Sky Power. For 2 1/2 years, she lived in a cottage on Drummer Cove in S. Wellfleet before moving into an independent living apartment at Seashore Point this past September. She enjoyed the beauty and unique culture of the Cape, spending time with her daughter, and attending art openings at the Berta Walker Gallery. "Remember me with smiles and laughter, and if you can't, don't remember me at all!" Everyone remembers Iris with smiles and laughter, from her life-long friends, relatives, new friends; and nurses and doctors, where she spent her final days in the skilled nursing facility at Seashore Point. There, in her room, light spilled through a window that framed the ever-watchful Pilgrim Monument. Along with the light, her caretakers spilled into her room, often just to be closer to this "pilgrim" whose humor and courage taught us all that a good death can come from a good life.

Iris was born in Post, Texas on January 13, 1928, the daughter of J.E. and Joy Parker. Her sister, Dorothy Thomas passed in 1992. Her Father was a County Judge, her Mother a homemaker, active in civic organizations in Post. Both Iris and her Mother are remembered as excellent cooks. Iris was a consummate artist, with wide-ranging talents as a musician, dancer, singer, and painter. In Post, Iris was the Founder and first President of the Art Guild, organist at the First Methodist Church from 1940 - 1945, choir director at the First Presbyterian Church, 1948 -1965; President for two terms of the United Presbyterian Women, and active in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's. Iris studied art and music at Texas Tech, Lubbock, TX, and Texas State College for Women, Denton, TX. She was a contralto soprano, and as a young woman gave private recitals and sang at weddings and funerals. In addition to the organ, Iris played the piano and acoustic bass. She was married to Tom Power (1947) and Charles Hamilton (1970). She lived in Wyoming from 1967 -1987, where she enjoyed lake fishing, and designed, built, and decorated homes. Her favorite scripture was fitting during her life and her passing: "For God hath not given me the spirit of fear, but of power, of love, and of a sound mind." She is survived by her daughters, Cleo Sharplin of Frenchtown, NJ, Sky Power of N. Truro, and Roxi Power Hamilton of Santa Cruz, CA.; grandchildren, Ty Jennings of Houston, TX, Emma Joy Power-Perkins of Santa Cruz, CA.; her step brother, Holmes McLish of Denver, CO; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins in Texas.

For information regarding memorials contact: Hamilton@ucsc.edu.

Mary Ethridge

Services for Mary Ethridge, 91, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18 in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with Travis Sweet of the Post Church of Christ officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Feb. 16 in Lubbock. She was born April 4, 1917 in Moline, TX to Harrison and Mary (Stubbs) Stephens. She married Roy Ethridge on March 18, 1933 in Moline. He preceded her in death on Jan. 4, 1975. She and Roy moved to Graham Chapel Community in 1942 to farm cotton. She also worked at Burlington Postex Mill for several years until her retirement.

Mrs. Ethridge was also preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters; one daughter, Wyvonne Heatherly and one granddaughter, Vickie Ramage.

Survivors include one son: Daymon Ethridge of Post, two daughters: Geraldine Graves of Lubbock and Patsy Dodson of Muleshoe; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jack Morris, Jerry Bush, Novis Pennell, Noel White, Ted Tatum and Robbie Wilke.

Donald Dollins

Donald "Don" Dollins, 75 of Snyder, TX died at 9:08 AM, on Monday, Feb. 16, 2009 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18 at the 37th Street Church of Christ with Dale Hubb, Minister, officiating. Interment followed in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Dollins was born November 2, 1933 in Newcastle, TX. He was a graduate of Newcastle High School. He was married to Marie Terry in Shawnee, OK, and served as an MP in the Army during the Korean Conflict.

He lived in Snyder since 1956 and worked for Wellex, a division of Haliburton as an assistant manager and salesman for 34 years. He then worked as a salesman for Weaver Wireline for 22 years.

Survivors include: his wife, Marie, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-Law: Sharon and Daryl Meador, Snyder and Melissa Ann & Louis Tidwell, Snyder; one sister: Betty Lois Whiteley, Newcastle, TX; one brother-in-Law: Herman Terry, Snyder TX; one daughter in Law: Belinda Dollins, Snyder TX;

one nephew: Jerry Dollins, Graham, TX; one niece: Delaine Batjes, Austin TX; six grandchildren: Louise Lee Midwell, Abilene; Kevin Dollins, Tyler TX; Kerry Dollins, Snyder, Tx;

Chris Meador and wife April of Mississippi; Amanda Ann Midwell, Snyder; Stephanie Ruiz and husband Stephanie, Snyder and eight great grandchildren

Dollins was preceded in death by his parents, John Henry Dollins and Cora Lewis Dollins; a son, Randy Dollins, a brother Melvin Dollins and a nephew, Glenn Dollins.

Rotary students of the month



Stacy Bocko

Stacy Bocko is the daughter of Jim and Juanetta Bocko. She is an active student in UIL One Act Play. Her special interests include acting and working with children. Stacy plans to attend San Angelo State University and will major in Psychology. She also plans to work her way through college. Stacy received the Rotary Ryla Award 2008.



Sabrina Sanchez

Sabrina Sanchez is the daughter of Alice Perez. Sabrina is an active student in athletics such as basketball, cross-country, track, and softball. Her special interests include reading, talking and texting all the time and hanging out with friends and family. She has been a regional qualifier for track, all team district in softball and she was a regional qualifier for cross-country. She plans to attend South Plains College in Levelland and pursue a career in the medical field.

Southland News

Congratulations to our girls varsity basketball team and coaches on another great win on Friday night as they defeated New Home to gain the district 6-IA # 2 seed. Our girls have qualified for the playoffs for the second straight year. Congratulations and good luck in the playoffs.

Congratulations to Devin Blanton on his efforts at the San Antonio Stock Show. He placed 3rd with his Yorkshire and 6th with his Duroc. This is a great showing at a very large stock show. Good job, Devin, keep up the hard work!

Congratulations to Ms. Roe and the kids that competed this past weekend at the Regional FCCLA meet in Odessa. Angela Garza qualified for the State FCCLA competition for her STAR event presentation, and Brandon Martin was elected to a state regional office. Great job to each and everyone that was present, you all represented Southland with a great deal of class.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kari Lewis who was presented with

an award for her continued work with young people in FCCLA. Mrs. Lewis was honored this past weekend for her tireless efforts with not only our students but students across the region. Good Job Mrs. Lewis.

Events for This Week: Mr. McCollister and several students will be leaving on Thursday to attend the San Angelo Stock Show. Let's make sure that we let these kids know that we support them and wish them luck in their endeavors this weekend.

Area round Playoff game; site and time to be determined.

Events for Next Week: TAKS training for Teachers, Monday at 3:45.

Several other students will be leaving this week to attend the San Angelo Stock Show.

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Post High School Baseball Schedule 2009

| Day | Date | School | Location | Time |
|-----|--------|-----------------------|---------------|------|
| Mon | 16-Feb | Tahoka (Scrimmage) | Home | 5pm |
| Sat | 21-Feb | Levelland (Scrimmage) | Levelland | 12pm |
| Tue | 24-Feb | Floydada | Home | 7pm |
| Fri | 27-Feb | Long-Ball Contest | Home | 6pm |
| Sat | 28-Feb | Plains | Home | 12pm |
| Tue | 3-Mar | Plains | Plains | 7pm |
| Thu | 5-Mar | Sweetwater Tournament | Sweetwater | TBA |
| Fri | 6-Mar | Sweetwater Tournament | Sweetwater | TBA |
| Sat | 7-Mar | Sweetwater Tournament | Sweetwater | TBA |
| Tue | 10-Mar | *Idalou | Idalou | 7pm |
| Fri | 13-Mar | Colorado City | Colorado City | 7pm |
| Tue | 17-Mar | *Shallowater | Home | 7pm |
| Thu | 19-Mar | *Denver City | Denver City | 12pm |
| Tue | 24-Mar | *Slaton | Slaton | 7pm |
| Sat | 28-Mar | *Littlefield | Home | 12pm |
| Tue | 31-Mar | *Roosevelt | Roosevelt | 7pm |
| Sat | 4-Apr | *Abernathy | Home | 12pm |
| Tue | 7-Apr | *Idalou | Home | 7pm |
| Fri | 10-Apr | *Shallowater | Shallowater | 7pm |
| Tue | 14-Apr | *Denver City | Home | 7pm |
| Sat | 18-Apr | *Slaton | Home | 12pm |
| Tue | 21-Apr | *Littlefield | Littlefield | 7pm |
| Sat | 25-Apr | *Roosevelt | Home | 12pm |
| Mon | 27-Apr | *Abernathy | Abernathy | 4pm |

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Lubbock Lions holding 57th pancake festival

For the past year the Lubbock Lions Club has been preparing to bring the Guinness World Record of "Most Pancakes Made in 8 Hours"..... back to Lubbock where it belongs. The 57th Annual Pancake Festival fundraiser takes place Saturday, February 21, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Committees have been organized and enough product has been ordered to fill a semi-truck.

The public is welcome to join us during "Prime Time"—8 a.m. - 4 p.m. -the time designated for counting—when the Lions intend to make and serve more than 48,000 pancakes to regain the Guinness World Record.

Last year the Fargo North Dakota Kiwanis "Pancake Carnival" snatched the title from Lubbock by serving 34,818 pancakes; they intend to break their own record on Feb. 14, 2009.

Post High School Track Schedule 2009

| Date | Place |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 3\6\2009 | Snyder |
| 3\13\2009 | Abernathy |
| 3\20\2009 | Spring break |
| 3\27\2009 | Shadown |
| 4\3\2009 | Post |
| 4\10\2009 | Roosevelt |
| 4\17\2009 | District @ Denver City |
| 4\24\2009 | Regional Qualifiers |
| 5\1\2009 | Regional @ Odessa |
| 5\15\2009 | State |

Post Jr. High Track Schedule 2009

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|-----------|----------------------|
| 3\5\2009 | Denver City |
| 3\12\2009 | Abernathy |
| 3\26\2009 | Idalou |
| 4\2\2009 | Post |
| 4\9\2009 | District @ Roosevelt |

Caprock Relays

| Jr High Meet | High School Meet |
|--------------|------------------|
| Post | Post |
| Roosevelt | New Deal |
| Slaton | Roosevelt |
| Floydada | Abernathy |
| Abernathy | Floydada |
| | Slaton |

Post High School Tennis Schedule 2009

| DATE | LOCATION |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 2/13 - 2/14 | Levelland |
| 2/20 - 2/21 | Shallowater |
| 3/26 - 3/27 | Snyder (JV-Thurs, Var-Fri) |
| 4/3 - 4/4 | Abilene |
| 4/14 - 4/15 | District @ Frenship |
| 4/22 - 4/23 | Regionals @ Odessa |

MS TENNIS SCHEDULE 2009

District Meet is May 7th at Shallowater

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The Big Apple Deli

The Coliseum

Saturday, February 21, 2009 - 8 pm to Midnight
Tickets: Couples - \$35, Singles - \$20

Tickets available at The Coliseum and the Chamber of Commerce

Post High School Softball Schedule 2009

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|------------|-----------------|------|---------|
| FEB. 21 | LITTLEFIELD TOU | V | TBA |
| FEB. 24 | DIMMITT | JV/V | 5:00 H |
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This week in Post City

By Rosa Latimer

Last week was the week each month when I have several meetings to cover and some that I attend as a participant. I counted the number of individuals involved in these meetings and was surprised that the total was 96. That's just one week and doesn't begin to include all of the civic organizations, non-profits and government entities that help make decisions about Post and Garza County.

In addition to the number of people who attend these meetings, I was struck by the lack of involvement by other citizens. Most were public meetings that anyone can attend, make comments, or at least hear what is happening first hand. Yet hardly anyone was there to show support or contribute. I'm certain there are many in our community who have opinions or suggestions.

Anyone can ask to be on the agenda for a public meeting. At the end of the City Council meeting each month, there is time for citizens to speak to the council. You don't have to call ahead, just show up and

you'll have 3 minutes to talk. No action can be taken on any issues brought up during this time, but it is your opportunity to communicate with this group.

Besides attending meetings, there are many other things we can do to effect change or show support for our elected officials. You could write a letter to the editor of this paper. You can write a letter to those who represent you on the city council, in the county commissioner's court, on the school board. Or, send an email, make a telephone call. It simply is not a good idea to make your opinion known to your family, your neighbors, your coffee buddies and not communicate with those who are making decisions about our future.

One reason to communicate with those that we've elected to represent us is so they will know how their decisions and actions are being perceived within the community. These guys (& gals) spend a lot of time and effort to study issues and problems and decide which course of action is best. The least we can do is give them our support, if

we agree. If we disagree, it is important to let them know that, too - with respect and civility.

If you don't like the way things are going, consider running for office yourself or encourage someone to run who better represents your views. Volunteer to work with one of the many community organizations that need your help. In other words, get involved.

At the very least, when we hold the May elections for city, health care board and school board, vote! This is such a simple concept that it is a great mystery why so many ignore this right to make your opinion known.

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will have a Voter's Forum before early voting begins for the May election. Last year's forum was very well attended. Be sure you attend this year - it's free and will give you a better idea of which candidates will best represent you. Be there to support the candidate of your choice and to support your community.

White River Weekly Report

Feb. 9, 2009

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| Gauge Reading | 2351.65 | 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 | .73" | Rainfall for 2007 | 24.19" |
| Rain to Date | .73" | Rainfall for 2008 | 33.16" |

White River Lake has 2,806,554,663 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 February that leaves 2,787,003,604 MG available as of today. White River's daily average demand for 2008 was 1.23 million gallons per day for all White river customers.

The oil company using water for mining has been stopped until the lake level rises. White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

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

-Mickey Rogers-GM White River



The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

When it comes to expensive fragrances, it's hard to find a nicer one than the smell of a new car. That smell should be labeled "Temptation." A devil inside your head whispers, "You need a new car." Give in, and you've pledged your soul to buying that vehicular aroma. There's nothing like it.

I need a new car. After all, the pledge isn't really forever. It just seems like forever once the new car smell wears off.

The alternative is to buy car deodorizer called "new car smell." But it just doesn't work. Even with your eyes closed, you know you're not driving a new car. The smell isn't even close.

Only twice in my life have I owned and driven absolutely new cars. In my mind's nose, the 1973 MG is a bit hard to remember. Maybe that's because I drove it so much with the top down that those lovely odors dissipated all too soon. A faint clean grease smell mixed with some nice whiffs of rubber come to mind - sort of like my grandmother's new 1953 Plymouth.

But the memory of my new 1994 Ford Aerostar is etched in my olfactory recall forever. What a car! What a smell!

By contrast, I also remember my old 1984 Nissan Pulsar. When I bought it, the odometer showed 93,000-plus miles. Whether those were town or highway miles, I don't know.

But all must have been smoking miles. After three bottles of Febreze, that little car exuded a contradiction in smells that stayed with it until I sold it. I'm not exactly complaining. When I drove that car, the Febreze-smoke smell constantly reminded me how much money I had saved. It was comforting. If you can identify with me on that one, you might have a martyr complex too. It's what drives me to buy used cars. Who really deserves a new car anyway? Who is perfect? Not me.

On the other hand, who doesn't want a second chance? I do.

But what can I do to deserve one more new car in my life? It's almost theological. But what isn't?

If past scenarios rule, what will happen next is like penance, if I understand penance. Maybe I don't. I just know what's going to happen next.

I'll thoroughly clean my 2004 Hyundai inside and out. I'll get the dents taken out of the right fenders. New carpeting, a new cruise control button and some ArmorAll, and my Santa Fe will

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Clothing & Textiles
No Clothing meeting February 18th.

be almost as new as the day I bought it, when it was almost new.

Then I won't want to sell my rehabilitated vehicle. I'll fall in love with it all over again.

That's the trouble with cars. They're too much like people. They deserve second chances too.

That's probably why there's a 1977 Cadillac in the pasture. It's the one my mother and I fondly called the Hail-bent car. When

Rabbit Showmanship Clinics
Will meet every Thursday after school at the GCJLA show barn.

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you name a car, it makes it even harder to send it to the crusher. Never name a car.

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

There is a stimulus to the U.S. economy and it really doesn't cost anyone a dime, but it could make U.S. companies billions.

If every American bought American-made products only, what impact would that have on the economy? It has been done before.

Believe it or not, there are thousands of items made right here in the states. Check out still-madeinusa.com or madeinusa.org and you will find a ton of companies making quality products, many of which can be found right here in town.

If the residents of this country made a conscious effort to support American-companies making and selling American products, our economy would thrive.

Such an effort would create more demand for U.S. products which would help create jobs, etc. At the same time, our trade deficit would shrink dramatically.

It might force U.S. retailers into replacing foreign goods with domestic goods in their stores, but that's okay as well. Retailers know how supply and demand works.

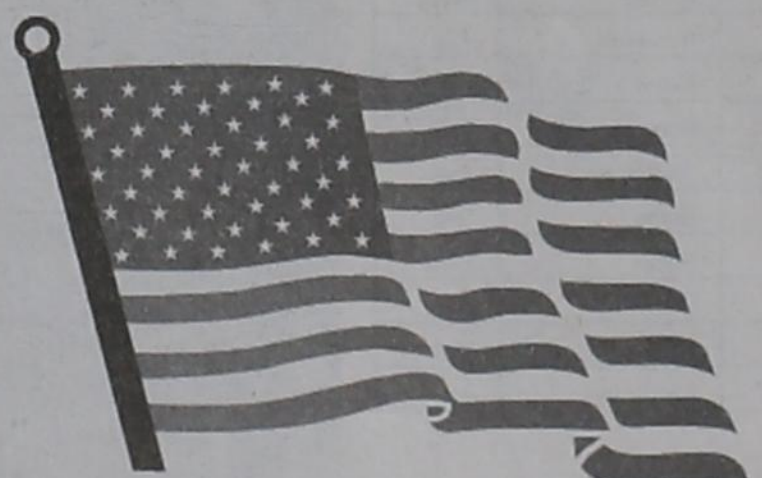
It would also be nice if some of the stipulations from the government concerning the use of stimulus package funds included money for U.S. goods and services only. In other words - make sure the only people and companies benefiting from U.S. taxpayer money are from the U.S.

Consider this: Our deficit in goods and services trade was \$677.1 billion in 2008 and \$700.3 billion in 2007. Those figures are close to the new stimulus bill.

Don't wait for the government to stimulate the economy when there are things we can do right here at home to improve jobs and help companies make ends meet. We all win when we support the home team first!

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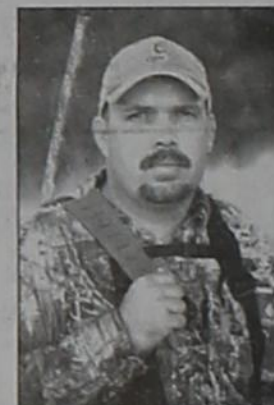


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Russell Graves Outdoors

Your Guide to Choosing the Perfect Camera

By Russell A. Graves



Nearly every day I get e-mails from folks wanting to know how to choose the right camera for taking photos of everything from their outdoor outings to pictures of the kids. I love helping people out because each question is a bit different and challenges me to come up with creative answers each time I respond. So this week's column serves as my open forum to help you think about a few things when it comes to photography.

What do you want to achieve?

This is an essential question on figuring out which camera is best for you. Are you an aspiring pro who dreams of seeing your images in the pages of magazines one day or are you happy just snapping shots of friend, family, and everyday life?

Let's say that you are an aspiring photographer who wants to get better but need a place to start. In that case, I'd suggest an entry level Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) like a Canon Rebel. These cameras are simple enough so that even absolute beginners can start making great images and as your skills advance, you can switch over to manually manipulating the camera settings for ultimate creative control.

If your interest is to just shoot snapshots, the new crop of digital point-and shoot cameras are amazing. I have a Canon G9 camera that shoots beautiful images. When I pair the G9 with an inexpensive underwater housing, it becomes a go-anywhere camera that's also capable of shooting video.

Two good starter lenses

If you take the DSLR route, you may be wondering which lens to buy. After all, camera manufacturers and third-party lens makers

offer dozens of lenses that will fit your new camera and the choice can be intimidating. In the beginning is to start with a couple of lenses like a wide angle 28-70mm and a telephoto zoom that ranges from 70-300mm. This basic set up is very versatile and the modularity of the camera allows your system to grow as your skills increase.

One last note about lenses: Always buy the best you can afford. A good lens on a starter camera will always take sharper images that a top-of-the-line camera with cheap lenses.

The must-have feature

The cool thing about modern cameras is that they have all kinds of features and, one could argue, that they all fall in the must-have category. However, one camera feature stand out as one I believe every camera should have: modularity

Modularity speaks to the ability to add components to your system as your skills grow. With DSLR cameras, modularity (at least to some degree) is a given. However, with point-and-shoot cameras, modularity isn't always the rule. However, if you do your homework and research all of the possible accessories that go with a particular camera, I think you'll be surprised. Even my little point-and-shoot Canon G9 has a couple of different add-on lenses and even flash units.

The internet is the ultimate consumer research tool and I encourage you to look at different camera models and read their on-line reviews from real people.

Now this is simply a primer to get you thinking about cameras and capturing your outdoor experiences. In the coming year I'll be exploring more topics as it pertains to outdoor photography. In the meantime if you have any questions, feel free to write.

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

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Launching Soon!

by Traci Freeman

Weather

We've had some nice weather just a little windy. The guys are starting to put down chemical getting ready for planting season which is just around the corner. We are still in need of some moisture so keep rain in your daily prayers.

All of us out here send our sympathies to the family of Mary Ethridge. Mary passed away early Monday morning. Anyone who ever drove up and down west 380 will miss seeing Mary out working in her yard. Our prayers are with her

entire family.

I noticed they were digging holes beside the road on 399 Wednesday morning, hopefully we are fixing to get our new speed zone signs. That means all you lead footed people better slow down... I'll let ya know next week if they are up or not.

VISTORS

Josh Bush and his daughter Barbi came out to visit while here last week. Chan Thomas brought his girls Lee Robin and Lacy Mei by to visit on Monday. The girls were out of school on Monday

so they farmed with dad while mom, Jamie was at work. Travis Lancaster stopped in on Tuesday to take a break from the blowing dust.

I didn't get any reports of anyone being sick this week so everyone eat your wheaties and stay healthy!

I also don't have very much news this week, I guess we've been kinda boring out here. I hope everyone has a great weekend!

Don't forget our Ragtown Folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton in Post and

Carmen Abraham in Lubbock. Keep our troops in your daily prayers and check out our blog at <http://closecitycoopin.blogspot.com> don't forget to send me your recipe's so that I can post them on the blog.

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You can call me at the gin or email me at close.city.coop@pcca.com.

Weekly Inspirations

FLYER ONE

By: Michael F. Taylor

Milton, a Bishop in the United Brethren Church was very excited about the upcoming Annual Methodist Conference in Indiana in the year 1870.

Milton was also a Professor of Theology at the Hartsville College and wanted to give the congregants his vision of the near future.

When the appointed time came, Milton was called on by the presiding Bishop to speak. In his discourse, Milton shared his enthusiasm about living in exciting and innovative times.

The presiding Bishop then asked Milton exactly what he believed was going to happen. Milton responded by saying, "I believe that we are coming into a time of great inventions. For example, I believe that in the near future, men will fly through the air much like the birds!"

To which the Presiding Bishop stated, "That is heresy! The bible teaches that flight is reserved for angels. We will have no such talk about things like that here!"

Disappointed, but not discouraged, Milton returned to his humble home and to his two year old son, Wilbur. A year later Wilbur had a new baby brother and Milton named him Orville. Have you guessed it, yet? Milton's last name was Wright.

On December 17th, 1903, at 10:30 A.M., Orville and Wilbur shook hands and then Orville climbed into their flying machine dubbed Flyer 1. Orville then took off into the air for the first recorded flight of man into the sky's like a bird just as his father Milton had predicted in 1870. What a wonderful account of one man's vision for a bright future.

Did you know that God also has a vision for our future today? It is a vision of forgiveness, love and blessing. Romans 8:38 tells us that, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." NIV.

Scripture also speaks to the very thing that Milton Wright envisioned about mankind flying into the air. Now granted, it speaks to spiritual flight but I still love what Isaiah 40:31 tells us "but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." NIV.

This week, are you ready to soar on wings LIKE EAGLES? My vision for each of you is very bright and glorious! God is with you and nothing can separate you from HIS love in Christ Jesus.

Let's take a look at what God instructed Moses to tell the Children of Israel in Exodus 19:3-6, "Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, 'This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.' NIV.

Did you know that this very week you are God's Treasured Possession? What an exciting vision God has for each of us today. Have a great week and don't forget to fly on Eagles Wings much like the Wright Brothers did on that historic morning in 1903.

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Post ISD February 23

Breakfast - Waffles, butter & syrup, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch - Hot dog, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbert cup, milk

February 24
Breakfast - Donut, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, apple crunch, milk

February 25
Breakfast - Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk

Lunch - Chicken patty w/ gravy, sliced bread, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, fresh fruit cup, milk

February 26
Breakfast - Sausage on stick, syrup, fruit, milk

Lunch - Taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk

February 27
Breakfast - Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch - Hamburger, lettuce, tomato & pickle, baked beans, baby carrots w/ranch, rice crispy treat, milk

Breakfast - Muffins, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch - Chicken & noodles, green beans, texas toast, fruited gelatin, frozen yogurt, milk

February 27
Breakfast - Poptarts, yogurt, juice, milk

Lunch - BBQ on a bun, baked chips, corn cobbett, pickle spears, pineapple tidbits, milk

TRAILBLAZERS

February 23 Fried chicken, oven potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, mandarin cake

February 24 Taco salad, beans, Mexican hominy, salsa, pineapple cake,

February 25 Chicken fried steak, ranch potatoes, green beans, roll, pears & cottage cheese

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USDA reminds producers about need for insurance

(POST, TX) - Feb. 12, 2009 - Victor Ashley, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Garza-Borden County reminds agricultural producers of the need for insurance coverage for crops in order to be eligible for the agency's Disaster Assistance Programs. Application closing date for coverage on forage sorghum, peas, sunflowers, millet, and pecans is March 16, 2009.

Producers must purchase at least catastrophic (CAT) level of insurance for all insurable crops and/or FSA's Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for non-insurable crops to be eligible for the USDA Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Programs.

"Crop insurance is an important risk management tool for farmers, but it's not available for all crops. That's why NAP is so important," said Ashley.

NAP is a federally funded program that provides coverage to

producers for non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including but not limited to fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turf grass and forage crops. However, crops that FCIC deems as ineligible due to practice or yield are not covered by NAP.

"Producers must apply for coverage before a disaster strikes," said Ashley. "Like regular crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone."

NAP applications for coverage must be filed using Form CCC-471 and service fees must be paid by the sales closing date. Application sales closing dates vary by crop.

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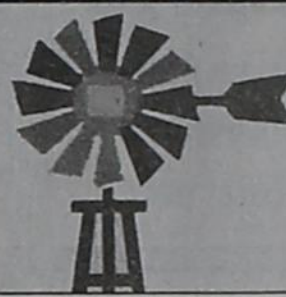
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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
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10 Years Ago February 18, 1999

Extreme Cheer traveled to San Antonio where they received several honors in the ASC National Championship Pom & Dance Finals. Kaycee Gorman, Jenee Lott and Lyndee Strawn were among the squads that competed in the Junior Pom competition.

A new schedule of water rates would go into effect in March of 1999 following action taken by Post City Council members. Beginning March 1, local residents residing within the city limits would be assessed \$20.25 for the first 3,000 gallons of water, compared to the current rate of \$8.50.

Mikki Wilks and Brad Swaffar were married Saturday, February 13 at the Little Chapel of Brookhollow in Ransom Canyon with Bill Smith officiating. Parents of the bride are Kim and Patsy Wilks of Post. Parents of the groom are Gene Swaffar of Woodrow and Sue Barnes of Lockney.

Three Post residents were among the 3,700 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester. Macee Mills, Thomas Peebles and Kenneth Schronk were each named to the Dean's List.

20 Years Ago February 16, 1989

Army Reserve Pvt. Kevin B. Crispin, son of Judy Bush of Post, completed an Army motor transport operator course while completing his basic training at Ft. Dix, New Jersey.

Myrtle Baker and Pete Baxter were crowned queen and king when Twin Cedars Nursing Home celebrated Valentine's Day with a party on February 14.

Mayor Giles McCrary signed a proclamation for FFA Week with Post High School FFA chapter officers and instructors. PHS chapter representatives were Brent McDonald, Richard Johnson, Jimmy Holleman, Lance Bland, Bobby Blair, Lance Bagby, faculty Perry Smith and Lance Dunn, and sweetheart Traci Bush.

Post High School Sweetheart Melanie Reece was joined by the court of honor Sara Alexander, Robin Dean, Kim Wulfjen and Megan Bush in the FFA contest.

30 Years Ago February 22, 1979

Kerri Pool was crowned FHA Sweetheart in the annual contest held in the elementary auditorium. Nita Jo Gunn was first runner-up and second runner-up was Susan Sawyers.

Twenty reported for Post

Antelope track Monday in answer to Head Coach Lane Tannehill's initial call for the spring season.

An all-time record of 263 animals entered in the 14th annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show which opened in bigger, brand new facilities next to the rodeo grounds on U. S. 84.

Jay Callaway and Elaine Buxkemper were named Mr. and Miss Southland High School in a student election.

The engagement of Connie McInroe to Russel Jay Kennedy was announced by her parents. The wedding date was set for May 26.

The First Baptist Church of Post sponsored a group of 12 men on an evangelistic mission to St. Kitts, a small island in the Caribbean, in early March 1979. Ten of 12 were from the local church, which raised \$5,000 to fly them there and home.

40 Years Ago February 20, 1969

The Getty Oil Company, named for and controlled by Paul Getty, reportedly the world's richest man, this week became the third firm to file uranium mining leases in the Garza County Courthouse.

Glen Ann Barley and Kenneth Mitchell were crowned basketball sweetheart and beau, respectively,

in a between-games ceremony in the high school gym during the varsity contests with Tahoka.

Ex-city councilmen Robert Cox and Arnold Parrish were awarded City of Post appreciation plaques at the Chamber of Commerce banquet for their service on the city council.

The Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District entered the 22nd annual Goodyear competition to select the nation's top 53 conservation districts, according to Sam Ellis of Southland, district chairman.

50 Years Ago February 19, 1959

James Minor was named "Outstanding Man of the Year" and Gwen Boren was named "Outstanding Woman of the Year" at the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

A special agent of the Santa Fe railroad investigated three instances in Post and Southland in which rocks were thrown at No. 76, the southbound night passenger train, breaking out windows in the coaches.

Beta Sigma Phi's annual Valentine dance was highlighted with the crowning of Mrs. Burney Francis as sweetheart for 1959.

Quannah Maxey, one of the two Post ISD trustees whose positions

on the board come up for filing at the April 4 election, announced he would see re-election.

The Post Antelopes and Floydada Whirlwinds, each owing a one-half share of the District 3-AA basketball championship, played in the first game of a two-out-of-three play-off series to determine the 3-AA representative in the bi-district play-off.

60 Years Ago February 23, 1949

The first day of National 4-H Week was the date of the annual spring 4-H Calf Show which was held in the vacant lots on West Main Street.

The county 4-H boys voted to sponsor the show on that date, despite the fact that their retired agriculture agent, Robert Gibson, had moved to Floydada and their new agent would not arrive until after the event.

Pupils of Mrs. J. A. Stallings entertained at Rotary Club with songs and dances featuring Jan Herring, Janie Francis, Lyn Alyn Cox, Beverly Young, Charlotte Taylor, Kay Gordon and El Wanda Davies.

Lewis C. Herron, Jr. who had been assistant county agent in Wichita Falls from 1947-1949, was named as agriculture agent for Garza County.

SUDOKU

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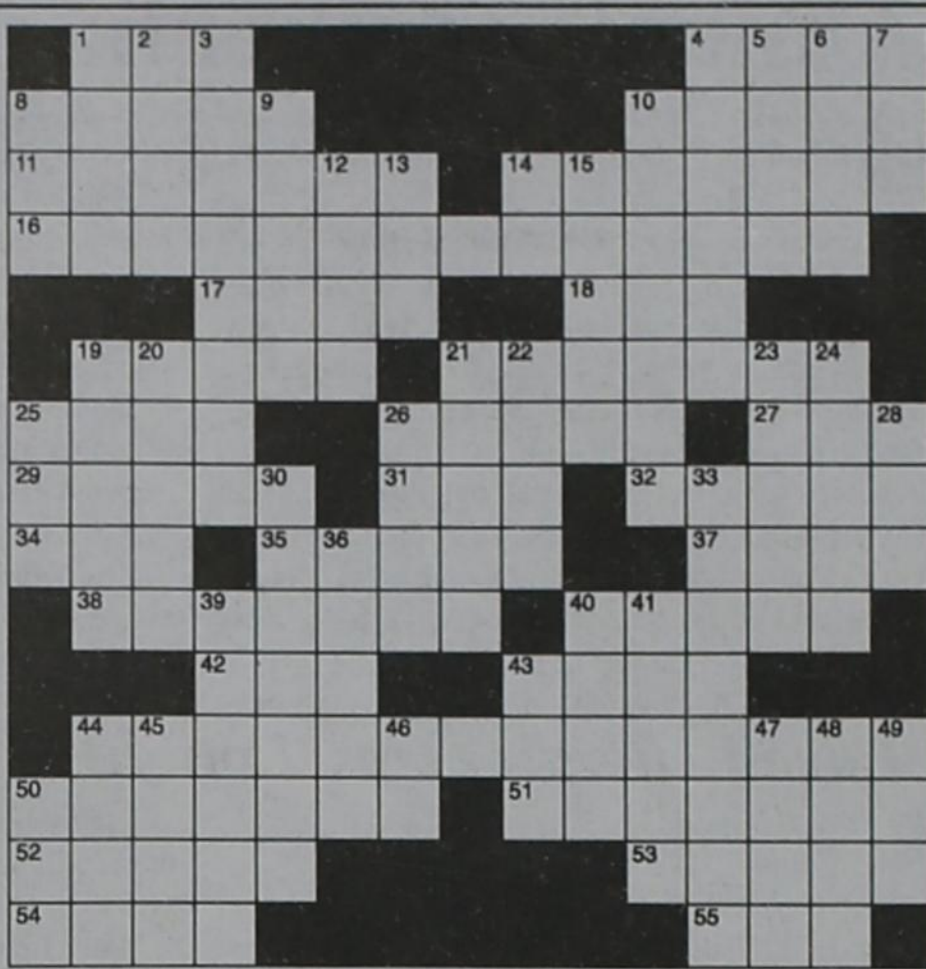
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

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ANSWER:

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CLUES ACROSS

- Computer Science Corp.
- Six (Spanish)
- A seat for one person
- Rhubarb sheath
- Small dynamo
- Condemned
- Bog beverage
- Concert pianist Elisha
- Timber or shade tree
- Heavy cavalry sword
- Cooking formulas
- Fancy singer McEntire
- Flat floating structures
- Needlefish
- Belongs to Khayyam
- Behave in a certain manner
- SE Estonian city
- Goes with tock
- Rattans
- Existed
- Hunting expeditions
- on: felt fedora
- 4th caliph of Islam
- Bert __, Oz Lion
- "Ist To Die" author
- Put in new lining
- Life-sustaining
- Unaccompanied
- To anoint
- Take to one's heels
- Icahn's airline

CLUES DOWN

- Burn the surface
- Heroic tale
- Mercury sulfide
- Spend significantly less
- Musician Clapton
- Sets electronic standards
- Sorrowful
- Certified Master Chef
- Hasidic spiritual leader
- Eye disease specialist
- Eye secretion
- Many not ands
- Atomic #66
- Discharge a DVD
- Big trucks
- Manila hemp
- Speed contests
- Terrestrial newts
- White heron
- Fills to satisfaction
- Decay
- Lady Raja
- Foot race
- An uneven triangle
- Markedly different from the norm
- Spring up in rebellion
- Scarcity of food
- sfy: fulfill
- The 8th Greek letter
- Loan to value (ratio)
- Congee
- vera: burn plant
- Atomic #46
- Large indefinite amount
- Leaf of the talipot palm
- "The Science Guy" Bill
- British air aces

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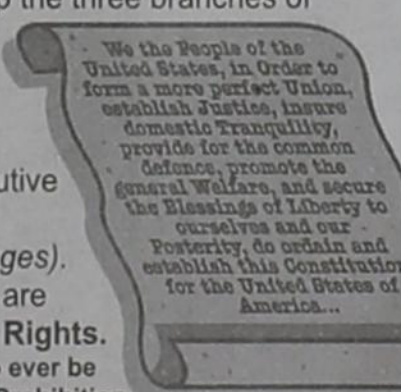


It was the summer of 1787, America was a new country. A Constitutional Convention was called at Independence Hall in our nation's largest city, Philadelphia. Later, the delegates would go down in history as our Founding Fathers. But for now they

had the daunting task of determining the course of our nation and the freedom of its citizens. As the men debated and compromised Ben Franklin stared at a carving of a half sun and wondered if it represented the sun setting or a sun rising on America. Luckily his optimism won out. On September 17, 1787 the US Constitution was signed.

There are 3 parts to the Constitution: The Preamble (introduction, shown below) the 7 Articles which set up the three branches of government:

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For 4 months, 6 days a week, the delegates convened behind closed windows and locked doors--they wanted discussions (and arguments) to remain private until the final document was complete.

Every state sent a delegate except Rhode Island. All 13 states eventually ratified (agreed and signed) the new Constitution.

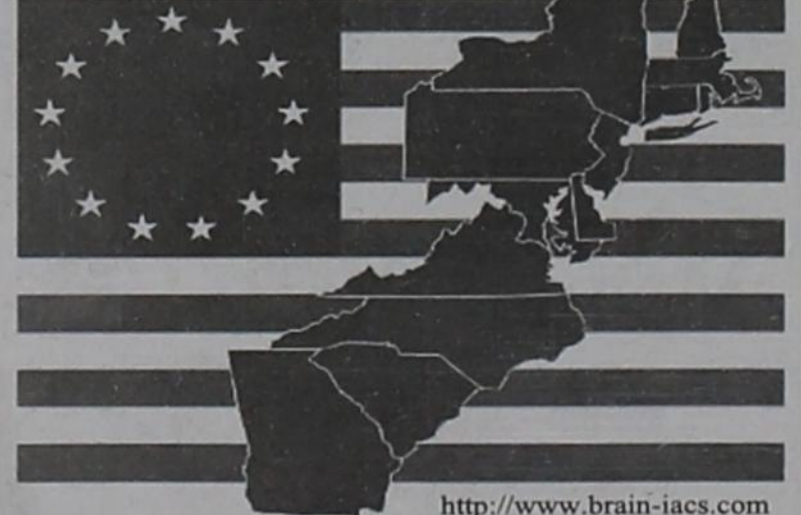
The oldest person to sign the document was 81-year-old Ben Franklin, the youngest delegate was 26-years-old.

The US Constitution is the oldest written Constitution in history, still in effect.

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Today "We the People" includes 304,537,292 Americans in 50 states. In 1787 there were just 3,929,214 in 13 colonies. Fill in the blanks to identify the 13 original states.

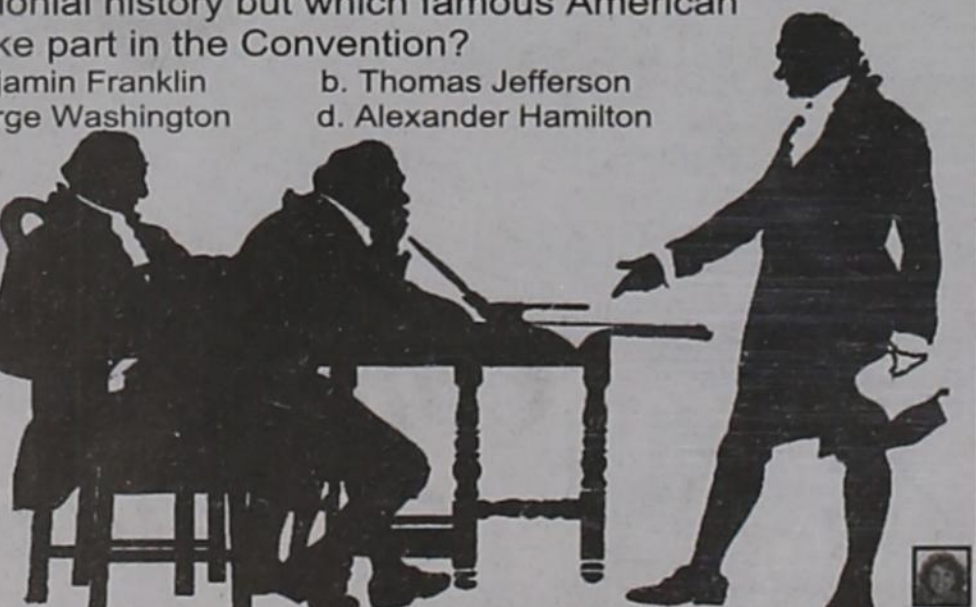


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Attendees at the Constitutional Convention were the who's who in colonial history but which famous American did **not** take part in the Convention?

- Benjamin Franklin
- Thomas Jefferson
- George Washington
- Alexander Hamilton

Seventy delegates were invited to the convention, 55 participated.



ANSWER: Jefferson, he was out of the country.



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Annual chamber banquet Feb. 28

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, a long-time Post tradition, will be Saturday, Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Post Community Center. All Post and Garza County residents and guests are invited to participate in a fun evening that celebrates businesses and individuals that inspire, lead and supported the community. Tickets for the banquet are \$20/person and reservations can be made by calling the Chamber office: 495-3461

After a catered meal, awards will be presented to Conservation Rancher of the Year; inductee to the Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame; Garza County Volunteer Fireman and Rookie of the Year; Business of the Year; and Citizen of the Year.

Post Area Chamber of Commerce members have

'Love Letters' Opens Tonight at the Garza Theatre

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Two Garza favorites, Jacqui Neal and Jon Steele return to the stage here this weekend in "Love Letters," directed by Christy Morris.

The play, written by A.R. Gurney, tells the poignant story of childhood friends Andrew Ladd and Melissa Gardner whose lifelong correspondence begins with birthday party thank-you notes and summer camp postcards.

The story unfolds as the couple continues to exchange letters through boarding school and college years. Through marriages, children, divorce, and career changes Andrew and Melissa's attachment to each other remains strong and they continue to keep in touch.

also nominated two or three individuals to receive special recognition for leadership in: Government/Education; Business/Economic Development; Agriculture/Ranching and Community Service/Leadership. "We all know that it takes many involved citizens to sustain a successful, vibrant community," said Rosa Latimer, Chamber President. "This year, in addition to the traditional awards given each year, Chamber members will also recognize outstanding individuals that have made an exceptional contribution to a particular segment of our community."

The Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce will decorate for the event and music will be provided by Aaron Rathbun and Jan Olson.

Their letters make it eloquently clear how much they really meant, and gave to, each other over the years.

"Love Letters," which marks the beginning of the theater's 23rd season, opens tonight at 8:00 p.m. and continues with evening performances February 21, 27, 28; March 6 and 7. A matinee performance is scheduled for March 8 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are **Adults \$12.00; Children** (12 and under) **\$8.00; Student Rate** with student ID; **Senior Rate** (60 and above) and military discount with ID are \$10.00 per person. Group rates are also available.

For more information and to make reservations call the Garza Theatre box office, 806-495-4005 or visiting www.garzatheatre.com.

The theater is located at 226 E. Main in Post.

Dalbovich new administrator for South Plains extension district

Miles Dabovich has been named Texas AgriLife Extension Service's administrator for the South Plains district effective March 2. The announcement came from Dr. Darrell Dromgoole, AgriLife Extension associate director for county programs at College Station.

The new administrator will be headquartered at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. He will be responsible for all administrative duties in the 20-county district.

Dabovich earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural Extension and education from New Mexico

State University in 1988 and a master's degree in agricultural education from Texas Tech University in 1994.

Since 2007, he has served as the AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Wichita County. He currently serves as the county's agriculture program leader and county coordinator. In that role he plans and implements county and area-wide agricultural educational programs in commodities and natural resources including wheat, forages, cotton, beef cattle, horses, meat goats, wildlife and range and pasture.

Dabovich has earned numerous awards and recognitions throughout his career including the Texas County Agriculture Agents Association's new agent recognition award and result demonstration handbook award; Kent County 4-H Appreciation Award, Crockett County Commissioners Court Outstanding Service Award, and the Andrews County Employees Award. He is also a graduate of the San Antonio Leadership Extension Program and of AgriLife Extension's Master Marketing Course. Dabovich fills the position formerly held by Jett Major who recently retired.

Bit-sized rodeo today in Post

A bit-sized rodeo will take place Friday at 10:30am at Windham SPCAA Head Start in Post as the closing activity to a week of learning about the West.

Seventeen 3- and 4-year-olds dressed as cowboys and cowgirls will participate in barrel racing with stick horses, roping, and have the opportunity to meet real goats and a calf.

Crystal Osborn is the Family Support Worker at Windham SPCAA Head Start and says activities like these are meant to provide practical applications to what the children are learning in class.

"Our theme this week has been cowboys and cowgirls. Even though we live in a small town, many of the kids don't get to see real farms and farm

animals," Osborn said. "We hope they have fun and see things they don't normally see."

South Plains Community Action Association Head Start and Early Head Start will begin enrolling children in its 32 preschools for next year on April 1. These preschools are located in 12 counties and provide free education, health, disabilities and family support services to children who qualify based on income.

The SPCAA Head Start is looking for volunteers to help in classrooms, offices, and in other areas to support the program in providing quality services to children and families. If you are interested in volunteering or enrolling a child, please call (806) 894-2207 or 1-800-658-9632

Events ...

Norm Cash Clash
Post vs Plains
Claude vs Muleshoe
February 26
4 p.m.

Post ISD GED Class
Post High School/Southwest
Entrance
Room 18
February 26
5-8 p.m.

Trailblazers Senior Citizens
Center
Game Night
February 26
5:30 p.m.
205 E. 10th

Stitchin' Group
Heritage House
February 26
6 p.m.
Call 495-4148 for information

Norm Cash Clash
Post vs Claude
Muleshoe vs Plains
February 26
4 p.m.

Norm Cash Clash
Post vs Muleshoe
Plains vs Claude
February 28
10 a.m.
3rd Place game 3:00
Championship game 5:30pm

"Judas the Lost Apostle"
Ragtown Gospel Theater
February 28, March 7 & 14
3 p.m.
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Garza Theatre
March 8
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495-4005 for reservations

Post High School JV Baseball Schedule 2009

| Day | Date | School | Location | Time |
|-----|--------|-------------------|---------------|--------|
| Tue | 24-Feb | Floydada | Home | 4:30pm |
| Fri | 27-Feb | Long-Ball Contest | Home | 6pm |
| Tue | 10-Mar | *Idalou | Idalou | 4:30pm |
| Fri | 13-Mar | Colorado City | Colorado City | 4:30pm |
| Tue | 17-Mar | *Shallowater | Home | 4:30pm |
| Thu | 19-Mar | *Denver City | Denver City | 2:30pm |
| Tue | 24-Mar | *Slaton | Slaton | 4:30pm |
| Sat | 28-Mar | *Littlefield | Home | 2:30pm |
| Tue | 31-Mar | *Roosevelt | Roosevelt | 4:30pm |
| Sat | 4-Apr | *Abernathy | Home | 2:30pm |
| Tue | 7-Apr | *Idalou | Home | 4:30pm |
| Fri | 10-Apr | *Shallowater | Shallowater | 4:30pm |
| Tue | 14-Apr | *Denver City | Home | 4:30pm |
| Sat | 18-Apr | *Slaton | Home | 2:30pm |
| Tue | 21-Apr | *Littlefield | Littlefield | 4:30pm |
| Sat | 25-Apr | *Roosevelt | Home | 2:30pm |

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