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Old Mill Trade Day Event Begins May 2

Event To Boost Downtown

UPCOMING EVENTS
COMMUNITY/
GOVERNMENT MEETINGS
All of these meetings are open to the public.

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Garza County Commissioners
Court
April 13
9 a.m.

Garza County Courthouse
300 W. Main

**City of Post
City Council Meeting**
April 14
6 p.m.

Council Chambers
City Hall
105 E. Main Street

**Post ISD
School Board Meeting**
April 14
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**
April 16
6:30 p.m.

Citizens Bank Meeting Room
210 N. Broadway

Chamber of Commerce Voter's Forum
City and School Candidates
Heritage House
April 21
7 p.m.

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS
Event info available at press time.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY
April 10

"Moon Over Buffalo"
Garza Theatre
April 10 and 11
8 p.m.
495-4005 for reservations

Varsity Baseball
@ Shallowater
April 10
7 p.m.

Varsity Softball
Vs. Denver City
April 11
Noon

Trailblazers Senior Citizen Center
Game Night
April 14
5:30 p.m.
205 E. 10th

JV/Varsity Softball
@ Roosevelt
April 14
5 p.m.

PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION
Heritage House, 109 N. Ave. N
April 14
6 p.m.

Varsity Baseball
Vs. Denver City
April 14
7 p.m.

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The Post City Merchants and the Post Area Chamber of Commerce have joined together to sponsor "Old Mill Trade Day Downtown." Beginning Saturday, May 2 and continuing the first Saturday each month, you can once again experience a Trade Day event in Post.

This will not be the same event that closed here a year ago, although many of the former vendors will be contacted to return for the downtown event.

"We'll have vendor space available along the side streets of East Main," said Janice Plummer, Chamber Manager. "The Chamber office will be open for vendor check-in and, as we do during the week, to provide information to those visiting town."

"The goal of the merchant's group and the Chamber is to provide an event that will attract visitors back to Post," Plummer continued. "We agreed that with the backing and manpower of both of these organizations, we can expand the Merchant's Day events of the past year. Having our downtown retail stores as well as vendors will make it even better for shoppers."

Vendors will pay a set up fee of \$25 for outdoor space. For more information or to reserve vendor space, contact the Post Area Chamber of Commerce at 495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com.

"We're looking at this as a win/win situation for our merchants, the vendors and other businesses in town," the Chamber Manager concluded. "The Chamber office receives inquiries every week about Old Mill Trade Days. We hope this will lure those visitors back to Post and encourage Post residents to shop locally."



Gray Beasley, son of Dean and Arimy Beasley, helps Garza County Judge Lee Norman install commemorative bricks at Centennial Plaza. Gray also helped his family install a brick in honor of his grandmother, Voda Beth Gradine.

Photo by Rosa Latimer

New Bricks Added to Centennial Plaza

Over 25 gathered on the east side of the Courthouse lawn last week to lay the most recently engraved bricks to the Centennial Plaza. The Chamber invited those who ordered the commemorative bricks along with family and friends to participate in the installation of new bricks. With these additions, there are now 830 bricks honoring Post and Garza County residents in the plaza.

The project was begun in 2007 to coincide with the Post Centennial celebration. The idea originated with long-time Post resident Wyvonne Kennedy who coordinated the ordering and laying of the majority of the bricks. Now, twice a year the Chamber submits brick orders to the engraver and adds them to the plaza.

The plaza has designated areas to honor veterans, businesses, elected officials and individual

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Former Post Resident to Perform at Vatican

Baritone David Morrow, former Post resident, has been selected to perform in a new cantata, *The Birth of Christ*, which will be presented on Easter Sunday at the Vatican in Rome. His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, will be present at the performance.

David will cover the baritone solos in the cantata which deals with events leading to the birth of Jesus. The cantata was written by Seattle-based composer Andrew Miller who will conduct the work. The soloists, orchestra, and ensemble were selected from across the United States and Italy. The group will convene in Rome in early April for a week of intense rehearsal; the performance will take place Easter afternoon.

Morrow has recently performed in leading and supporting roles in *Rigoletto*, *Too Many Sopranos*, *Gianni Schicchi* and *The Ballad of Baby Doe* with companies such as Opera New Jersey, Chelsea Opera, and the Opera Program of Hunter College in New York.

A 1978 graduate of Post High School, David received his Bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance at Texas Tech. He has resided in New York since 1987 where he has been an active performer in musical theater, plays and opera. In December, the Metropolitan Opera requested an audition.

David is the son of Glenda Morrow and the late Charles Morrow of Post.



Last Weekend For "Moon Over Buffalo"

The last two performances of the Garza Theatre production of "Moon Over Buffalo" are tonight and Saturday night. Two favorites, Stan Tucker and Laura Bryan, return to the stage at the Garza as George and Charlotte Hay, an acting couple whose limited repertory causes hilarious challenges especially when a famous director is in the audience. This comedy, directed by Mickie Klafka, also stars Anna Wilson, Kim Klafka, Zachery Kocurek, MacKenzie Mealem, Chaps Tucker and Matthew Shipley.

Friday and Saturday night performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$8 for children aged 12 and under. The theater also offers a student rate and a senior adult rate of \$10 per person and a military discount with military ID of \$10. Group rates are also available. For reservations, call the Garza Theatre Box Office, 495-4005.

The next Garza production is the Texas premier of "The Seafarer" which will begin a two weekend run Friday, May 8. Written by Colin McPhearsan, this production is described as a "chilling new play about the sea, Ireland and the power of myth."

Dispatch, Farm Bureau Burglarized

Two Post businesses were surprised Wednesday morning when they arrived at work finding their offices burglarized.

The Post Dispatch news office and the Lynn-Garza Farm Bureau office, both located on east Main Street, both reported break-ins occurred the previous evening or in the early morning hours.

A Macintosh computer and a Canon camera were all reported stolen from the news office. The burglars also made off with about \$200 cash. In all the missing items totaled about \$3,200. A computer monitor was also smashed in, but no other vandalism was reported.

At the Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau office, officials reported a saw was stolen and a fire extinguisher was used in the back causing damages.

Garza County Sheriff's Department officials are investigating the break-ins.

Post Notes

VFW Post 6797 Scheduled to meet April 13th

VFW Post 6797 Men and Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Monday April 13th at the Post on the Clairmont Highway. This is a very important meeting for all members, men and ladies, as this is election time. The Post needs the support of all the members. There have been five posts closed in this district so far this year due to lack of participation from the members. We do not want this to happen to us, if you are a paid up member please attend this meeting. If you can't attend the meetings and would like to hold an office, call and let us know, if your dues aren't paid they can be done at this meeting. The ladies will meet at 6:00 pm and the men will meet at 7:00 pm. Post 6797 will hold the next District meeting May 3rd, plans will be made at this meeting. If you need a ride or have any questions call the commander at 495-2026.

2nd Annual Scholarship Tournament Scheduled for April 18th

Lynn-Garza Co. Farm Bureau 2nd Annual 4 person Scholarship Tournament will be held on Saturday April 18. The location is at T-Bar County club, tee time is 1:00. The cost is \$160 per team.

Easter Eggstravaganza scheduled for April 11th

Please join the Garza County Rabbit Project for their Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 11, at the Showbarn. There will be a rabbit show starting at 10:00 am followed by a Best Dressed Bunny contest, coloring contest, rabbit educational presentations, and an egg hunt. If you are interested in showing rabbits, learning more about the various breeds, or just want to support these hard working youth, please come out on Saturday. If you would like more information, please contact Barbara Palmer at 470-1295.

Class of '98 Reunion

The Post High School Class of 1998 is looking for a few classmates to contact for our upcoming reunion. If you have information regarding the following, please contact us at p_h_s_class98@yahoo.com or call Macee at 719.260.8312. We are missing home and e-mail addresses for the following people: Shad Bradford, Trey Conner, Luke Cooper, Michelle Cotter, Bobbie Jo Davis, Micaela Eagle, Johnny Espitia, Jodi Foreman, Creselda Garcia, Homer Gomez, Anthony Gomez, Imelda Gonzales, Jerry Graham, Chris Guerrero, Aaron Hanna, Sharlene Hymes, Clay Johnson, Chris Kagey, Erik Lopez, Amanda Martinez, Kayla Moore, Bryan Navarro, Brandon, Patschke, John Perez, Javier Ramos, Katrina Reed, Christy Reiter, Leonard Rodela, Michael Sanchez, Brenda Simental, and Sam Woods.

Voter's Forum Scheduled April 21

Be an informed voter! Attend a Vote's Forum sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce at 7:00 pm Tuesday, April 21, at the Heritage House located at 109 N. Ave N. Candidates for city and school elections have been invited to attend this non-partisan event to present their platforms. All Post & Garza County residents are invited to attend this free event. Call 495-3461 for more information.

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Opinions

Misrepresenting "How We Arrived at This Moment"

By Alex Epstein

What must be done to recover from this financial crisis? Barack Obama rightly stresses that we first must understand how today's problems emerged.

It is "only by understanding how we arrived at this moment that we'll be able to lift ourselves out of this predicament."

Unfortunately, Obama (along with most of the Washington establishment) has

created only misunderstanding. In calling for a massive increase in government control over the economy, he has evaded the mountain of evidence implicating the government.

For example, Obama's core

explanation of all the destructive behavior leading up to today's crisis is that the market was too free. But the market that led to today's crisis was systematically manipulated by government. Fact: this decade saw drastic attempts by the government to control the housing and financial markets--via a Federal Reserve that cut interest rates to all-time lows, and via a gigantic increase in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's size and influence. Fact: through these entities, the government sought to "stimulate the economy" and promote homeownership (sound familiar?) by artificially extending cheap credit to home-buyers. Fact: most of the (very few) economists who actually predicted the financial crisis blame Fed policy or housing policy for inflating a bubble that was bound to collapse.

How does all this evidence factor into Obama's understanding of "how we arrived at this moment"? It doesn't. Not once, during the solemn 52 minutes and 5,902 words of his speech to Congress did he mention the Fed, Fannie, or Freddie. Not once did he suggest that government manipulation of markets could have any possible role in the present crisis. He just went full steam ahead and called for more spending, more intervention, and more government housing programs as the solution.

But a genuine explanation of the financial crisis must take into account all the facts. What role did the Fed play? What about Fannie and Freddie? To be sure, some companies and CEOs seem to have made irrational business decisions. Was the primary cause "greed," as so many claim--and what does this even mean? Or was the primary cause government intervention like artificially low interest rates, which distorted economic decision-making and encouraged less competent and more reckless



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Play Ball!

A decade ago I coached 13-15 year-olds in baseball. Did it for three years with a friend. This week, my son Jackson, 5, will take the field in tee-ball. I am not coaching him, but stood ready had I been asked.

I coached all those years ago because the local league needed help and because I wasn't sure I'd ever have a family. Things sure change over time!

Here I am at 41 with my oldest boy getting ready for his first season in the sun. I think it's cool and I hope it's the beginning of many sports activities he will be involved in.

Will I encourage my boys to play sports? Sure. I will encourage them to try as many things as they can. Activities keep young minds busy and competition is healthy.

Will I live vicariously through them? No. I had my glory years and I don't plan on having any more ... at least athletically.

The demands we put on our children are easy: Be disciplined, try your best and make straight A's. I know for sure they are both intelligent so I'm confident they can make some terrific grades once they get in school.

Back to tee-ball. Jack and I discussed sports in general the other day and he now thinks he knows how to hustle. We all know how much difference hustling makes, but I don't recall him ever doing it.

Speaking of hustle ... My mother and father actually left a soccer game of mine in third grade for my lack of hustle.

"What happened to you!" I screamed at my parents when I got home (I had to find a ride home).

Mom calmly replied, "We are not going to waste our time watching you if you are not going to do your best."

We never had to have that conversation again.

I can recall some tee-ball action from my younger days as well. It's a good thing too as I can remember being terrible. That's right - coach put me in right field to begin the season and I promptly took a fly ball off my forehead. Got a nice goose-egg.

By the end of the season, coach had moved me to center field. Most of what I remember about that season involved a lot of nose picking and ant stomping from my teammates.

I also remember several players running toward third base instead of first. I really emphasized this point with Jack.

Anyhow, it will be a lot of fun watching these kids take the field for the first time. They have no idea what they're setting us up for over the next 13 years.

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companies and CEOs while marginalizing and paralyzing the more competent ones?

Entertaining such questions would also mean considering the idea that the fundamental solution to our problems is to disentangle the government from the markets to prevent future manipulation. It would mean considering pro-free-market remedies such as letting banks foreclose, letting bad banks fail, dismantling Fannie and Freddie, ending bailout promises, and getting rid of the Fed's power to manipulate interest rates.

But it is not genuine understanding the administration seeks. For them, the wisdom and necessity of previous government intervention is self-evident; no matter the contrary evidence, the crisis can only have been caused by insufficient government intervention. Besides, they are too busy following Obama's chief of staff's dictum, "Never let a serious crisis go to waste," by proposing a virtual takeover of not only financial markets, but also the problem-riddled energy and health-care markets--which, they conveniently ignore, are also already among the most government-controlled in the economy.

While Obama has not sought a real explanation of today's economic problems, Americans should. Otherwise, we will simply swallow "solutions" that dogmatically assume the free market got us here--namely, Obama's plans to swamp this country in an ocean of government debt, government controls, and government make-work projects. But alternative, free-market explanations for the crisis do exist--ones that consider the inconvenient facts Washington ignores--and every American should seek to understand them.

Those who do will likely end up telling our leaders to stop saying "Yes, we can" to each new proposal for expanding government power, and start saying "Yes, you can" to Americans who seek to exercise their right to produce and trade on a free market.

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White River Weekly Report

April 3, 2009

Gauge Reading	Rainfall for 2004
2351.10	43.58"
Feet below spillway	Rainfall for 2005
21'5"	15.57"
Rise	Rainfall for 2006
0"	28.85"
Rainfall Past Week	Rainfall for 2007
.0"	24.19"
Rain to Date	Rainfall for 2008
.98"	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

Obituaries

Rudy Palos



Mass for Rudy Palos, 32, of Lubbock was held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Post with Fr. Paul Kariekatt officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Saturday, April 4 in Lubbock. He was born Sept. 1, 1976 in Post to Angel and Carmen Palos Sr. He worked as a machine operator at a cotton compress. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his parents: Angel and Carmen Palos Sr. of Lubbock, three sons: Rudy Palos Jr. of San Antonio and Dominique and Anthony Palos both of Lubbock, five daughters: Cynthia Corina and Sierra Palos both of San Antonio; Ruby Palos, Shelly Palos and Esperanza Palos all of Lubbock; two brothers: Trinidad Palos and Jose Palos both of Lubbock and two sisters: Letecia Palos and Mary Torres both of Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by one brother: Angel Palos Jr. on Nov. 12, 2008.

Earl "Bogie" Beauchamp

Graveside services for Earl "Bogie" Beauchamp 86, of Post were 2:00 pm Saturday April 4, 2009 at the Terrace Cemetery. Jimmy Fikes, nephew officiated. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Bogie died Thursday April 2, 2009 at the Golden Plains Care Center.

He was born on June 9, 1922 to Earl and Lillie (Stone) Beauchamp in Sweetwater. He was raised at Roby and started school there. In 1937 he and his family came to Post to work. Bogie spent his time working with his father, as an auto mechanic.

He is preceded in death by his father, Earl, October 21, 1941; mother, Lillie Ada Mills, April 23, 1992 and a brother, Alfred Beauchamp, January 13, 1989. Bogie lived for awhile in New Mexico and Las Vegas before returning to Post. He worked as a mechanic for many years. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by a sister, Bernice Hays of Post; a brother, Wayne and his wife Ernestine Beauchamp of Dallas and several nieces and nephews.



Gourmet home cooking. I can remember when that would have been an oxymoron – except back then we didn't know what an oxymoron was. Now "oxymoron" is a household word that neatly describes our contradictory times.

Nothing against oxymorons. It's fun to tell ourselves it's OK to stimulate the economy by spending money on fancy cooking lessons so we can fix all the finest fare at home instead of dining out to support a gourmet food habit. I'm not sure where that leaves restaurants that advertise their offerings as "home cooking." But, come to think of it, I haven't seen one of those places lately. Fast-food franchises must have squeezed them out. Good old home cooking should eventually make a comeback. But for now, the pendulum is swinging the other way, and food-oriented television programming is pouring gasoline on the fire – or maybe it's brandy.

What to do? How about a scaled-down version of gourmet cooking for home chefs who don't have time or money for lessons and who don't have brandy to burn?

Enter Fritz the cook. I never met Fritz, but he's as real to me as any big-name television chef. He was the cook at the stockyard café in Vernon way back when my folks ran the place. It was so long ago that the sale barn had sales twice a week one day for horses and mules and the other for cows, like maybe Tuesday and Thursday, or vice-versa. The menu was standard Texas. Fritz was the stereotypical temperamental chef. In my mind's ear, his German accent is strong.

He often bragged about the jobs he'd quit, and he said his bosses would always come looking for him "next day."

Mother smiled to herself, knowing my father wouldn't be hiring Fritz back if he ever walked out in a huff in the middle of a lunch run.

That's almost what happened. Waitress Mae seriously mixed up some orders, and Fritz said dramatically, "Mr. John (substitute "Y" for "J"), after today, this be my last day."

That's when Daddy learned to cook in a hurry, like in the one-day interval between horses and mules and cows, or vice-versa. Mother had to man the cash register.

Despite his quick exit, the memorable Fritz left a legacy: appearance first, taste second.

Fritz had expressed his food philosophy simply but with flair, almost poking one of his eyes with his forefinger and saying, "First." Then, with a flourish, he would put the same finger to his mouth and say, "Then." You can try it.

In German, that would be "Zuerst" and "Dann." Not much difference.

For Mother or Daddy, the lesson stuck. The rest of their lives, they occasionally quoted Fritz, complete with gestures. (Doesn't work without gestures.)

So that's it. Whatever you cook, be sure it looks special. Drop a nifty carrot curl on top of those green peas. Line up some celery leaves next to that chicken-fried steak. Careful where you slop that gravy.

Voila. Gourmet home cooking. Vive Fritz!



Gerner-Evans To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gerner of Post announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tamra DeAnn Gerner, to Carl Brandon Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Evans of Graham. The Bride-to-be is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Amos Gerner and the late Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Stowers. The Groom-to-be is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M.K. Weatherbee of Graham and the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans.

Tamra is a 1992 graduate of Post High School and received a B.S. in Human Sciences from Tarleton State University in 1997. She is currently employed as a special education coordinator for Honors Academy in Dallas.

The Groom is a 1994 graduate of Graham High School and received a B.B.A. in Management from Texas Tech University in 1999. He is currently employed as a Police Officer for the city of Arlington.

Tamra and Brandon will marry on Saturday, May 30th, 2009, at the First Baptist Church in Graham, TX with Bro. Gary Tull officiating. After a June honeymoon, the couple will make their home in Burleson, TX.



Jordan and Kelci Brock of San Antonio, Tx. would like to announce the birth of their son, Benjamin David, Brock. Benjamin was born on Friday, February 27, 2009 at 4:24 a.m. weighing in at 7 lbs. 10 1/2 oz. Grandparents are Royce and Marianne Hart of Post, Texas, and Kim and Stephanie Brock of Spearman, Tx. Great grandmother is Fern Jones of Post.



Pictured (from left) is Keith Williams, winner of the Syaah Over/Under 12 gauge shotgun recently raffled by My Special Place; Marsha Norman and Kathy Fluitt, Board Members; and Kristen Webb, Director. The shotgun was donated by Lee and Marsha Norman.

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On the 15th of April, Cogdell Memorial Hospital will have separate entrances for emergency services and the main hospital. Beginning mid-afternoon on Wednesday, April 15th, all emergency cases will be directed to the new entrance.

In the main lobby, the Admitting Department will be registering for outpatient and medical admissions only. It will be staffed from 7:00am – 6:00pm, Monday through Friday. For all emergencies, the new entrance will be open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Registration for outpatient services after normal hours of operation will take place in the Emergency Department.

Visiting hours for family and friends of patients will remain between the hours of 8:00am – 9:00pm, seven days a week. On weekends and after the hours of 9:00pm on weekdays, visitors will need to go to the Emergency Department to request a visitor's pass.

The staff of Cogdell Memorial Hospital thanks our patients and visitors for their support as we continue to provide the highest level of quality service to meet the health care needs in our community.

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9 a.m. - Noon

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5 p.m.

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April 18
Noon

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April 18
3:00 p.m.

877-RAGTOWN for reservations

Bricks...

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citizens and families. The Chamber is also encouraging individuals and organizations to sponsor a brick for an early pioneer (such as Scotty Samson) who has no family remaining in Garza County.

Brick order forms are available inside the Courthouse, on the plaza and at the Chamber office. Engraved bricks are \$55 each. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 495-3461.

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Stitchin' Club learns to knit

The Stitchin' Club will have a knitting instructor at the next few meetings to help members learn to knit. The club meets at the Heritage House, 109 No. Avenue N, every Tuesday at 6 p.m. There is no cost to be part of the group. Members provide their own supplies. Call 495-4148 for more information.

Methodist Church planning celebration

Anyone who has any information regarding former pastors, members, or who may have a connection to the First United Methodist Church of Post, please contact either the church office at 495-2942 or JoAnn Miller at 748-3812. FUMC Post is planning a 100 year celebration for Labor Day weekend, 2009, and would like to include all who have or have had special connection or memory of the church.

Garza County Tax Office needs update information

If you have recently changed your name or address, please contact The Garza County Tax A/C Office. We need to update your information so you will be able to vote in the upcoming city elections and Post ISD School board election.

PHS Class of '79 Reunion

The Post High School Class of 1979 is looking for contact information for all classmates that attended Post High School with this class. Please contact Danny Gunn at dgunn@idalouisd.net or call 806-201-1475.

Golf Tournament Scheduled June 27

Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility's Women in Corrections organization is sponsoring a two man scramble golf tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society. The golf tournament will be held Saturday, June 27 at Elm Grove golf course in Lubbock. Cost is \$100 per team to play and hole sponsorship are \$150. Prizes will be awarded for winning teams, closest to the pin contest winners (male and female) and longest drive contest winners (male and female). Contact Susan Little or Sara Machey (495-2175) at the Dalby Facility to sign up.

Post Book Club

The Post Book Club will meet Tuesday, April 21 at the Heritage House, 109 No. Ave N. The book selection is "Angels and Demons" by Dan Brown who is also the author of "The Da Vinci Code". For more information call the Heritage House, 495-4148 or Ruby Lane Books, 495-2665.

Quilt Show

The Cotton Trail Quilters of Terry County are accepting entries for their Third Annual Quilt Show April 23-25. Contemporary and antique quilts are being accepted at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 209 S. 5th St., Brownfield, TX 79316. Each entry must be accompanied by an Entry Form. The form can be found at <http://www.terrycountyquilts.com>. Or, call 806-637-4060 to have an entry form mailed. There is no entry fee. There is not limit to the number of quilts that a individual can enter. The deadline to turn quilts in will be 5 p.m. April 20. The Quilt Show will be in the building on the corner of South 5th and West Tate streets in Brownfield from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day. There is not admission fee and no judging; the purpose of the show is to enjoy quilts, salute quilters and appreciate cotton.

Special account to help Clark family

A special account has been set up for Chris Clark who is needing financial assistance to help pay for medical and utility bills. His kidneys have stopped working and he is permanently on dialysis or until a donor is found. He is unable to work at this time, for more information contact Suzie or Carol at Well Fargo.

Girls Scouts sell tickets for Mother's Day Baskets

Post Girls Scouts will be selling tickets for a chance on gift baskets for Mother's Day. Each basket will have a variety of assorted items from local merchants. The tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on May 2nd at the Girl Scout Banquet. To purchase tickets, contact any Post Girl Scout or call on of the leaders to have a girl come by: Leslie Solis 495-4592, Alicia Graves, 495-1029, Courtney Fontenot 239-0086, Jenny Francis 495-2146 or Carol Tobias 495-3057.

Special account at Wells Fargo

A special account has been set up at Wells Fargo for Justin and Holly Willson to help with funeral expenses for their daughter, the granddaughter of Cy and Charity and the great-granddaughter of the late Georgie Willson and Johnnie Willson. For more information contact Suzie or Carol at Wells Fargo Bank at 495-2804.

GENERAL ELECTION ORDER AND NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GARZA
POST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 12, 2009

Be it Ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Post Independent School District, Garza County, Texas, that a general election be held on the 9th day of May, 2009, at the hereinafter designated polling places, for the purposes of electing three at-large trustee members. All elected trustees shall serve a term of three years commencing on May 9, 2009. Furthermore, qualified voters may opt to vote cumulatively for the candidate of choice by marking an "X" in one or two boxes. The voter may vote up to two times for one candidate.

Said election shall be held at the places in the Post Independent School District hereinafter designated as voting precincts and voting places. Polling places shall be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and all electors shall vote in the precinct of their residence unless otherwise provided herein.

For the District, Edith Lester is appointed the early voting clerk for all elections of the Post Independent School District and will appoint deputy clerks, Shellee Odom is the Alternate Temporary Deputy Early Voting Clerk for all elections of the Post Independent School District.

The Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge are named in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes.

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the following branch early voting locations:

Early Voting Dates:
April 27, 2009, through May 1, 2009
May 4, 2009 through May 5, 2009

Post ISD Administrative Offices: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m./April 27 - May 1, 2009 (M-F)
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Candidates may file for a place on the ballot at the Administrative Offices, Post Independent School District, on regular business days, as follows:

February 9, 2009 - March 9, 2009 Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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All registration and voting notices will be in both the English and Spanish languages. All newspaper publications will be in both English and Spanish. Two English/Spanish speaking translators will be provided at each polling place. All information and other materials relating to the voting process, including ballots, will be in both English and Spanish.

A copy of this order signed by the President and attested by the Secretary of this Board shall serve as proper notice of said election, and the President shall cause notice of said election to be given in accordance with law by posting notices at the Post Independent School District Administrative Office, Garza County Courthouse, United States Post Office of Post, Texas, local newspaper, and other locations or any other method as required by law for at least twenty (20) days before the date of the election.

In testimony whereof, witness the signatures of the President and Secretary of said Post Independent School District Board of Trustees and the seal thereof hereunto affixed this the 12th day of February, 2009.

Mike Holly
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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

The Post Dispatch Friday, April 10, 2009 Page 5

Weather

Until we get some moisture there is not much to say about the weather, it's the same thing everyday around here.....Windy. Keep praying for the rain we so desperately need.

News

Kayla Morris came in from San Angelo and celebrated her birthday with a family dinner in Lubbock. Kayla is the daughter of Barry and Amy Morris of Post and the granddaughter of Charles and Sharron Morris of Close City.

Congratulations to some of our Ragtown kiddos

on getting to participate in the Science Fair held at Texas Tech. Those representing Post ISD from Close City participating were; Jamie Marquez, Katie Dunn, Jaycee Johnson, Patty Lopez and Quincey Quintana. I'm not sure how all the kids did but I talked to Linda Alaiz, Quincey's grandmother and she told Quincey placed 2nd. Way to Go!!!

I also want to congratulate the One Act Play from Borden County ISD, they advanced to area and will perform Saturday at LCU. Those kids from Ragtown involved are, Raegan Belongia and D'Nae Johnson.

Billie Jean Cross has had a little company. Terry Cross came down to spend the weekend with his mom. Terry and his wife live in Dallas.

Visitors

Noel and Orabeth came by for something to drink and visit for a while. Billie Jean stopped in for an ice cream. Uncle Ricky called and chatted a bit. Other than our regulars each morning that's about it, I guess everyone has been really busy this week. Ya'll come out and see us some time!

Get Wells

I guess everyone is pretty healthy this week. As

always let remember those in the nursing home; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carman Abraham. If I am missing anyone from this list please let me know.

Birthdays

April 11th - Lindsey Berley
April 13th - Sarah Freeman
April 14th - Caelan Thuett
April 16th - Doris Fluitt

Sorry the news is kinda short this week, be sure
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Weekly Inspirations

THE EASTER SHADOW

By: Michael F. Taylor

Well, here we are finally arriving at one of the two greatest celebration times for the Christian! Christmas celebrates the beginning of our salvation in Advent, while Easter celebrates the completion of that salvation for the believer through the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! And putting aside all the arguments for or against the word "Easter", I personally rejoice in knowing that the very Son of God gave His life for me on a cross and this is the time that has been set aside to commemorate that occasion. And, because of His sacrifice for my sins, I can now have eternal life in Him. I say Glory to God for the perfect Lamb and for His all sufficient grace.

A few years ago, I had a new Sunday School teacher who was working with the primary aged children of the church. It was just a week before Easter Sunday and she wanted to teach a lesson on the significance of Easter. So, she asked her group of six year olds if they understood what Easter meant and was very intrigued by the various answers she received. One young man proudly told her, "It's when my parents cook a turkey, and we study about the pilgrims and the Indians!" "Well, no honey, that would be Thanksgiving", she gently corrected him. Then she asked a shy girl in the back of the room if she knew what Easter was about. Quietly the young lady answered back, "I guess it is when Mom and Dad put up a tree and decorate it with lights and we all get presents." "Well not exactly, sweetie. That would be Christmas." A third student was asked the question and he replied, "Yea, Easter is when a bunny lays a bunch of eggs and we go out to find them." "Well, that is not the true meaning of Easter", the teacher said slightly exasperated.

She then looked at little Mary and inquired if she knew what Easter was about. "Oh, sure I know. It is when Jesus was killed on a cross, put in a tomb and left for three whole days!" she quickly replied. "Wonderful, finally one of my students knows what Easter really means", thought the teacher. Until Mary continued, "Then all the disciples gathered around the tomb to see if Jesus would come out. If he came out and saw his shadow, he went back inside and we have six more weeks of winter!"

Well, little Mary got it partially right! This is the time to remember that God loved mankind so much that according to John 3:14-18 "14Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. 16For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son" NIV

So, as we experience this Resurrection Sunday, remember how much God loved each of us, and don't forget to give Him the praise and the glory. Have a blessed week in the Lord and watch out for that- aah- Easter Shadow.

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Softball-Slaton @ Post; noon

Monday

Golf-Post Lopes @ Idalou in District Tournament

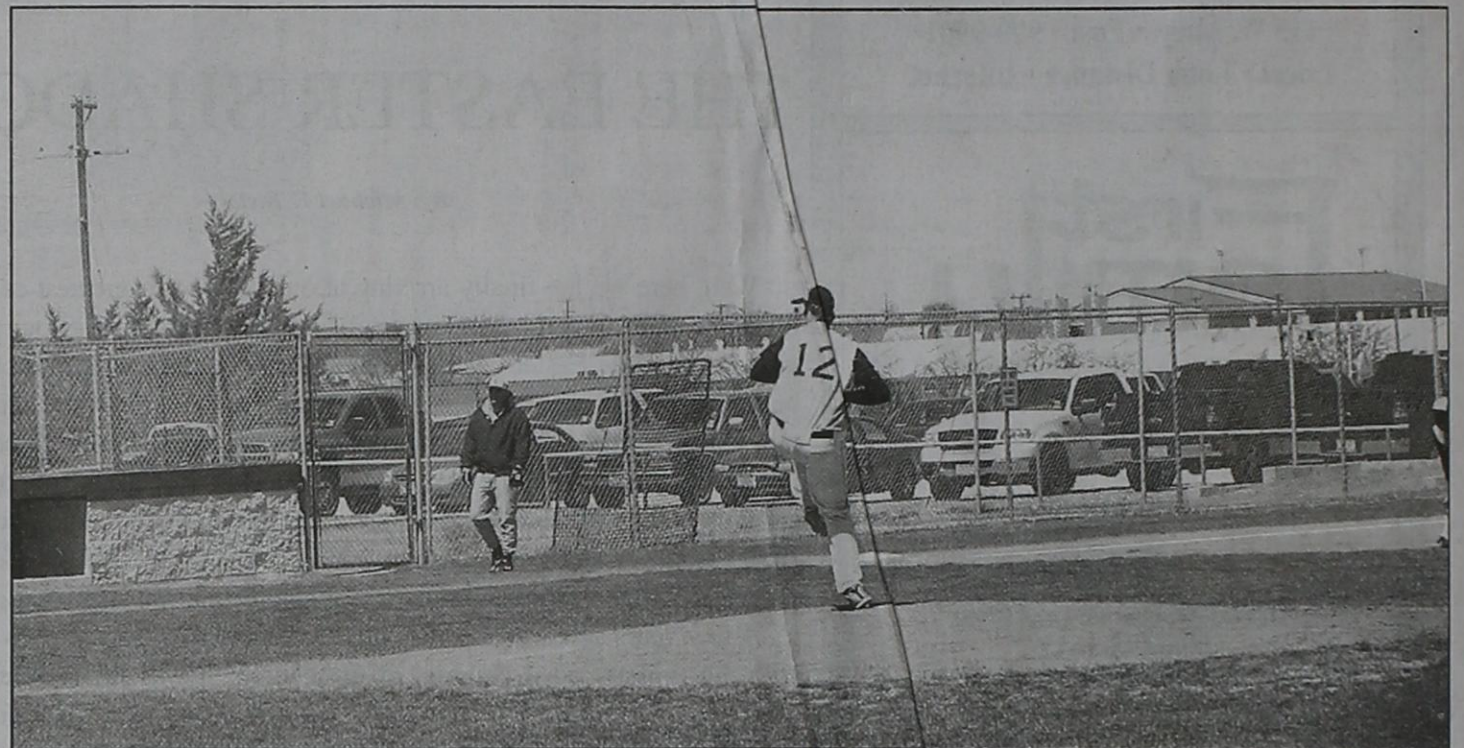
Tuesday

Baseball-Idalou @ Post; 7 p.m.

Softball-Post @ Idalou; 5 p.m.

Wednesday

Golf-Lady Lopes @ Idlou in District Tournament

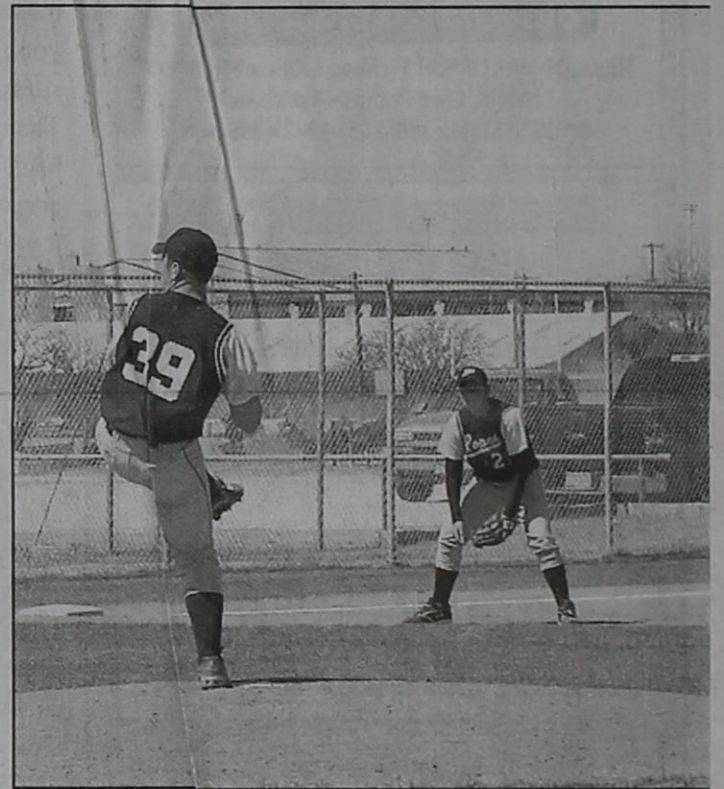


Junior High track meet at Idalou held on Thursday, March 26, 2009.

- 8th Grade Girls**
 Shot Put - 3rd place - Kristiana Perez 23'9"
 Discus - 3rd place - Miley McKee 67'
 Long Jump - 2nd place - Haily Berry 14'4"
 4th place - Mariah Morales 13'4"
 Triple Jump - 1st place - Haily Berry 32'10"
 4x100 m Relay - 3rd place Macie Merritt, Miley McKee, Mariah Morales, Haily Berry 56.09
 800 m Run - 2nd place - Patti Lopez 2:49.96
 5th place - Fernanda Contreras 3:07.71
 6th place - Julie Boren 3:08.88
 100m Hurdles - 1st place - Mercedes Solarzono 18.03
 100 M Dash - 1st place - Haily Berry 13.79
 3rd place - Miley McKee 14.77
 4th place - Macie Merritt 15.13
 4x200 m Relay - 3rd place - Macie Merritt, Morgan Deen, Kelsey Isbell, Miley McKee 2:06.79
 400 m Dash - 2nd place - Mariah Morales 66.85
 300 m Hurdles - 1st place - Mercedes Solarzono 52.95
 200 m Dash - 3rd place - Morgan Deen 31.83
 1600 m Run - 4th place - Fernanda Contreras 7:00.07
 4x400 m Relay - 1st place - Haily Berry, Patti Lopez,

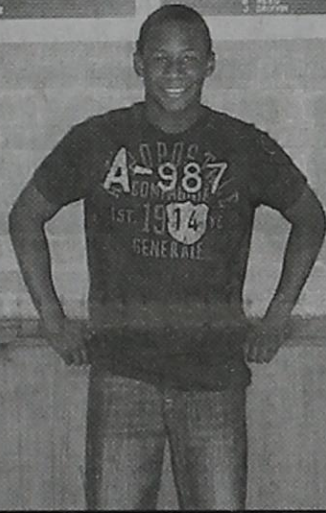
Post's varsity Lopes fell in a district game to Littlefield 4-3. The JV fell 12-2. Top, Clint Windham is at the plate for the Lopes. Above, Chess Postell pitches for Lopes against Littlefield. Right, John Backo pitches for the Post JV squad. Below, the varsity squad enjoys a rest after beating Slaton 12-3 last week.

Photos by Dianne James



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POST MIDDLE SCHOOL			BOYS TRACK & FIELD RECORDS		
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Record Breaker ...

DJ Brown is a 7th grader at Post Middle School. He recently broke 2 school track records last week. He broke the 200 meter dash record of 25.4 seconds, and the triple jump record of 34'6". His new records are 25.21 seconds in the 200 meter dash. His new record in the triple jump is 34'11."

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Sierra Hodge (above) tries to make contact with a pitch Tuesday night. Left, Bethany Berry attempts to do the same. Below, Miranda Hair winds up for the pitch. The Lady Lopes are at home Saturday against rival Slaton and are on the road Tuesday against Idalou.

Photos by Lance Dunn

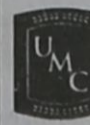


Track results ...

Mercedes Solarzano, Mariah Morales 4:36	Discus - 3rd place - Taylor Graves 58'3"	6th place - Cheyenne Gill 15.99	33.05
Team Totals: Shallowater 179 Post 147	4th place - Britt Steggs 56'8"	4x200 m Relay - 4th place - Katie Dunn, Matti Smith, Jasmine Collazo, Sierra Isbell 2:08.85	33.72
Idalou 103	Triple Jump - 2nd place - Matti Smith 28'0"	400 m Dash - 2nd place - Taylor Osborn 70.78	5:03.86
Floydada 68	Long Jump - 4th place - Jaycee Johnson 11'9"	300 m Hurdles - 1st place - Miranda Solarzano 55.05	Team Totals: Shallowater 200
Abernathy 58	100 m Hurdles - 1st place - Miranda Solarzano 19.38	200 m Dash - 2nd place - Jaycee Johnson 30.48	Abernathy 111
	6th place - Bethany Curtis 21.28	4th place - Jasmine Collazo	Idalou 108
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Garza Co. Trailblazers would like to thank everyone who made our Easter Bake sale such a great success. A big thanks to United for letting us set up in their store and to Ida Jones, Wanda Blacklock, Eddie Aton, and Nellie Tyler for helping with the sale. To all the wonderful people who donated items and the ones who purchased the delicious cakes, pies and snacks. We hope you enjoyed them. Please come by our center to see where your donations are working.

Thanks again,
All Members of Trailblazers

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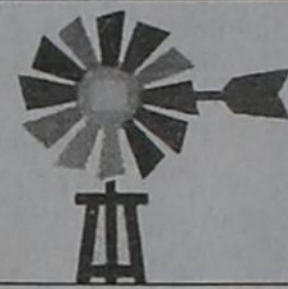
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Southland ISD April 13 Breakfast- Waffles, fruit, juice, milk Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, hot roll, cake, milk				April 14 Breakfast- Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, milk				TRAILBLAZERS April 13 Chicken strips, macaroni & cheese, mixed veggies, roll, fruit salad			
April 13 Breakfast- Waffles, fruit, juice, milk Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, hot roll, cake, milk				April 15 Taco salad, beans, Mexican corn, salsa, peach cake,				April 16 Chicken stir fry, rice, salad, garlic toast, mandarin cake			
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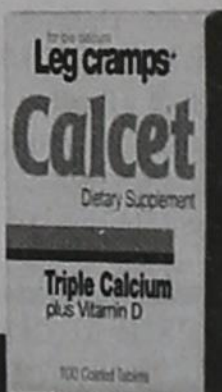
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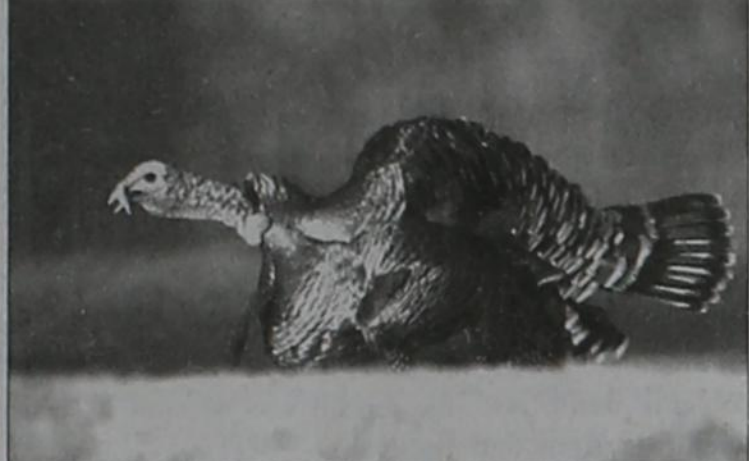
For as long as anyone can remember, deer hunters have judged their trophies against one another by touting a buck's Boone & Crockett score. Did you know that turkey hunters can also get in on the game of keeping harvest records and do a little bragging along the way? That's right. With a few simple measurements, you can objectively evaluate a turkey and assign it a "score" by using a set of systematic measurements.

Correct gear

The tools needed for scoring a turkey are simple: a spring scale capable of weighing a hanging object; a flexible, 1/4-inch-wide tape measure for measuring the spur and beard length, and a calculator for completing the calculations. If you have Internet access, you can skip the calculations by logging on to the National Wild Turkey Federation's Web site at (www.nwtf.org) and use their online scoring calculator.

First step

To get started, you'll need to weigh your turkey and convert the ounces to decimal form. The conversion formula is simple. All you need to do is divide the ounces by 16. For example, if your turkey weighs 22 pounds and 5 ounces, then to convert the five ounces to decimal form, you'll divide 5 by 16, which gives you .3125. Then combine the decimal-ounce equivalent with the number of pounds. In this case, we'll have the weight of 22.3125 pounds.



Spurs
The next step is to measure the spurs and convert the fractional inch measurement to decimal form and measure to the nearest 1/16th-inch without reduction. In decimal form, 1/16-inch is equivalent to .0625. Using these numbers as a base, you can easily figure out the decimal equivalent to fractions. For example, to convert 3/16-inch, just multiply three times .0625.

Measure the spurs from where they exit the leg and over the outside edge of the spur.
Once the spurs are measured, add the length of both spurs together and multiply by 10. For example, suppose the right spur measures 2-6/16 inches and the left spur measures 2-1/16 inches. The math will look like this:
2.3759 (right spur) + 2.0625 (left spur) = 4.4384 (total length of both spurs) 4.4384 X 10 = 44.384 (spur score)

Don't forget the beard

The last thing to measure on the turkey is the beard. Starting where the beard protrudes from the breast, measure along the center of the beard to the longest tip. Like on the spurs, convert the fractional inch to decimal form. Once you have the beard measurement, multiply the length by two.
6.25 inch beard X 2 = 12.50 on the beard score.

Exceptions

Occasionally, a turkey will grow multiple beards and spurs. In that case, each extra beard and spur gets measured and added to the total score just like the typical beards and spurs. Birds with multiple beards and spurs are listed by the National Wild Turkey Federation as atypical.

Adding it all up

The last step in finalizing your turkey's score is to add up the weight, spur score and beard score. In this case:

22.3125 weight score
+ 44.384 spur score
+ 12.50 beard score
= 79.1965 total score

In Texas, the state records listed with the National Wild Turkey Federation show that the top typical Eastern wild turkey scores a tad over 80 points while the biggest Rio Grande turkey scores just over 88.

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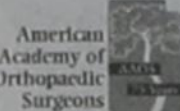
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As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

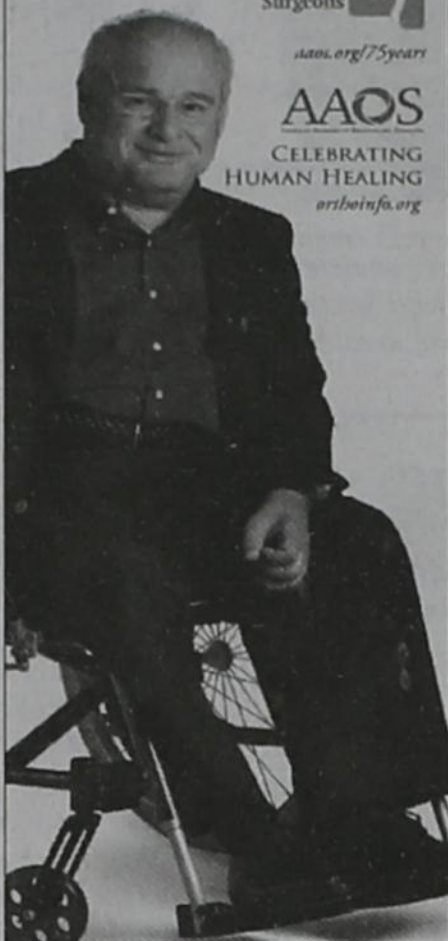
But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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Fun By The Numbers

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ANSWER:

ACROSS

- TX Steve Martin film: "___ of Faith"
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- Gulf fabric
- TXism: "___ pen" (hospital)
- TXism: "___ slinger" (writer)
- TXism: "look everything but the ___ lungs" (robbed)
- agcy. of Thomas, Sup. Ct. nominee of TX George H.
- TXism: "she has to sneak up ___ to fix her hair" (homely)
- TX Nolan specialty: "___ hitter"
- Alvord's county dir. to Houston from Dallas
- "Honor the Texas flag" is beginning of state
- Spurs arena ('93-'02)
- this Boone starred in TX-filmed "State Fair" (init.)
- TXism: "trapped like ___ possum"
- oil drill bit made a fortune for TX Hughes ___ Co.
- Evel Knievel might accept this (2 wds.)
- song by TX Henley group, The Eagles
- last name of lead TX Ranger announcer
- cross of cattle and buffalo
- ___ Campo, TX
- TXism: "If he ___ giddyup, you better go"
- weight watchers they're off the main track
- TXism: "got the short ___ of the stick"
- TX Tanya (init.)
- this Augustus and Bernardo Gutierrez fought Spain in TX
- ex-Rockets star when he was Akeem (init.)
- TXism: "a sheep ___ clothing"
- surprise attack
- TX B.J. Thomas sang "___ Lone-some I Could Cry"
- TX Larry L. King was ___ fellow at Harvard
- "___ Sam" Rayburn was U.S. House speaker for 17 of these (abbr.)
- Astros early name: the ___ -Fives
- TX-developed aircraft, V-22s
- popular ISP
- cow sound
- actor in TX-filmed "JFK"
- familiar saying
- welcome or rasslin'
- Grand ___ Opry
- get rid of
- "___ N Go"
- disagreeably damp
- TXism: "If he ___ says go, ___ (intimidated)"
- Cowboy" ('80)
- this John was "Davy" in '60 Alamo film

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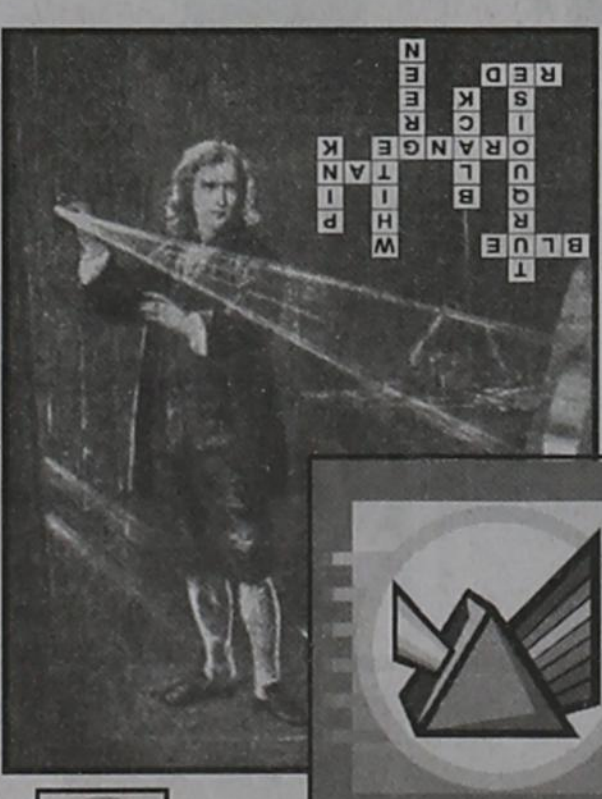
THE NOT JUST FOR KIDS PAGE

OVER THE RAINBOW

VOL 120 Laura Craig



Light + water = Rainbow
The arched pathway of colored light that follows a rainfall was named because of its resemblance to an archer's bow. Raindrops act like nature's tiny prism causing the white light of the sun to be refracted or bent, (just as a spoon appears bent in a glass of water). As the different colors travel through the raindrop prism, each move at a different speed causing the light to separate into 7 distinct bands of color.



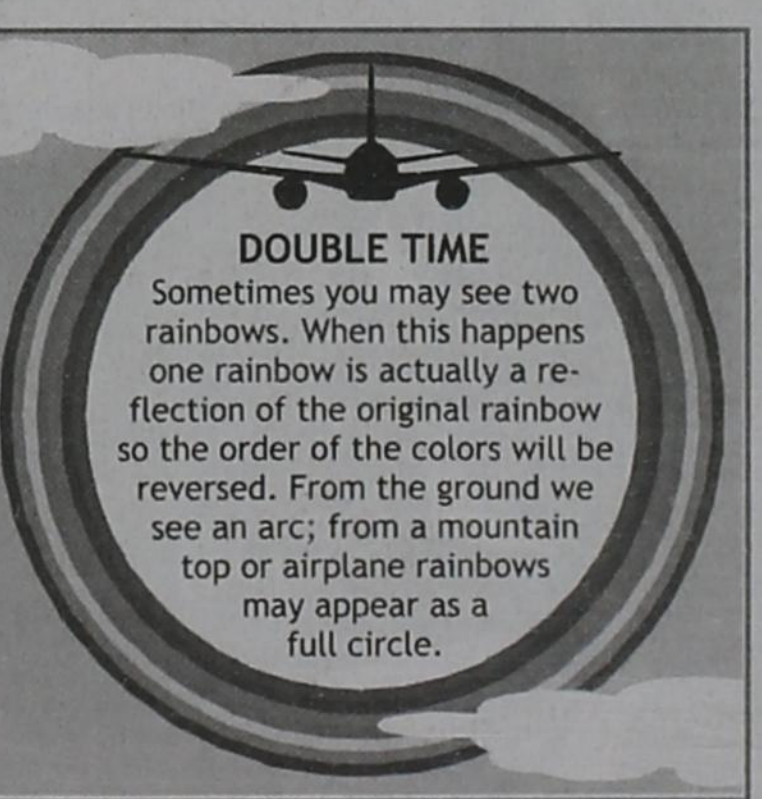
Isaac Newton is often associated with defining gravity via a falling apple. But in 1666 Newton also became the first person to realize white light is really a combination of all the colors of the rainbow. Newton used a prism to separate the red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet bands of light then he used a second prism to redirect the light once again into white light.

Mythology Connection

In many myths the rainbow is a connecting bridge between Heaven and Earth. In Greek mythology, the goddess of the rainbow was the messenger, Iris. The Vikings believed the rainbow connected the earth kingdom to the sky kingdom. In Siberian literature, the storm gods use the rainbow to shoot arrows of lightning. Today the rainbow is often used to symbolize diversity and unity between the religions and races of the world.

SIMPLE SCIENCE

You can create a rainbow in your backyard; all you need is a sunny day and a garden hose. Stand with your back to the sun and spray. Instant rainbow!



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 - Surrender
 - Pigs and baby girls
 - Ebony jet
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- ACROSS**
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Scribbling Scribe ...

by Jeff Blackmon

It has been a long time since I wrote my last column.

Column writing, like just about anything else, must become a habit for journalists or writers in order to produce one each week. So, I'm recommitting myself to the challenge of column writing.

The most difficult part of this task is finding items to write about. I'm always open to suggestions ... if you've got a question or a suggestion about what is going on in your community that you want addressed in my column send me an e-mail at postcitydispatch@yahoo.com. I'll look into it for you, or at least try to. Or there may be a national topic that needs some looking into. I'm not an expert at that, but I'll see what I can come up with.

So what I'll do this week is take something I found on the Internet that I can't help but write about or make fun of. To start with, I'm not making fun of space research and travel. I just find it interesting what people will do for science and space research.

Okay. Here it goes. Breaking news from Moscow ... two Europeans and four Russians will pretend to head to Mars by spending three months isolated in a capsule. The hatch was slammed shut Tuesday, so the crew, all men, are already a few days into this intense study which is being held in Moscow.

Evidently great, painstaking effort has gone in to making this study accurate so scientists can study the "physiological and psychological" effects of isolation. There is even a more than 500 day test similar to this one planned in the coming months to see what would happen to a crew on the home journey from Mars. Mars is about 34-million miles away from Earth.

If you've never taken the time to watch the film "The Right Stuff," it is worth a few hours of your time. This sounds like something straight out of that film, which documents the space race between the Soviet Union and US during the 50s and 60s.

Anyway, the first thing I found amusing about this trip was that the test is being held at the Russian Institute for Biomedical Problems. So my advice to the six volunteers is get ready for problems. Let's hope these biomedical problems don't last long after you emerge from the capsule.

The men are allowed to bring books, CDs and DVDs to watch while they wait to get out. Another interesting fact is that any communications with loved ones will be subject to a time delay of 20 minutes, just as if it is real space travel.

I've been spending my time today trying to figure out which DVDs you take along while packed away for three months on a space experiment. There are some to avoid. "The Thing" or maybe "Alien."

Avoid those. Wouldn't it be really awful to be stuck in a tight place with a bunch of guys who liked nothing but "New Kids on the Block" music? Or it could be the other way around, what if they all only liked "Yanni?"

But I guess there is another reason I'm fascinated with this talk of traveling to Mars.

I'm trying to be modest, but

I've honestly had experience with this "flight to Mars" simulation thing. Except mine was a lot more affordable. Instead of spending millions of dollars, I went to great effort to stack the pillows from my couch, when I was about four or five years old, to make them look like a spaceship. From there my friends and I went on all kinds of adventures to different planets. We even, and I'm not bragging here, even traveled as far as the planet Tatooine located in a galaxy far, far away. I even got to change my name to Luke Skywalker, my buddy was Han Solo. What a trip.

And it only took us a few minutes to get there because we made the jump into hyperspace. These astronauts don't even have hyperspace! How laughable ...

But I was very disappointed because Tatooine, along with all the planets we traveled to, all looked like my living room and the terrain was so similar to my backyard.

Okay, I know, I'm being facetious, but another fact about this experiment is more than 5,600 applied to do this study. The first question on the application should have read, "What is so bad in your life that you want to be locked in a container for three months with little or no contact with the outside world?"

The story on this mission can be found on Yahoo! at http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20090331/sc_afp/spacerussiaeuropemarslead for those interested in reading it. Honestly it makes for a good read and you'll get some information on just how long it will take someone to travel to Mars and make it back. I think it will take about 1.5 years.

And what else is amazing is that the European Space Agency (ESA) and NASA are planning in three decades to make their own manned trip to Mars.

Wow! Hope we're out of debt by then.

Southland News

Congratulations to our FFA judging teams that represented the school very well this past weekend at the Area II judging meet at Texas Tech University. Results are listed below:

- TTU
- Dairy cattle - 13th
- Horse - 20
- Livestock - 28
- Poultry - 9
- WTAMU

Horse 27th
Congratulations also to our UIL Academic teams which showed progress in many areas, but unfortunately did not have anyone advance.

Congratulations to the Junior High Kids that competed at the Zone Track Meet on March 30th at O'Donnell. They were short in numbers but competed very hard. Congratulations to our Ms. Roe and the Golf team who competed very well at the District Golf meet that was held at the Gaines County Golf Club on Monday April 6th. Our kids braved the

wind and cold temperatures to compete well in a very large field.

Events for This Week:

School Holiday on Friday
April 10th

Events for Next Week:

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EXTENSION EXTRAS

4-H Club Meeting
Monday, April 20 at the Citizens Bank room, 6:30 PM.

4-H/FFA Steer Validation Deadline
Friday, April 17 is the deadline for ordering tags for 2009-2010. Cost is \$10.00 each.

Entomology Project
Tuesdays, 4:00 at the Extension office.

Rabbit Project
ThursdayS after school at the GCJLA show barn.

Easter Rabbit "Eggs-travaganza"
Saturday, April 11, 10:00 AM, Show Barn. For more information, contact the Extension office or Barbara Palmer.

Horse Validations
Certification forms are due Tuesday, April 28 in the Extension office. Fee is \$10.00 per horse.

4-H Camps
For information on summer camps, come by the office or go to the county website at <http://garza-tx.tamuk.edu>.

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

PHS 2009 Regional Qualifiers



PHS UIL academic regional qualifiers are (from left) Bethany Berry, Amber Wilson, Zach Nava, Chad Miller, Quinten Davis and Jackie Slauch.

Post High School UIL Academics had six people place in the District Meet in Denver City March 30 and April 1. These six individuals will advance to the Regional meet in Odessa April 25.

Bethany Berry placed first in LD debate, with Quinten Davis placing third. Zach Nava placed third in Feature Writing; Chad Miller took third in Ready Writing; Amber Wilson placed third in Headline Writing and Jackie Slauch placed third place in Literary Criticism.

Coaches for the students were Juanetta Bocko, Journalism events; Sterline Marcum, Writing; Leslie Tatum, Literary and Tim Tatum, Debate.

Students who place in the top three spots at Regional qualify for the State meet in Austin in early May.

What's Happening at Golden Plains

Well, another month has gone by and WOW the fun we have had around here!

We began the month by having the M&M Kids from Gail stop by and sing and even played a couple of games of Bingo with us.

Doris had a new idea this month. She mentioned how she missed the afternoon tea time she enjoyed in England so we started one right here. Boy, how it has grown. We enjoy a cup of tea and conversation and some are even known to tell a joke or two.

We have also been cooking up some great recipes like Pico de gaio and banana pudding.

We have been known to party around here and this month was no exception. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day on the 17th with lots of good food and music to boot.

Here is some great news: Doug and Claudine Tipton celebrated 56 years of marriage this month. Way to go, Mr. and Mrs. Tipton!

Here are some of the upcoming events:

Saturday, April 11 we are

having our annual Easter egg hunt at Gold Plains Care Center at 2:30 p.m. Family members are also asked to bring some finger good items such as: sandwich'es, cookies or cakes.

On Saturday at 9:30 a.m. we will be coloring the eggs and everyone is welcome to come and join the fun. Families are asked to bring children and grandchildren at 2:30 p.m. for the Easter Egg Hunt!

Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. Golden Plains Care Center will be honoring all of our volunteers. Once again, thank you for all of your help!

Please join us every month to find out what's happening at Golden Plains Care Center or check our web site at www.gold-enplainscare.com

Close City News...

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and call and let me know about anything going on, birthdays or anniversaries. Call me at the gin or e-mail me at close.city.coop@pcca.com

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



Boy Scout Troop 316 recently went backpack hiking trip at Camp Haynes near Caprock Canyon, (from left) Troop Committee Chairman Richard Hudman, Dalton Thuett, Fermin Rivera, Michael Taylor (Patrol Leader), and Caelan Thuett.

Photo by Scoutmaster Trevor Thuett



Members of Boy Scout Troop 316 attended an annual camp out in Monahans Sandhills State Park last month are pictured from left: Caelan Thuett, Ricky Fontenot, Dalton Thuett, Fermin Rivera and Michael Taylor. Troop Leaders are Richard Hudman and Trevor Thuett. The troop members cooked camp meals they had not prepared before.

Have a Blessed Easter

Thanks For Reading The Post Dispatch

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF GARZA §

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 106TH Judicial District Court of Garza County, on the 6th day of April, 2009, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No.	Styling	Legal Description
99-08-05,541	Garza County, et al v. Anselmo Rodela, et al	1. South Half of Lot 7, South Half of Lot 8, and the South Half of the East 10' of Lot 6, Block 7, Original Town of Post, Garza County, Texas.
01-05-05,700	Garza County, et al v. Roberta Devereaux	2. Lots 9, 10, Block 66, Original Town of Post, Garza County, Texas.
03-11-05,897	Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. Anastacio Mendoza, et ux,	3. Lots 9, 10, Block 1, Bingham Addition to the City of Post, Garza County, Texas. 4. Lots 10, 11, 12, Block 25, Original Town Addition to the City of Post, Garza County, Texas.
08-01-06,271	Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. David Vega	5. South Half of Lot 1, West 36' of the South Half of Lot 2, Block 31, Original Town of Post, Garza County, Texas.
08-01-06,272	Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. Maymie Irene Taylor, Deceased	6. A .004911 Royalty Interest in the San Andres "A" T50 Lease 85060713, George R. Brown, Operator, Aycock and Thompson Survey, Garza County, Texas.
08-04-06,305	Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. Beaulah Belyeu	7. West 67.5' of Lot 1 and North 67.5' of Lot 2, Block 157, Original Town of Post, Garza County, Texas.
08-11-06,340	Garza County, et al v. David Ashcroft, et al	8. Rex Carey's .025000 Working Interest in the Beulah K Bird Lease 85064073, Three R Oil Co. Operator, Located in Post (Glorieta) Field out of Section 2, Block 8, H&GN Survey, Garza County, Texas. 9. David Ashcroft's .025000 Working Interest in the Beulah K. Bird Lease 85064073, Three R Oil Company, Operator. Located in Post (Glorieta) Field out of Section 2, Block 8, H&GN Survey, Garza County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 1:00 o'clock p.m. on the 5th day of May, 2009, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse of Garza County, in the City of Post, Texas.

Levied on the 6th day of April, 2009, as the property of

said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

ALL BIDDERS MUST NOW DISPLAY PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH 34.015 OF TEXAS TAX CODE."

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 6th DAY OF April, 2009.

Cliff Laws
SHERIFF, GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: _____ DEPUTY

ORDEN Y AVISO DE ELECCIONES GENERALES

ESTADO DE TEXAS
CONDADO DE GARZA
DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE POST

12 de febrero de 2009

El Consejo de administración del Distrito escolar independiente de Post, Condado de Garza, Texas, ordena la celebración de elecciones generales el día 9 de mayo de 2009, en los centros electorales designados más adelante, con fines de elegir tres miembros, sin limitaciones, del consejo de administración. Todos los miembros electos del Consejo de administración desempeñarán el cargo por un periodo de tres años, a partir del 9 de mayo de 2009. Además, los electores calificados podrán optar por votar acumulativamente por el candidato que prefieran, marcando con una "X" uno o dos casilleros. Cada elector puede votar hasta dos veces por un mismo candidato.

Dichas elecciones se celebrarán en los lugares designados más adelante como distritos electorales y centros electorales en el Distrito escolar independiente de Post. Los centros electorales permanecerán abiertos desde las 7:00 de la mañana hasta las 7:00 de la tarde y todos los electores votarán en el distrito en el que residen, a menos que aquí se disponga lo contrario.

Para el Distrito, se nombra a Edith Lester secretaria de votación adelantada para todas las elecciones del Distrito escolar independiente de Post, quien nombrará a su vez secretarios delegados. Shellee Odom es la secretaria provisional delegada de votación adelantada para todas las elecciones del Distrito escolar independiente de Post.

Los nombres del Juez presidente y del Juez presidente suplente aparecen en el Anexo A adjunto y que forma parte de este documento para todos los fines y propósitos.

La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo en el siguiente centro electoral para la votación adelantada:

Fechas de la votación adelantada
Desde el 27 de abril de 2009 al 1 de mayo de 2009
El 4 y 5 de mayo de 2009

Oficina administrativa del Distrito escolar independiente de Post
501 South Avenue K De 8:00 am a 4:30 pm/27 de abril-1 de mayo de 2009 (lunes-viernes)
Post, Texas De 8:00 am a 4:30 pm/4 y 5 de mayo de 2009 (lunes-martes)
Cerrado sábados y domingos

Los candidatos pueden solicitar la inclusión de su nombre en la boleta en las oficinas administrativas del Distrito escolar independiente de Post, durante los días laborables habituales, como sigue:

Desde el 9 de febrero de 2009 al 9 de marzo de 2009
de lunes a viernes, de 8:00 de la mañana a 4:30 de la tarde
Cerrado sábados y domingos

Todos los avisos relativos a la inscripción y votación estarán redactados en inglés y en español. Todos los anuncios de divulgación en los periódicos estarán redactados en inglés y en español. Cada uno de los centros electorales contará con la presencia de dos traductores de inglés/español. Toda información y demás materiales relacionados con el proceso de votación incluidas las boletas, estarán disponibles en inglés y en español.

Una copia de esta orden, firmada por el Presidente y avalada por el Secretario de este Consejo, servirá como aviso apropiado de dichas elecciones, y el Presidente hará que dicho aviso se haga público de acuerdo con la ley, mediante la colocación de anuncios en la Oficina administrativa del Distrito escolar independiente de Post, en el juzgado del condado de Garza, en la oficina de correos de Post, Texas, en el periódico local y en cualquier otro lugar, o mediante cualquier otro método, según lo exige la ley, durante al menos veinte (20) días antes de la fecha de las elecciones.

En fe de lo cual, lo firman y sellan el Presidente y el Secretario del Consejo de administración del Distrito escolar independiente de Post, este día 12 de febrero de 2009.

Mike Holly
Presidente, Consejo de administración
Distrito escolar independiente de Post

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