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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners Court
 Tuesday - July 28
 9 a.m.
 Garza County Courthouse
 300 W. Main

City of Post
 City Council Meeting
 August 11
 5:30 p.m.
 Council Chambers
 City Hall
 105 E. Main Street

Post ISD
 School Board Meeting
 August 11
 7:30 p.m.
 Administrative Board Room
 501 S. Avenue K

NOTE: Video of last month's Meeting at post.k12.tx.us or Suddenlink Channel 12

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Event info available at press time.

"The Baptist" Premiere Weekend
 Ragtown Gospel Theater
 July 17 - 7:30 p.m.
 July 18 - 3:00 p.m.
 877-RAGTOWN for reservations

"Epic Proportions"
 The Annual Harley Sadler Show
 Garza Theatre
 July 17 & 18
 7:30 p.m.
 Call 495-4005 for reservations

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center

Game Night
 July 21 and July 23
 5:30 p.m.
 205 E. 10th

The Hoppers
 Ragtown Gospel Theater
 July 24 - 7:30 p.m.
 July 25 - 3 p.m. is Sold Out
 \$35 per person
 877-RAGTOWN for reservations

Close City Ice Cream Social
 Close City Co-Op Gin
 July 26
 7:00 p.m.

Old Mill Trade Day Downtown
 Downtown Post
 August 1
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Trailblazer's "Howdy Y'all Day"
 Hamburgers and all the trimmings
 August 8
 11 a.m. til 2 p.m.
 \$5/each

69th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo
 August 6 - 8
 Grant Entry - 7:45 p.m.
 Stampede Arena on Hwy. 84

Post Stampede Rodeo Dance
 August 7 - Jody Nix
 August 8 - Wes Nixon Band
 \$10 admission per person

Post Stampede Rodeo Parade
 Saturday
 August 8
 3 p.m.

Zoning Variance For Proposed Youth Center Denied

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

In a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, July 14, the Post City Council voted to deny a request to consider a zoning variance for the building owned by the Garza County Health Care District at 608 W. 6th Street. The decision was based on response from residents in the neighborhood surrounding the building. The majority were opposed to the change in zoning.

Organizations including Mad Dads and Rural Community Organizing as well as parents have proposed that the clinic building be

leased and converted into a multi-use youth center. Their plans would divide the space so several organizations could use the building such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Mad Dads. There were also plans to have a literacy program, computer center and other educational opportunities in the center.

However, those attempting to organize the Youth Center understood there were many challenges ahead, the first of which was to accomplish the zoning variance. There would also be concerns to be resolved satisfactorily by the Garza County Health Care District not

the least of which would be liability issues.

A zoning variance request by James Davenport for property on north Avenue S was also denied because of the negative response received from property owners in that neighborhood.

Kathy Beach, Secretary-Treasurer of Post City Celebrations, Inc. presented a proposal for advertising funds for the 69th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo. These funds will come from money left in the Centennial Celebration fund. The proposal was approved by the council.

The City Council approved a proposal by Harry Record, Post Area Chamber of Commerce PR/Membership Director. The Chamber requested hotel/motel tax money to help fund the Visitors Center; purchase additional brochure holders; maintain the postcitytexas.com web site and help with the cost of marketing Post and Garza County throughout the region and other expenses.

The Council also voted to release unspent TxDOT aviation funds from 2006 in the amount of \$150,000 and appointed John Cox to the Airport Board. They also

approved the sale of property located on lots 10 and 11, Block 2 and Lots 8 and 9, Block 2 of the Bingham Addition to Paul Perez.

To better accommodate the schedules of City Council members, the regular City Council meeting was moved to the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. beginning in August. After clarification by the City Attorney of the correct procedure to use, the Council members also voted to hold a Workshop at 5:00 p.m. prior to each regular meeting.

In other business, the council

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Garza County Jail Facility Nears Capacity

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

In a regular meeting of the Garza County Commissioners' Court Monday, the Commissioners heard a report from Stephanie Hataway regarding the contract agreement for medical services for the county jail. During the report Hataway expressed an urgency in finalizing the agreement because at this time the inmate population in the new jail facility has reached 91. She also announced that a contract with the U.S. Marshall Service was in place which will have a strong

influence in consistently maintaining the jail population at or near capacity. Hataway also introduced Michael O'Bryan as her replacement as the marketing director for the jail facility.

The maximum inmate population is 96 and that consistent number is required for the jail facility to be fiscally viable. "I believe we first moved prisoners into the new facility in April. Garza County is very excited about meeting the goals that were formulated over two years ago for utilizing the full capacity of our jail," said Garza

County Judge Lee Norman. "Having attained the contracts we have for housing inmates for these other entities speaks to the quality of our sheriff department, constables and all of the individuals involved in this process.

As requested by the commissioners, the Sheriff's office inquired about the possibility of utilizing the same medical service provider as the Dalby Unit at least for the rest of the year or until the jail was at capacity. Hataway explained that Physicians Network Association (PNA) contracts with the Dalby Unit and could not service the jail under the same contract. PNA would require a separate contract and doctor for the jail facility. The group could not quote an exact contract amount, but would guarantee that their fee would be less than \$6000 a month.

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Blood Drive in Post this afternoon

United Blood Services has issued an appeal for blood donors in Post. To help with the community blood supply, a blood drive will be held in the parking lot of Dalby Unit this afternoon (July 17) from 2:30-5:15pm.

Donors will be entered into a weekly drawing to win a \$500 Visa

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'The Baptist' Premier At Ragtown Gospel Theatre Tonight

Directing the largest cast yet to assemble in a Ragtown Gospel Theater production, Glenn Polk brings John the Baptist to life in an exhilarating portrayal of the man God chose for the honor of heralding the coming of His Son.

Playwright Chip Polk, once again, has delivered a fresh and innovative perspective on another member of the close circle of family and followers of Jesus. "The Baptist" weaves together humor and humanity to create a surprising and unforgettable portrait of the enigmatic prophet.

Performance times are Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. and a matinee the first Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

"The Baptist" will run July 17 through October 17 except Labor Day weekend.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$10 for students and children; group rates for 12 or more are available. Tickets are Friday evening performances are \$15 per person throughout the summer, except for special guest concerts and events. Purchase tickets online at ragtown.com or call 1-877-RAGTOWN.

Tickets are still available for the Friday, July 24 performance of the popular gospel performers, The Hoppers; however, the July 25th performance has sold out. Admission to this special "all music" event are \$35 each.

Post Jr. League District 38 Champs

Post Jr. League All-Star baseball team (13-14 year olds) will carry their 20-2-1 record on the road to Borger this week representing Texas Little League Jr. Division District 38 in the Texas West Section 1 tournament. It has been quite a run for these talented young men representing Post and their community. This team, formally Post Jr. Gold, has faced many quality opponents this season and hopes to keep their dreams alive by facing even more opponents that are talented in the weeks ahead.

The section 1 tournament kicks off Wednesday, July 15 with the Post All-Stars vs. El Paso at 8 pm. The double elimination tournament runs through Sunday, July 19. Other teams vying for the section 1 championship are: D-1 Borger; D-2 Lubbock; D-36 El Paso; and D-37 Ft. Stockton.

On the road to this tournament, the Post team saw competitive teams from Abernathy, Crosbyton, Floydada, Idalou, Ralls, Roosevelt, Slaton and Spur during the regular season where they averaged 16 runs to their opponents 4, while holding a 14-0 record. In the District 38 tournament, Post ended up in 2nd place with one loss, playing a double-hitter in temperatures

near 103 degrees. Post hosted the District 38 All-Star tournament July 1-8. Game one for Post vs. Floydada, Post won 14-4 in the second game. Post fell to Idalou 8-11 and then in the loser's bracket, had to re-focus and take on a talented team from Abernathy in an elimination game.

The guys fought hard and won 5-3. The next team in their sight was the then undefeated Idalou. The Post team came out and

took care of business winning 21-8 in an impressive 5 innings. The Championship game to represent District 38 was again a re-match of Post vs. Idalou where the determined Post All-Stars won 11-4.

It has been several years since a youth baseball team from Post has advanced past District play and the support of the families, fans and local businesses has been outstanding and greatly appreciated.



The Post Jr. League All-Star 38 District Champions are (from left): Front row, Lanny Fluitt-Coach, Blaine Osborn, Nolan Prather, Tyler Jones, Paden Babb and Greg Jones-Manager. Back row, Chris Belongia-Coach, Phillip Gonzales, Steven Howard, Dalton Holly, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Vance Blair, Nathaniel Gill, Pake Jones and TJ Basquez.



Children were at Post City Park last weekend for fun and games sponsored by Mad DADS. On July Fourth, rides and events closed early because of bad weather. Above, children enjoy a train ride with conductor Robby Palmer.

Post Notes

Ice Cream Social at Close City

Mark your calendar for July 26th at 7:00 P.M. We are hosting an old fashion ice cream social in Close City on the east side of the school. This event is for anyone who has ever lived in, go to school or attended church in Close City. We also invite all producers and landlords of the Close City Co-op Gin. Bring your family, your lawn chair and enjoy some wonderful homemade ice cream, desserts and visiting with old and new friends. For more information call Traci Freeman 632-3611 or Nancy Morris 239-838.

Post High School Mini Cheer Camp

Post High School Mini Cheer Camp will be August 5-7, 2009 from 9:00 am - 12 noon. The sign up deadline is July 24th. Registration packets can be picked up at the High School Office. For more information contact Juanetta Bocko @ 990-2053 or 778-0616.

Biker Sunday

A Biker Sunday and Blessing of the bikes scheduled for Sunday July 26, 2009 at Wilson Methodist Church in Wilson TX. Proceeds will benefit Children's church camp fund, and building fund. There will be great music, door prizes, lunch will be provided, registration open at 9:00 am and service will begin at 9:45 am. Registration is \$15 the Biker Sunday is sponsored by VFW Motorcycle Group Unit 13, Unchained Ministries, and Wilson Methodist Church. For more information contact J. W. Jolly at 806-990-3128 or 806-620-0262.

Second Annual Back to School Street Health Fair

The Back to School Health Fair is planned to take place on August 21, 2009 beginning at 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. If your organization would like to participate please contact: Jamie Edwards 327-5312, Barbara Palmer 470-1295 or Community Organizer Reyes Pequeno 778-2628 for more information.

Summer Gospel Singing

The Graham Chapel Church of Christ at 15th and Ave S will be having singing on Wednesday nights at 7:00 on the Pavilion behind the Church building. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 495-3261 or 495-3057.

American Legion scheduled to meet

The American Legion's James C. Cole Post 270's regular meeting will be held on Thursday July 23 2009 at 7:00 PM, at the First Christian Church located at 812 W. 13th St

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Opinions

Blue Dogs Draw Straws

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Letter to the Editor

To Whom It May Concern:

I settled and married.

On June 26 and 27, 2009, the Solis-Chagolla family hosted our first family reunion in Post. There were family members from all over Texas, like Houston, Rosenberg, Richmond, Duncanville, Dallas, San Antonio, Watauga, DeSoto, Cedar Hill, Poth Grand Prairie and as far as Monterrey, Mexico.

My family from out of town looked for souvenirs but unfortunately they were unable to locate any to take with them. Maybe some of your stores and/or shops should be given the suggestion to carry Post souvenirs.

There were several family members that had never visited Post but instantly felt right at home. Everyone loved the City of Post and its wonderful people. I know first hand of the great people of Post since I was raised and lived there until 1989, at which time I moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth area where

I would like to thank Ms. Postell for taking time in locating a few Post football caps for me to purchase and bring back to my friends. Jay Strawn with Strawn Transport also donated some caps.

Lastly, I would like to thank the City of Post and your blessed people. God's favor to you all.

Sincerely
 Mark Solis

By Robert Romano

The Blue Dog Democrats claim they have 40 members who are at least hesitant to vote in favor of government-run health care. That would be enough to kill the legislation currently being proposed in the House that will effectively take away private health care options from the American people.

At the very least, the alleged Blue Dog opposition would be enough to slow the bill down, making it much more likely that it will eventually be killed. But now with breaking news that the proposal is to be unveiled today, it is hard to believe that the Blue Dogs are doing anything but howling at the moon.

The truth is, the Blue Dogs have to prove that they're not just drawing straws to see who gets to vote against the proposal in order to cover themselves on a bill they already know is likely to pass. In everything from the trillion-dollar "stimulus" to the Waxman-Markey climate change bill, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has not lost an important vote all year long, despite occasional Blue Dog bleating of discontent.

A large part of the reason for this is that the so-called "conservative" Democrats—the self-proclaimed Blue Dogs—always seem to come up just shy of the votes needed to block the House Majority's Big Government agenda.

The fact is, the Blue Dogs look more like lap dogs, yelping in protest—while willingly heeling in submission to the House Speaker's adjustable leash.

So now, to quote Blue Dog icon John F. Kennedy, "sincerity is always subject to proof."

On Thursday, 40 members of the House Blue Dog Democrats caucus issued a letter against proposed legislation that would forever socialize the nation's

health system. A list of the 40 House members can be viewed here.

Congressman Mike Ross (AR-CD4), chairman of the Blue Dog Health Care Task Force, stated that if the House Majority brings their bill to the floor as proposed, an "overwhelming majority" of his 52 member coalition would vote against it.

In the letter sent by 40 members of the Blue Dog coalition in the House of Representatives, members demanded that any House proposal on health care be deficit-neutral, protect small businesses, and that the legislation "must be available to all Members and the public for a sufficient amount of time before we are asked to vote for it."

The letter also required that "sufficient time" would be needed for "any amendments or changes to the bill" stating that "We need time to review it and discuss it with our constituents. Too short of a review period is unacceptable and only undermines Congress' ability to pass responsible health care reform that works for all

Americans."

The Blue Dogs' letter hardly put a damper on Nancy Pelosi and Steny Hoyer's plans ram the bill down the throats of the American people with its expected introduction today. House leadership had wanted to unveil the legislation last Friday, get it out of committee this week, and have it on Barack Obama's desk in time for the August recess.

So, the Blue Dog baying apparently had little effect—and now Nancy Pelosi apparently has the legislation back on schedule.

But, even with the slight delay—while the Blue Dogs "negotiated" with Democrat leadership and Barack Obama eve talked about delaying the August recess—there is every reason to believe that now that an apparent compromise has been worked out that the House is simply returning to the frightening, lightning pace that it has been moving legislation into law.

For example, the Waxman-Markey energy tax legislation was introduced on May 15th of

this year, discharged by the relevant committees on June 19th, and passed on June 26th.

The final version was 1,428 pages long, and it's clear nobody read it before they voted on it. Because they couldn't. A 300-page amendment was proposed at 3:47AM in the morning on June 26th, which was approved by 11:22AM, leaving no time for the amended version to be distributed when the final vote occurred later that same day at 7:17PM.

So, no wonder the Blue Dogs would want to pretend they are dragging their heels at least a little on socialized medicine.

"We need to slow down and do it right," said Congressman Ross. Or better yet, Mr. Ross, not at all.

The fact is, nobody is going to believe that the "fiscal conservative" Blue Dog Democrats stand for anything if they cannot, in fact, stop anything. Now, more than ever, they have a high-profile chance to prove to their constituents whether their bite is as good as their bark—or whether they've just been dogging it all along.



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Common Senseless

Michigan, along with most of the states, is bankrupt. The unemployment of the state is also spiraling out of control and may now reach 20 percent. California has a \$26 billion budget shortfall. Currently, forty-one states in the U.S. are facing budget shortfalls. Welcome to Europe.

I wonder if it's a coincidence that the states in the worst financial shape are big-time union states and impose a state income tax? Right to work states which are more friendly to workers, corporations, land owners, etc., are faring much better than their counterparts.

However, as job seekers finally leave states like Michigan, you can bet they'll be headed all over the place looking for jobs, which will raise the unemployment level of other states.

Meanwhile, we have Congress and the White House spending more money than ever while also borrowing more money than ever. And when I say more money than ever, I mean in the history of man kind.

Why? What good is it doing? People in towns experiencing growth of any kind should be on their knees thanking God and praying it continues. No one knows how this will play out, but I suspect growth of any kind while maintaining reasonable unemployment rates is impressive.

With the economic gloom hanging around and the government breaking it's neck trying to "fix" everything, questions are finally being asked about support for small businesses. As a small business owner trying to keep his head above water, this interests me greatly.

While everyone agrees that small businesses are "the backbone" of the economy, they've only been mentioned at a minimum by the Obama Administration.

Outside of some interest-free loans from the Small Business Administration, many of these businesses, which are usually not in the business of wanting or needing government assistance, are just as deserving as the larger business up the food chain in which they depend on.

In other words, if your business makes GM specific auto parts and Government Motors is no longer buying from you because of measures THEY took, what recourse do you have?

Government intervention in the business world has repercussions we'll be feeling for decades. Talk about a lack of an exit strategy.

Anyhow, back to small businesses: the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) originally had \$700 billion appropriated. Of that amount, the SBA has the authority to provide \$17.5 billion in loans for 2009. Through June, the SBA had loaned \$6 billion.

Of course the vast majority of small businesses have received no funds and will probably never receive any. Many may not want it.

What most small business owners are concerned about is taxes on their bottom line. That's certainly what will help determine the number of employees I have.

Businesses are taxed in a variety of ways. With the overall tax burden on a small business as high as it is, it evaporates the profit margin. Throw in large jumps in the minimum wage and a poor economy, and something has to break.

In 2005, a study concluded that individuals and businesses spent an estimated 6 billion hours and \$265 billion dollars complying with their tax obligations. Compliance costs are predicted to grow to \$482.7 billion by 2015.

As more Americans turn to entrepreneurship to start a new career or to boost their incomes, our 3.7 million word tax code is brutal for small businesses and home-based enterprises that operate on thin profit margins.

Which brings me back to my original thought: A huge government really does not solve much. It is expensive and continues to get in the way of itself.

Right now, at this moment in history, what we need is a thrifty government which operates lean and efficiently and sees a smaller tax burden as a sound investment leading to job creation and lower jobless rates.

Officials try and blame lack of oversight as one of the problems leading up to the collapse of the economy. I don't think it was a lack of oversight. It is probably because imbeciles like Barney Frank were doing the overseeing.

Democrats continue to Blame President Bush for the economy. That's fine and dandy. But, they have been in power in both the House and Senate since 2006. If Bush is to blame, so are the parties in power.

I think it's time like these where common sense is supposed to prevail. I'm guessing the one who coined that phrase was probably thinking the majority of our national elected officials had some to begin with

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DID YOU KNOW

White River Lake has 2,211,224,886 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 21% capacity or 6,786 acre feet. Subtract 47,090,725 MG for evaporation this week in July that leaves 2,164,134,161 BG 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.

The Texas Water Development Board has issued an invitation to White River Municipal Water District for the loan they requested. The District has 90 days to accept or lose their ranking.

The Post Reservoir Permit that the Water District Owns has been renewed by the State of Texas for another 4 years, and the trade for the permit to the City of Lubbock for Water Rights for the District's Member Cities continues.

Mickey Rogers GM, White River

The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Teeth are like wrinkles. They're good at reminding you of your age.

Some teeth even have wrinkles. They're the ones hiding out in the back of your mouth – dependable workhorse teeth. No wonder they're wrinkled.

So here's to bicuspid, molars, grinders and such – teeth that truly matter even if they don't shine in our grins. We know you're back there.

Recently, one of my uppers in that category got my attention in a big way. A crater the size of Grand Canyon changed the whole feel of that particular chomper. I don't even know when or how it happened.

I exaggerate. The hole wasn't as long as Grand Canyon – just that deep. Don't tell me I don't know what I'm talking about. I've been to Grand Canyon.

Thankfully, the broken tooth didn't hurt, but it was driving my tongue crazy. If you don't know what I'm talking about, your day will come. Anyway, I called my dentist for an appointment.

(A trip to the dentist is always worth a column. Unfortunately the column is never worth enough to pay the dentist.)

Sure enough, he confirmed I'd lost a hunk of that tooth and recommended a crown, ultimately agreeing to patch things up instead (cheaper, if that word can be used in the context of dentistry) by enlarging the existing filling, which was already the size of Oregon's Crater Lake, as long as we're into wonders of the American West. No, I've never been to Crater Lake, but I did get to see

a really big picture of my tooth and the shiny big filling. One of the wonders of modern dentistry is the ability to show patients big color pictures of teeth in question. Think calendar art.

But it's not the flash and the dash of today's dental procedures that impress me. It's the gas. Turn on the nitrous oxide, and I'm suddenly inspired to do deep-breathing exercises. I try not to be obvious.

Sure enough, once I was in the chair with that nifty little gas mask over my nose, my dentist mentioned I could get my teeth cleaned while the hygienist had time. Meanwhile, he found another place on the other side of my mouth that also needed patching. In a jovial mood, I agreed to everything. More gas.

While the hygienist scraped around determinedly on all my teeth, many wonderful clever things I could write about the whole experience came to mind. My brain on gas.

"I'll bet you find some interesting stuff in people's mouths," I prompted, as she probed various places in mine.

"You wouldn't believe," she replied, mentioning fingernails specifically but stopping short of giving me the long list. I guess the other stuff is just too weird.

My en-route snack came to mind.

"If you find anything besides chocolate muffins, let me know," I said.

She didn't. No news was good news.

The bad news: The whole bill was a tenth of this year's wheat crop.

The good news: It was a sorry crop.

'Epic Proportions' gives audiences lots of laughs at the Garza

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Opening night in a live theater can go either way. Sometimes it seems as though the cast needed a few more rehearsals before taking the stage for an audience. Then other times, the energy of the cast appears boundless and it is obvious that everyone is prepared and eager to burst onto the stage. The audience always hopes for the latter.

Opening night of "Epic Proportions" at the Garza Theatre last weekend met everyone's high expectations for opening night. The cast was obviously well prepared and featured some very good actors; however, the comedy would not have been as well put together without the talent and

style of director Zachery Kocurek of Post. Assisted by Christy Morris, also of Post, Zach brought some new faces to the Garza and evoked a high level of performance from the entire cast.

The set and lighting of "Epic Proportions" were very high standard and staging of the play presented some pleasant surprises including an amplified change of pace at various times.

And, this is a traditional Harley Sadler show with taffy sales during intermission and a highly entertaining "vaudeville review" prior to the play.

It was obvious that the audience enjoyed the play and it was also evident that with the smart young talent showcased in this play, the future of the Garza Theatre is looking very bright.

Post Lions recycle for sight

Post Lions Club is asking people to look through dresser drawers and closets for used eyeglasses and donate them to the Lions Recycle For Sight program.

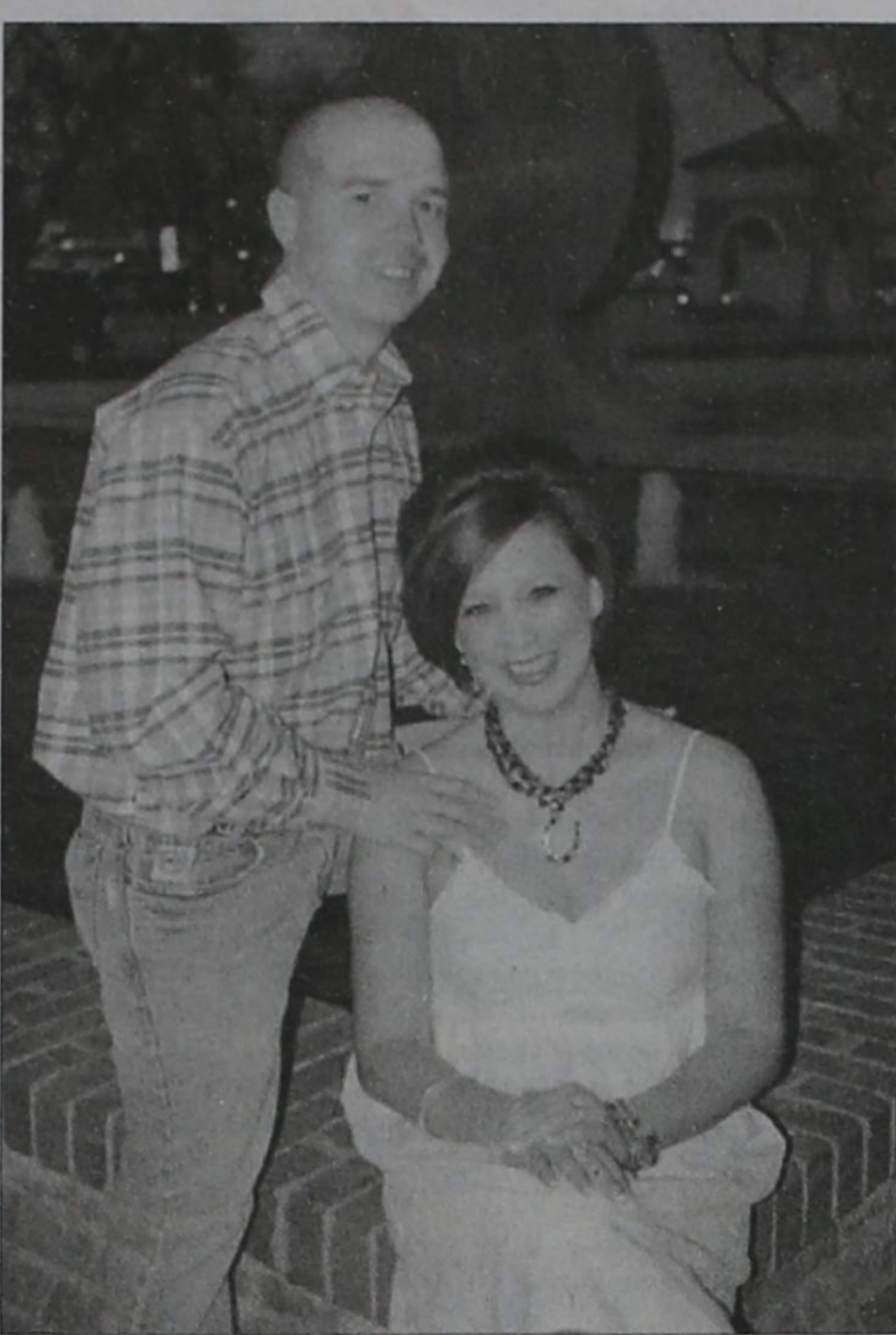
The Post Lions will be collecting used prescription eyeglasses and prescription and non-prescription sunglasses as part of a unique recycling program. The collected glasses will be cleaned and prepared for distribution in developing countries where eye care is often unaffordable and in accessible.

"We need everyone to donate their used eyeglasses," said Alisa Peters, Project Chairperson. "In most developing countries, an eye

exam can cost as much as one month's wages and a single eye doctor may serve a community of hundreds of thousands of people."

The donated glasses will be shipped to a regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where they will be cleaned, categorized by prescription and prepared for distribution by Lions and other groups.

To donate used glasses (including sunglasses and reading glasses), place them in the specially marked Lions Recycle For Sight collection box located at Home-town Pharmacy, 132 W. Main Street, Post.



Mason, Henderson plan July wedding

Steve and Janice Mason of Post announce the engagement of their son, Byron Thomas Mason to Gabrielle Rae-Lyn Henderson of Lubbock, daughter of Carlton and LaQuetta Henderson of Sundown.

The couple will be married July 25, 2009, 3 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Post.

The bride elect's grandparents are Harold and Janelle Harrison of Whiteface and John and Mary Henderson of Wilson. The groom's grandparents are Bert and Mary Kay McDonald of Post and the late Gene and the late Thelma Mason of Post. His great-grandparents were: Tom and Maggie Murray of grassland, A. E. and Joyce Riley of Tahoka and Bud and Tennis Mason of Post, all deceased.

The couple will reside in Post.

Nominees for Southern Garza County FSA Committee accepted

The County FSA Committee election for LAA#2, which is Southern Garza County, will be held this year on December 7, 2009. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidates of their choice. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Garza-Borden County FSA Office. Each form submitted must be:

- limited to 1 nominee
- signed by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve, if elected
- postmarked or delivered to the County FSA Office no later than August 1, 2009.

Any nominee should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work.

A producer is eligible to be a County FSA Committee member if the producer lives in the LAA up for election and is an eligible voter. County FSA Committee members may not hold positions in certain

farm and commodity organizations if these positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. These positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary, and positions on boards or executive committees. Additional information of eligibility to hold office may be obtained at the County FSA Office.

The duties of County FSA Committee member include:

- informing farmers and ranchers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs
- keeping the State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions
- recommending needed changes in farm programs
- participating in county meetings as necessary
- performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee.

For more information, contact Victor Ashley, 495-2801

Plague confirmed near Spearman

A warning concerning exposure to prairie dogs has been issued. Bubonic plague was confirmed last month in fleas collected from a prairie dog town in NE Hansford County, near Spearman, Texas, according to that county's emergency management coordinator.

People should avoid entering prairie dog towns that are exhibiting a population decline or that have "die-out." Dogs and cats should be kept away from the same areas. Good flea control on pets is essential when there is plague activity in an area. A child recently died of plague in New Mexico, possibly due to a fleabite from fleas the family dog brought home. No flea control had been applied to the dog.

Dogs and cats may both develop lymphadenopathy and/or pneumonia from plague. This occurs more commonly in cats. Fluid from draining abscesses, respiratory droplets from coughing or sneezing animals are highly infectious to humans and other pets.

If entry into an area where plague has occurred is essential, a good insect repellent should be used and checking for fleas is advised. If exposure to possibly infected fleas has occurred, monitor your health for 10-14 days and be sure to inform your physician of possible plague exposure if you develop pneumonia, swollen lymph nodes or other "flu-like" symptoms.

Obituaries

TINO HERNANDEZ

Mass for Tino Hernandez, 52, of Grand Prairie were held at 10 AM Thursday, July 16, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, July 12, 2009 at Baylor All Saints Hospital in Ft. Worth. He was born October 14, 1956 in Lubbock to Florentino and Frances (Aleman) Hernandez. He had been a resident of the Dallas/Ft. Worth area for many years.

Survivors include four sisters: Irene Criado, Lily Martinez and Olga Hernandez all of Grand Prairie and Tonie Ayala of Post, 3 nieces, 7 nephews, 4 great nieces and 4 great nephews.

EXTENSION EXTRAS

Playday

The next playday will be Saturday July 18, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

Rabbits

If you are interested in a rabbit project this year, Robbie and Barbara Palmer have rabbits including a cage available for a small fee. Please call the Extension Office for details.

District 2 4-H Officer Training

Training will be held August 3, 2009 2:00-5:00 at the Texas Tech Livestock Pavilion. The deadline to enter is July 27, 2009, call the office to get on the list.

Summer Spectacular (Formerly Fall Forum)

This event will also be August 3, 2009 5:30 at the Texas Tech Animal & Food Science Building. The deadline to enter is July 27, 2009, call the office to get on the list.

Do Well Be Well Diabetes Education Classes

This program is for people with type 2 diabetes to learn to manage their meal plan and self-care to maintain healthy blood glucose level. The course will be two days a week for three weeks – July 9, 13, 16 and 20, 10 a.m. to Noon. Their will be a small fee to help pay for the materials. The class will be held at the Extension Office. Please call for more information or to sign up.

4-H Booster Club Meeting

We will meet at 7:00 July 23, 2009 at the Extension Office. We will be discussing the election of officers and banquet with other business on the agenda as well. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by July 20, 2009.

Extension Office: 215 W Main (806) 495-4400

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

Southwest Council of Agribusiness to hold annual meeting

The Southwest Council of Agribusiness (SWCA) will hold its second annual meeting July 20, 2009 at the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane in Lubbock, Texas. The annual meeting will give members and attendees an opportunity to hear more about the work of SWCA from a lineup of great speakers, including keynote addresses from Congressman Frank Lucas, ranking member of the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, and Jim Miller, USDA Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

The program will begin with Congressman Lucas' analysis on the current political environment and legislative threats and/or opportunities for agriculture in this time between farm bills. Under Secretary Miller will conclude the program with a luncheon address covering implementation issues relative to the 2008 farm bill, the agricultural trade agenda, as well as challenges and opportunities for the agricultural sector.

Special guest Ben Lieberman, senior policy analyst for energy and environment with the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., will address the controversial cap and trade legislation and what it might mean for producers and businesses in the region during a panel discussion. The panel, which also includes Michael Farmer,

Texas Tech University associate professor of agricultural economics and Scott Graves, legislative director for Congressman Mike Conaway, will also cover major factors influencing climate change and cap and trade legislation.

A second issues panel comprised of Darren Hudson, professor and Larry Combest Chair for Agricultural Competiveness at Texas Tech University, Joe Outlaw, co-director of the Texas A&M Ag and Food Policy Center, and C. Parr Rosson, professor and director of the Center for North American Studies at Texas A&M, will address forces impacting the outlook for the agricultural economy.

Registration opens at 8:15 a.m. and the program will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will conclude with a luncheon honoring our nation's agricultural producers. The SWCA was formed just two years ago as an alliance of business interests who recognize the value of stable and strong farm policy to our region's economy. SWCA membership now includes more than 75 businesses and organizations from across the region, including most of the state's major commodity groups. Any and all with an interest in supporting agriculture are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Shawn Wade at shawn@plainscottion.org or (806) 792-4904

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Post Notes

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Close City-Garlynn Reunion

The Close City-Garlynn Reunion is scheduled on Saturday August 15, 2009 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The location is in the Garden Room at Chapa's Family Restaurant, just north of Post on highway 84. Come for coffee, donuts and visiting at 10:00 am, for lunch just order from the menu and go Dutch. For more information contact Miriam O'Neal at 806-495-2002 or Oneita Gunn at 806-495-2009.

Old Mill Trade Day Downtown Vendors

The next Old Mill Trade Day Downtown event is August 1, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vendors of all types are invited to participate. Space is available downtown on East Main. Vendors pay a set up fee of \$25 for outdoor space, for more information or to reserve vendor space, call 495-0608 or 495-3461. Old Mill Trade Day Downtown is sponsored by Post City Merchants and Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

Lions Charter New Club in Post

A new Lions Club comes to Post on July 25 when 24 men and women celebrate the charter night of the Post Lions Club at the school cafeteria at 7:00 pm.

The Post Lions Club will meet on Thursdays at 12:00 pm at the VFW Building.

Lions Club is a group of men and women who identify needs within the community work together to fulfil those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Post Lions Club contact Janet Ratliff at 495-2026.

Trailblazers Howdy ya'll day fundraiser

Garza County Trailblazer will be hosting a Howdy Ya'll Day Fundraiser on Saturday August 8, 2009 from 11 am to 2 pm at Garza County Trailblazers located at 205 East 10th St. Hamburger plates will be \$5 per plate which consist of hamburger, chips, drink, dessert and all the trimmings. 36" Grandma & Grandpa dolls will be raffled off. The cost is \$5 per ticket. All proceeds will go to the Garza County Trailblazers.

Blood... (continued from Page 1)

Gift Card!

During the summer months it is very important to have an adequate blood supply available. With increased travel, and decreased blood donations, the blood supply can reach dangerous levels during this time of the year.

All donors past and present are asked to come and lend a hand. The need for blood is constant, and volunteer blood donors contribute to nearly all the blood used for patient care in the United States. "If all who are eligible to donate would do so on a regular basis (three to four times per year), blood needs could be met and shortages could become a thing of the past," said local spokesman, Brandon Baker.

"Anyone who is able to donate is encouraged to come by the blood drive, roll up your sleeve, and give from the heart!" Baker added. For information, call 806-281-7630.

Denied... (continued from Page 1)

approved minutes from the regular June 9, 2009 regular meeting and a called meeting on June 23, 2009. Invoices received at City Hall for the month of July, 2009 were approved, subject to the approval of the committee. The 2008 audit was approved as presented and the Council appointed the City Manager and the City Secretary to represent the city's interest in exploring available options for investment of public funds. The Council okayed the purchase of a used sewer rodder as requested by the City Manager.

Jail... (continued from Page 1)

a 30 day extension.

Dr. Ben Edwards of the Garza County Health Clinic has presented a contract fee of \$2500 per month. In addition to the difference in fee amounts, Hataway also emphasized the desire to work with our local physician and clinic whenever possible.

The commissioners voted to accept the proposal for medical services at the jail as presented for a six month contract with Dr. Ben Edwards.

Sheriff Laws presented three quotes for a transportation vehicle for the Garza County jail. The commissioners voted to purchase the passenger van quoted by Robert Hall Chevrolet for \$26,816. A required cage for the rear section of the van is not included in this quote. Cost for this modification would cost approximately \$8600 additional.

Judge Norman presented an official contract with the City of Post for law enforcement for the current fiscal year. The court agree to accept the Law Enforcement Cooperation Interlocal Agreement between Garza County and the City of Post as presented.

Chris Adkinson and Alex Langohr of the Community Recovery Center made a presentation to the commissioners giving an overview of the services offered at the Center. Atkinson serves as the Director of the CRC and Langohr is a licensed counselor.

The county has received a request from a private company to compete for the county's various insurance needs therefore a Request for Proposals will be submitted. In that regard, Jim Overby of Bledsoe Insurance in Lubbock and Chris Faught of Texas Association of Counties appeared before the court. Overby made a brief explanation of his agency's services and how it might save the county money on insurance coverage. Faught had no comment. No action was necessary.

The commissioners considered an extension of leave time for Meg Nelson. The court agreed for

Commissioners considered the health insurance renewal with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for Garza County through the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Health and Employee Benefits Pool. Treasurer Young informed the court that the increase is approximately 6.1% or \$51.10 per employee/elected official per month with no change in benefits, no change in co-pay for office visits or prescriptions. The county will receive a renewal credit of \$13,005 to be prorated over the next fiscal year. The county's cost per employee/elected official per month is \$693.95. The renewal was approved.

The court considered a bid of \$300 for county property: Lot 8, Block 13 (N. Avenue G) in the original town site of Post. Taxes and arrearages owed on the vacant lot are \$1394 and the property currently appraises for \$1250. The commissioners voted to accept the bid.

The court also considered a bid of \$4,000 for county property located at 609 N. Avenue L: south half of Lot 7, south half of Lot 8 and the south half of the east ten feet of Lot 6, Block 7 in the original town site of Post. Taxes and arrearages owed on the property are \$7795.21 and the property currently appraises for \$13,270. The commissioners voted to accept the bid pending the approval of the other taxing entities with the payment for the property to be received at the end of the process.

Commissioners considered a request to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for a refund under the Texas Property Code, Section 74.602. Judge Norman explained that the county can request \$1072.15 of unclaimed funds. The court voted to submit a request for these funds.

The court reviewed the 2010 Annual Imposition of Optional Fees in accordance with the Texas Transportation Code. Tax Collector/Assessor Bush recommended that the court

increase the County Road and Bridge Fee from \$7.50 to \$10.00 effective January 1, 2010. This recommendation was approved by the commissioners who also agreed that one-half of the fee will be dedicated to the repair of the bridge on CR 386, located in Commissioner Precinct 4 west of Justiceburg. The commissioners also agreed to create a separate dedicated line item for the usage of this fee.

The commissioners considered the renewal of the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) Program agreement. This service helps victims of crime and other involved individuals keep track of perpetrators. The county is reimbursed by the Attorney General's office for the cost of the service. The commissioners approved the renewal of this agreement.

In other business, the court approved to enter into negotiations with John Cox, Attorney, as a representative for Garza County as a representative for Garza County in proposed easements agreements with the Lake Allen Henry water pipeline to be built by the City of Lubbock.

The court also approved the minutes of the June 22, 2009 regular meeting and accepted written reports or discussion from: District/County Clerk; Tax Assessor/Collector; Treasurer; County Budget Analysis; Senior Transportation; Justice of the Peace 1 and 2; AgriLife Extension Services Jones and McDonald.

The court approved precinct and countywide accounts payable for June 23, 2009 through July 13, 2009 and four line item transfers were approved.

The commissioners toured the new county courthouse office annex (former sheriff's office/jail) and adjourned.

The next Garza County Commissioners' Court meeting will be Tuesday, July 28, 2009.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE. POLIO.

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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In and Around Close City

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Weather

Man.....has it been hot or what? I really don't know what else to say about the weather other than it has been a little windy. Why aren't we used to that yet???

News

Brady Cross graduated from the Lubbock Police Academy on June 12. Brady and his wife, Candace live in Wilson. He is the son of Ricky and Lana Cross of Wilson and the grandson of Billie Jean Cross of Ragtown.

Congratulations to Jake Morris on being named Mr. Firecracker at the 4th of July celebration held at the park. Jake is the son of Rusty and Melanie and

the grandson of Jack and Jean of Ragtown. Way to go Jake!

Dena is going to be a granny!!! Congratulations to Matt and Brandi (Gunn) Pleasant, they will be parents to a new little one in February. So if you see Dena on the street and she is "cheesin" you'll know why.

Mark your calenders.....Several of us out here have been wanting to have a community get together for some time so Nancy and I finally decided to just do it. On July 26 at 7 we will have an Old Fashion Ice Cream Social in Close City on the east side of the school. We wanted to get all the people having ties to Close City aka Ragtown to get together

for some good ol' fashion fellowship. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy some wonderful home made ice cream, desserts and visiting. If you need more info give me a call here at the gin.

Visitors

Keith Osborn came out for some hay seed; Syd Conner came by also; Gene King came out with his grandson, Nic and brought us some wonderful Banana Nut and Strawberry Bread. Yummo! Thanks to Velta for making it and to Gene and Nic for bringing it out. Nic is Marsalyn's son and they live in South Lake. Johnny Kemp came out on Tuesday afternoon and brought his cousin, Dan Brown. Dan lives in Bakersfield, California; his mother is Marga-

ret Roberts Brown who attended school here in Ragtown. Donna Porter and Melanie Morris came by to deliver some things and visit for a while.

Get Wells

We send a big get well out to Doug Tipton who was a little under the weather. Patsy tells me his is doing well.

Don't forget our "Ragtown" folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton and Camen Abraham in Post. Jewel White in Lubbock. If I need to add anyone to this list, please let me know.

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Weekly Inspirations

THE SUGAR COOKIES

By: Michael F. Taylor

It was a beautiful November afternoon and Margery decided to head to the local Market Street to purchase a few items for the upcoming Thanksgiving Day celebration. Everything was going just wonderfully and after thirty minutes of shopping, Margery surmised that she would take a much needed break and buy a cup of coffee and small box of sugar cookies. With the purchases made, she quietly sat down at the table next to a business man dressed in a brown three piece suit. Margery placed her cinnamon spiced cappuccino on the table and began reading the newspaper. Looking away from the fashion section of the newspaper, Margery reached out, taking a cookie from the box and gingerly took a bite. The business man smiled at her and did the same. This immediately struck her as offensive that he would not even ask her for permission before taking one of her sugar cookies. Margery managed to give him a half-smile, half-grimace and then returned to her newspaper article. A few moments later, she once again reached out and took another sugar cookie from its place in the box and began consuming it. The rude business man once again, with a big toothy grin, smiled at her and took another cookie without so much as a "May I" or "Thank you". This time, Margery could not even manage a half-smile and simply starred back at him for a few seconds. Very perturbed at this point, she returned her attention once again to her article. But, try as she might, Margery could not get over how rude and inconsiderate the man was being. As she came to the last sentence of the article, Margery folded up the paper and was just about to reach out for the last cookie in the plastic tray. And, low and behold, the business man snatched it from the brightly colored container! Well, that was all she could take! In a slight huff, she stood to her feet, grabbing her cappuccino from the table along with her newspaper and began to walk away. As she passed in front of the man, he once again smiled at her and said, "Have a blessed day". "Well, I never!" she thought to herself as she opened up her purse to place the now ruffled newspaper inside. And there nestled just inside the main compartment, she saw her unopened and undisturbed box of sugar cookies.

Has anything like that ever happened to you? Have you ever felt as if someone or even the world in general, was doing something that was rude or spiteful to you? And, your attitude became one of anger and resentment? Only to find out that they in fact were the one who had been wronged by you! Sadly, I remember feeling that way several times throughout the years. But the most prevalent time in my life was the day I realized that Jesus Christ was punished for my transgressions. I was going through this life, doing my own thing, thinking that everyone else owed me something. And then, one day I came face to face with the epiphany that all the time, I had been the one committing the wrong. And the words to an old Hank Williams song came back to my mind, "I saw the Light, I saw the Light. No more in darkness, no more in night. Now I am so happy, no sorrows in sight. Praise the Lord, I saw the light!" I am so thankful that on an Old Rugged Cross Jesus said those words recorded in Luke Chapter 23:33-34, "33When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." NIV

I am so thankful that Jesus Christ uttered that prayer. For even when I am mistaken about the real circumstances that I face, He still sits at the right hand of the Father advocating for me and for you. May God bless each of you this week and reveal the light of His love even in our imperfections. And, don't forget to enjoy those SUGAR COOKIES!

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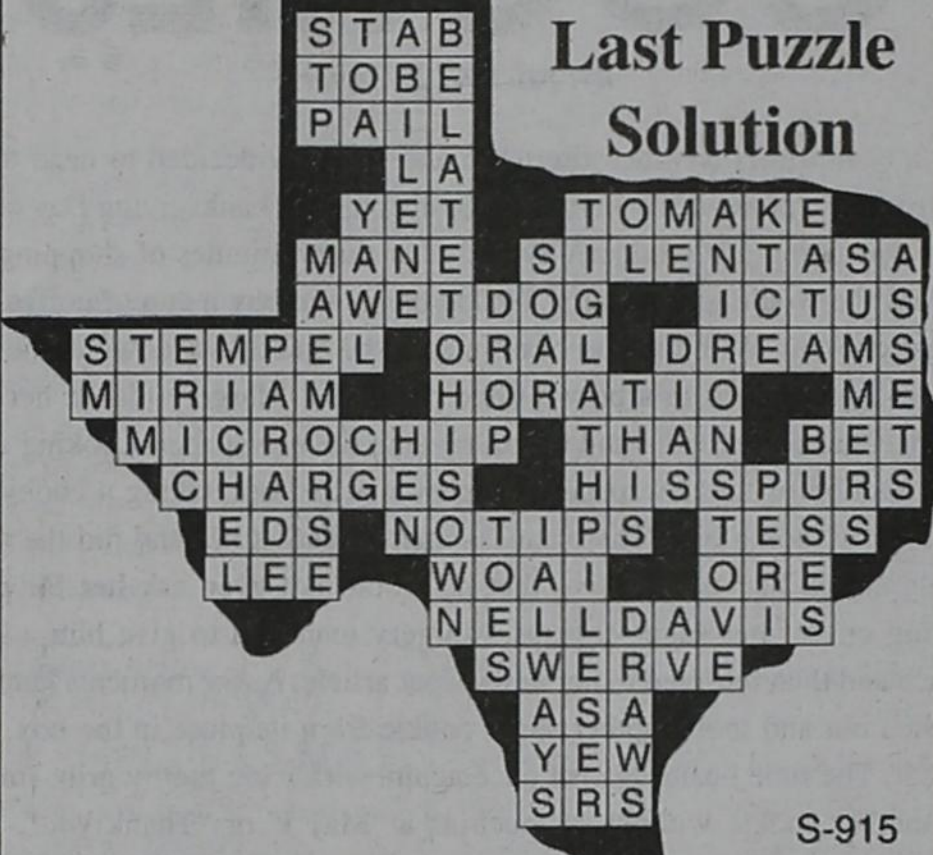
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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones From The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago July 15, 1999

Four Post residents are part of the 16-and-under USSSA State Softball Championship

Team capturing its title over the July 4 weekend in Garland. Paige Lott, Kenda Looney, Kelly Moore and Meagan Mills are part of the nationally ranked team.

The PHS Class of 1964 shared lots of memories at the 35th class reunion held here July 3.

Classmates meeting at the Hotel Garza were Richard Hart, Pat Cornell, Ricky Little, Betty Jo Hill Sharp, Curtis Hudman, Danny Richardson, John Bland, Kenneth Barnes, Robert Johnson, Ruth Mena Montes, Diana Barron Truett, Linda Cowley Shaw, Susie Jo Schmidt Veebe, Diane Maxey Graves, Linda Pennell Riley, Marilyn Minor Snider, Nita Wilson Jackson, Margie Harrison Maestas, Johnny Mayfield, Linda McMahon Chapin, Lynette Potts Thuett, Beatrice Salia Mesa, Shirley Bostic Bland, Mary Beth Ford and Diane Kiker.

Little League 11-12 year old All-Stars still competing in post-season play are coach Jimmy Valdez, manager Cain Abraham, coach Kurt Chapman, Chris Curb, Quinton Odom, Theodore Paiz, Cole Easterling, Garrett Chapman, Jerrad Grisham, Stace Norman, Colt Mason, Israel Beggs, Colton Valdez, Javen Abraham, Eric Reyna, Justin Williams and Andrew Espinoza.

20 Years Ago July 19, 1989

Brook Whitney Capps, a 1989 graduate of Post High School, has received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Capps reported to the Academy on June 28. Capps, the son of Eydie Dunn of Post and Dwayne Capps, was one of 10 young men Senator Dale Bumpers nominated for the Military Academy.

Teresa Diane Landreth and Donald Wayne Crenshaw exchanged wedding vows June 1 in Post's Church of Christ, with Paul D. Jones officiating. July 1, 1989 marks the beginning of a new year for the Post Lions Club and newly elected officers for the year include: Paul Jones, president; Kenneth LeBlanc, first

vice president; Lino DeLeon, second vice president; Pete Newby, secretary-treasurer; Fred Van DeValde, tail-twister; Keith Bullard, lion tamer; Robert Wall and Lanny Fluitt, board of directors.

Yard of the Week honors went to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dean, 216 W. 11th Street. The program is sponsored by the Post Chamber of Commerce and is a special project of the Women's Division of the Chamber.

30 Years Ago July 19, 1979

Some hungry grasshoppers are giving Garza County cotton farmers all they can handle and more in what is the worst "hopper season" in better than five years.

If it rains at any of the Post Stampede Rodeo performances this year, you won't have to make a dash for your car, thanks to the all steel roofs installed over both the big east stand and the smaller contestants stands.

Garza 4-H Fashion Revue winners who also won blue ribbons in the district meet in Lubbock were Tanya Bland, Kayla Peel, Jana Middleton and Roxanne McClellan.

Manager Boog Holly's Post Teenage baseball team swept their last three games this past week to win the district league championship and advance to the state finals at Plainview.

James Easterling, a recent San Angelo State University graduate and tennis player, has been tentatively employed as Post High School's new tennis coach.

The year-long furlough of Kenneth Rogers, Nazarene missionary to South Africa, is nearing an end and he and his wife and daughter will leave July 25 to return to South Africa for a fourth missionary term.

40 Years Ago July 17, 1969

An unidentified man, armed with a revolver, held up two women employees in Paul's 7 to 11 Grocery at 515 N. Broadway and escaped with \$200 cash in a paper sack.

What is believed to be the longest heat wave in the history of Post moved into its 30th day this week, in 1969. The thermometer hit 100 degrees for the seventh day in a row.

Patti Parrish and Donna Maddox were top individuals in the junior and senior divisions at the annual Garza County 4-H Dress Revue.

Arnold Sanderson, son Bruce, and Avery Moore arrived home from Washington, D.C., where they participated in a National Farmer's Union Fly-In.

Jim Hundley, Sr., and Doris Lucas won the team championship in the medallist play handicapped tournament at the Caprock Golf Course. The team of Johnny Haire and Glenn Norman was second.

Mrs. Bob Lusk of the Graham Community was seriously injured in a sightseeing trolley car accident in San Francisco, California.

50 Years Ago July 16, 1959

R.H. Collier, retired Post druggist, was presented a 50-year pin and certificate at a dinner meeting of the Post Masonic Lodge.

Installation of 18 new air-conditioning units, including three 3-ton units on the roof, got underway this week at Garza Memorial Hospital.

Scotty Pierce, Kenny Poole and Curtis Didway were elected tri-captains of the Post Antelope football team for 1959 at a Lettermen's Club meeting.

Nick Vukad was re-elected commander of Post's American Legion Post, James C. Cole, No. 270 at a special business meeting. Elton Lee was named vice commander.

Swimmers and divers competing in a meet at the Post pool included Forrest Claborn, Don Greer, Scotty Pierce, Jimmy Minor, Nita Wilson, Becky Thompson, Lana Haynie, Mary Beth Ford, Sandra Meisch and Cheryl Martin.

60 Years Ago July 21, 1949

The last of 11 children of Mr. and Mrs. O.R. has met the requirements for a degree from Texas Technological College in Lubbock. The 11th Tech graduate in the family is the recent bride of Lowell Sweeten, Audrey Joan (Josh) Sweeten, who will receive a degree in physical education.

Two hundred eighty-four persons

signed the register at the First National Bank during its 40th anniversary celebration. An exhibit of every type of paper currency used in the United States since 1772 was displayed.

A group of Post businessmen, including Jess Wright, J. Lee Bowen, N.C. Outlaw, Homer

McCrary and Bill Land will attend a special hearing of the Railroad Commission in Lubbock, at which the Santa Fe Railroad is requesting permission to discontinue operation of trains 94 and 95 between Lubbock and Sweetwater.

Don Windham, a summer

theatre manager for Theatre Enterprises, is in Monahans where he will work for the next two weeks.

A range fire which began on the west side of the U Lazy S Ranch, was extinguished by a "sack and broom brigade" who went to the scene immediately after the fire broke out.

Russell Graves Outdoors My Home Away From Home

By Russell A. Graves

I was going to name this column "Blog Cabin" because I thought I would be able to post images and updates as the construction slowly took place.

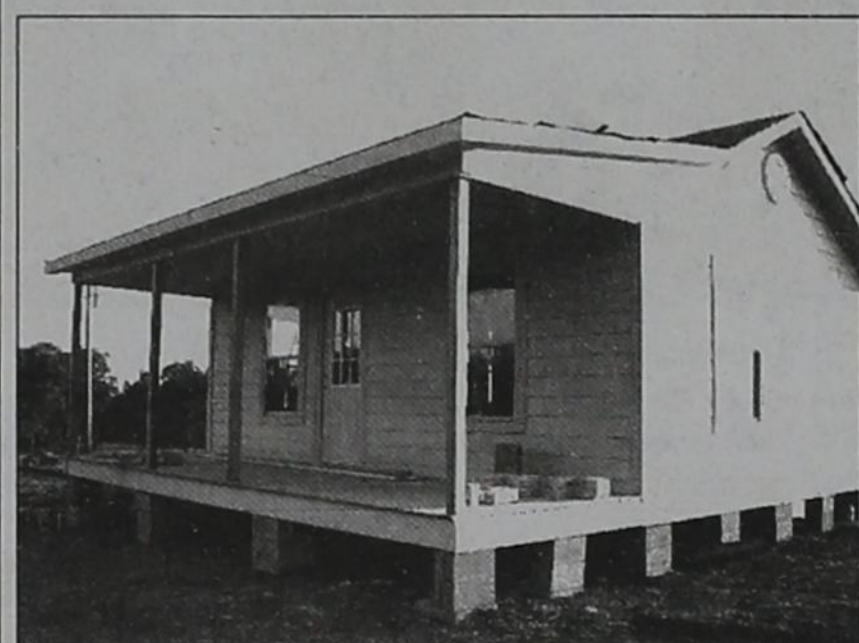
However, building began while I was away and so my brother Bubba kept me updated on the swift construction progress.

A few months ago, my wife and I decided it would be a good idea to build a small cabin on our land close to where we both grew up in Northeast Texas some 250 miles from where we live in the Texas Panhandle. Call our pending lifestyle bi-residential if you will.

While the cabin is a place to stay when me and my gang goes to visit our family and friends, it will also serve as a cool photo prop. When complete the cabin will feature:

- a rustic look perfect for hunting and/or fishing camp shots;
- a country-inspired interior for rural lifestyle photos;
- ample windows for plenty of natural lighting;
- and a broad east-facing front porch for great morning light.

Anyway, while getting started on the construction was painfully slow, it went blazingly fast once the framing crew began.



It isn't a big place but big enough for sleeping quarters. If you've ever stayed in a hotel suite at a Residence Inn, the place is roughly the size of those rooms. By no means big enough to make a permanent residence but perfect for sleeping and hanging out.

Since "going green" is all the rage, I decided to incorporate some green ideas in the design and construction of the place. After all, it gives me something to write about.

The walls are framed with recycled lumber pieces finger-jointed together. Ample windows allow plenty of natural light and eliminate the need for using a bunch of electricity during the daylight

hours. The water system, which in my opinion is the most interesting part of the construction, will consist of roof-captured and filtered rainwater and held for later use in a black poly tank. From the tank, a pump and pressure tank supplies a low-flow shower head, toilet, and kitchen and bathroom faucets. With the square footage of the roof, an inch of rain will yield about 280 gallons of water. The area where the cabin's built sees an average of about 43-inches so chances are, we'll always have an ample supply of water without a monthly bill.

Furthermore, we're installing an R-panel, Galvalume roof which will direct more heat away from the ventilated attic space. We've wrapped the house in a Tyvek-type material and will insulate the attic with a blow-in insulation to further reduce the energy expenditures to heat and cool the place.

The cabin's exterior is lapped Hardiplank siding stained with a cedar stain for an authentically rustic look.

It should be a really cool place when finished.

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

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JOHNNY APPLESEED VOL 132 Man or Myth?

Johnny Applesseed was:

a. A missionary
b. A myth
c. A war hero
d. A "Rambo" kind of guy

Laura Craig

John Chapman was born in Leominster, Massachusetts September 28, 1774. He made his livelihood as an **orchardist** planting apple trees from MA to the Ohio River Valley. The well loved eccentric was indeed called **Johnny Applesseed**. As stories spread about Chapman's kind and generous nature his life took on mythical proportions. Some based on truth. Some comical: the stew pot on his head was more likely a simple felt hat. During the **War of 1812**, patriot Chapman used his backwoods skills as a scout to warn settlers of impending attacks. One famous night he ran 25 miles (or so the story goes) to warn out-of-the-way cabins of a recent Indian attack and threatening British war ships in the harbor. So what does "Rambo" have to do with a gospel spreading nurseryman who planted apple orchards? **Read on.**

Contrary to popular myth, Chapman did not just travel along, with bulging pockets, randomly scattering apple seeds. He purchased land and planted orchards. Before moving to a new location—often just ahead of new settlers so the trees would be ready and waiting when they arrived—Chapman built crude fences to keep the critters out. Later, he returned to prune the seedlings. Settlers were required by land to plant fifty apple trees the first year. John sold seedlings for a frippenny (6.5 cents) or an IOU which he often forgave.

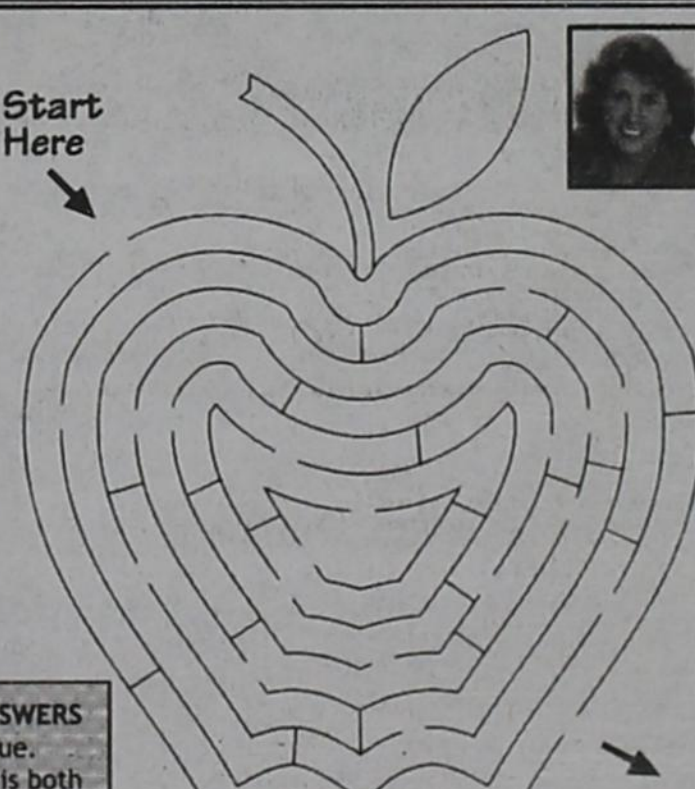


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Chapman also shared books with backwoods settlers. Sometimes he simply tore out chapters trading out for new pages the next time he passed through.

Start Here



QUIZ ANSWERS
All true.
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The type of apple Johnny Applesseed planted was a tart green variety called Rambo.



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Bat Busters

Post Little League Girls Softball team sponsored by Odyssey Hospice is shown from left: back row, McKenzie Ward, Gabby Soto, Esmeralda Rodriguez, Coach Allison Holly (chosen Coach of the Year), Kelsey Griffin, Isabelle Rivera; front row, M'keison Guerrero, Janikah Collazo, Yvette Armendariz, Kara Grace Egan, Tori Huckaby, Taylor Roberts and Channing Miller.



The Bruisers

Post Little League Girls Softball team sponsored by Golden Plains Care Center is shown from left: back row, Coaches Becky Clifton and Scooter Lynch; middle row, Lauren Lynch, Addison Prather, Ashlee Graves, D'kota Walls, Karina Perez, Quincey Quintana, Coach Bunny Lynch and front row, Ashlynn Powers, Kamryn Perez, Katie Quintana, Cierra Fontenot. Team members not pictured: Laurkyn Fluitt and Madison Carr.



The Sluggers

Post Little League Girls Softball team sponsored by Post Auto Parts is shown (from left): back row, Ali Whitfill, Lauren Record, Coach Lacey White, Tamara Moore, Alex Perez; front row, Amber Taylor, Herston Alford, Lexi Antillon, Amariah Garza, Erica Solis. Not pictured is Coach Alana Zubia and players Mariah Armendariz, Christy Arellano and Ragin Kimmons



Post 9-10 year old All Stars and their coaches are (from left): Back Row-Coach Randy Britton, Brandt Taylor, Coach Robby Willborn. Middle Row-Brandon Britton, Jonathan Hernandez, Ben Ayala, Kale Yarbro, Kace Lott. Kneeling-Austin Britton, Kade Smith, Kobe Ammons, Augie Menchaca, Bandy Osborn, AJ Escobedo

Post All-Star Team finishes second in District Tournament

The 9-10 year old Post All-Star Team finished second in the 38

District Tournament held in Slaton July 1st thru July 9th, 2009. The team was eliminated in a close game in the finals. Post held the lead throughout the final game and lost by one run in the sixth inning with a final score of Post 9 and Plainview 10.

Tournament Recap: Game 1:

Post 19 Tahoka 0; Game 2: Post 7 Plainview 11; Game 3: Post 19 Ralls 0; Game 4: Post 16 Abernathy 6; Game 5: Post 14 Floydada 3; Game 6: Post 23 Idalou 2. Post beat Odonnell 21 to 14 in the semi-finals and lost to Plainview, 9 to 10 in the final game

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