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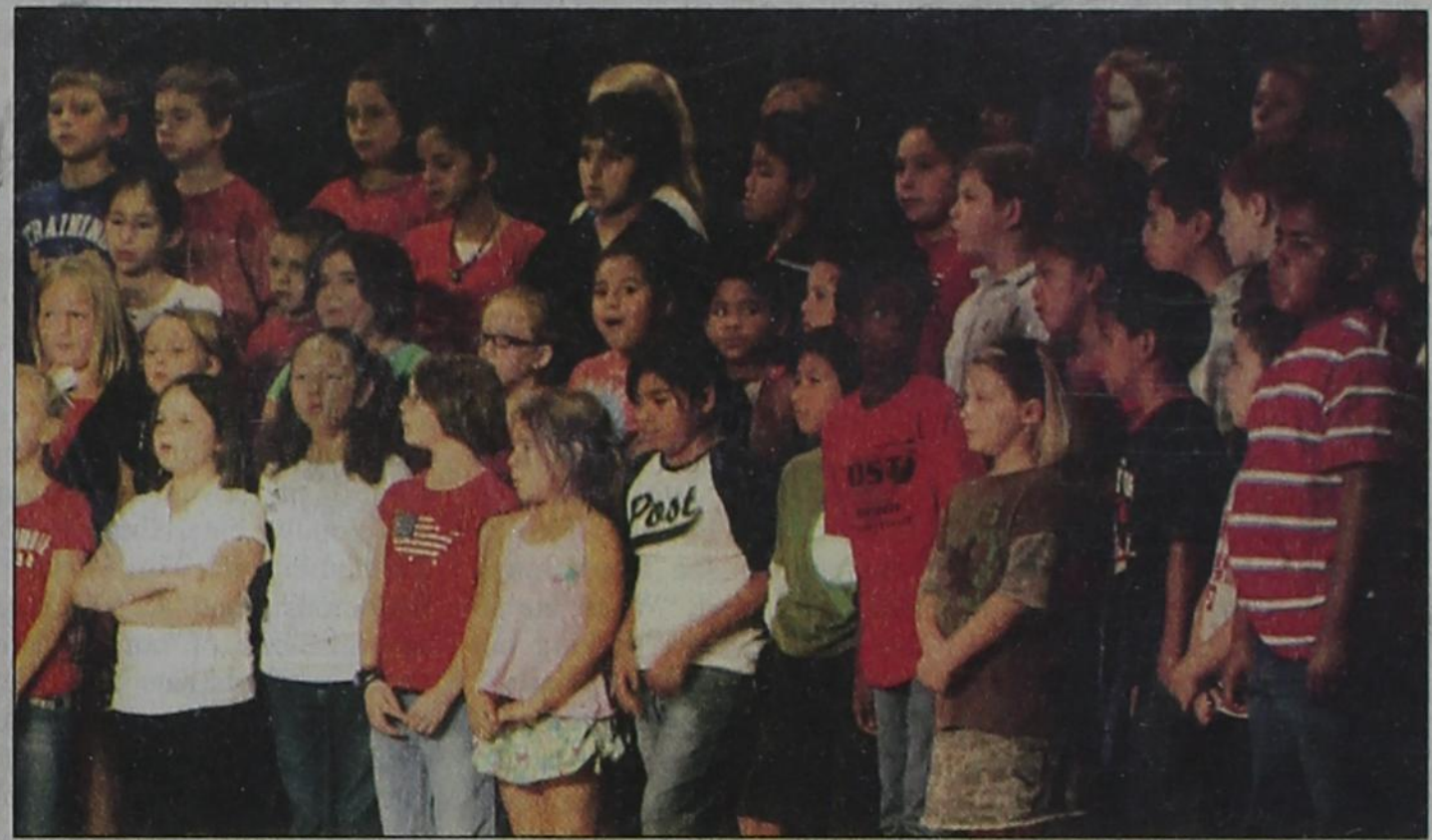
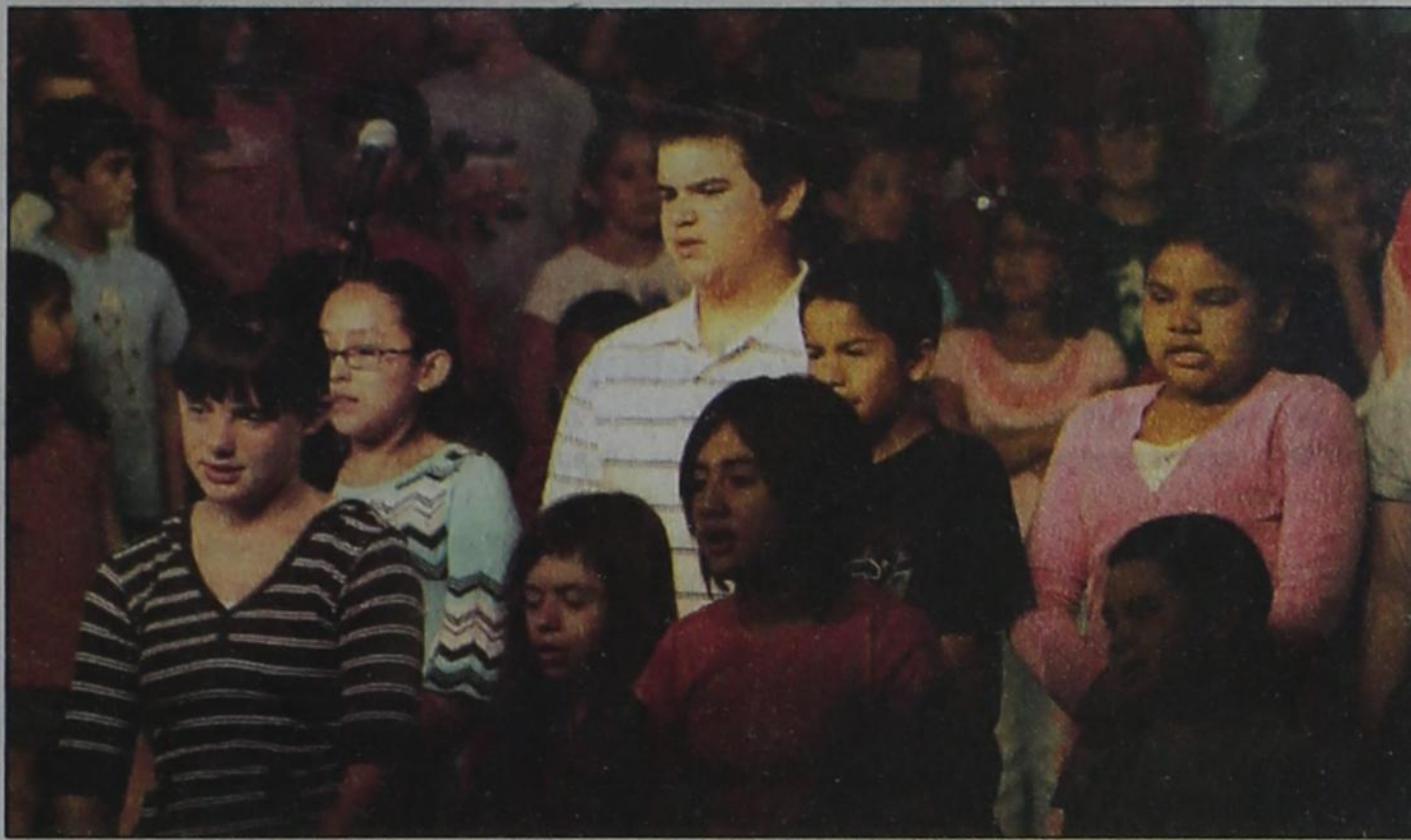
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Photos by Rosa Latimer

Post Elementary students Pre-K through 5th Grade presented the 8th annual Patriotic Assembly earlier this week to a very large, appreciative audience. The students, led by Post ISD Music Teacher Karen Nichols, recited from memory the Preamble to the U. S. Constitution, the first 9 amendments to the Constitution and the Gettysburg Address. A music tribute to elementary teachers and patriotic music by the students completed the program.

Commissioners Continue Budget Discussions

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

During the regular scheduled Garza County Commissioners Court meeting September 14, the group continued discussion of the proposed 2009/2010 county budget. Commissioner Ted Brannon, Precinct 3 recommended that, considering discussions at recent public meetings, the Court take another look at the budget line item for an

elevator in the court house. The elevator account currently has \$214,829 and the proposed budget will add another \$182,389, totaling \$397,218. Total cost of the elevator project is estimated at more than \$400,000. "I recommend that we get on this as soon as possible and get the project done," said

Commissioner Morris, Precinct 2. Judge Norman reported on a possible grant opportunity and suggested that the county pursue it, if the grant could include funding for an elevator. No action was taken.

The court will adopt the 2009/2010 county budget and set the tax rate Monday, September 21

at 9 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed and approved new services and pricing package regarding the County Information Resources Agency (CIRA) account. The contract would cover CIRA services that include hosting up to 30

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Holy Cross to hold annual Jamaica

By Sue Swinson
 Correspondent

Due to rain Sunday, September 13 the Holy Cross Catholic Church of Post postponed their annual festival/fundraiser. This annual event, a Jamaica, has been rescheduled for Sunday, Septem-

ber 20, 11a.m. until 7 p.m. at the church. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The festival is an opportunity for church members and the community to spend the afternoon with family and friends, listen to

live music, and enjoy lots of good food and games. The event is a primary fundraiser for the church.

"Director Paula Valdez and many enthusiastic volunteers have

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Many Businesses Help With Chamber "Shop at Home" Event

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

Potential rewards for local shoppers are getting better and better. In addition to the big prize of \$250 and another \$250 in smaller cash prizes donated by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, many local businesses are providing prizes for the "Spend \$25 on the 25th" event.

On Friday, September 25 anyone who spends at least \$25 at

any Garza County business can bring their receipts to the Chamber office, 131 E. Main, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., and draw for prizes. You might win cash or you could win one of these items:

Bags and merchandise from Wells Fargo Bank; coupons from Sonic; \$25 gift certificate from Slat-Co Printing; \$75 gift certificate and \$15 gift certificate from P.J.'s Catering; first aid kits from

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Change in Office Hours for Dispatch

The Post Dispatch will begin holding new office hours beginning Monday, Sept. 21.

The newspaper office will now be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and will be closed on Friday. Advertising and editorial materials can be dropped off at the office after hours through the drop slot in the front door.

Advertising deadlines for both classifieds and display ads for the Dispatch are 5 p.m. Monday, and the deadline for editorial materials including wedding and birth announcements, obituaries, Speak Up and Post Notes is noon on Tuesday.

Support The Lopes In District Play

Want to wish a football player, cheerleader or band member the best of luck before district play begins?

Come by The Post Dispatch and place an ad for your child or favorite student and on Friday, September 25 the ads will run in the regular issue of the newspaper. There are two different sized ads parents or friends can choose from: a business card size ad (2x2) for \$16 or a 2x3 ad for \$20. The purchaser of the ad can choose to put a message with a favorite photo in their ad.

Local businesses are also welcome to put in an ad as well. For a list of business prices contact The Post Dispatch office at (806) 495-2816.

The deadline to place your ad is Tuesday Noon, September 22.

"The Woman in Black" Returns to the Garza

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

If you missed this gripping



Photo by Rosa Latimer
 Veteran actor Jon Steele returns to the Garza Theatre in four additional performances of the mystery, "The Woman in Black." The performances begin at 7:30 p.m. September 25 (tonight), September 26, and October 2 and 3.

play during its first run at the Garza a few weeks ago, you have another opportunity to see veteran actor Jon Steele and Daniel Ballard in the dramatic mystery, "The Woman in Black." Directed by C. D. Adamson, the play was adapted for the stage by Stephen Mallatrat from a novel by Susan Hill.

The Garza web site provides this description: "The Woman In Black treads in the footsteps of the classic ghost story, following the tradition of Charles Dickens and M.R. James, of Henry James and Edith Wharton.

It is not a horror story or a tale of terror, yet the events build up to a horrifying climax. The play relies on atmosphere, a vivid sense of place, hints and glimpses and suggestions, on what is shadowy,

heard and sometimes only half-seen."

Excellent lighting and sound for this production add to the air of mystery so skillfully unveiled by the actors.

Adamson's set interpretation adds yet another layer of intrigue to the production.

Performances of "The Woman in Black" will be staged at 7:30 p.m. September 25 and 26 and October 2 and 3.

Tickets are: \$12/adults; \$10 seniors/students/military; \$8 for children under 12.

Call 495-4005 for more information or to make a reservation.

The Garza Theatre, now in its 23rd season, is located at 226 E. Main in Post.



OLD MILL TRADE DAYS DOWNTOWN

I want to commend the Merchants for their great idea of Old Mill Trade Day Downtown. It brings more people to our town as well as brings out some of our own citizens. I have heard several comments from people at the last trade day saying they wished the food vendors were placed all up and down the downtown area rather than all in one spot. I agree. Unfortunately in this day and age food is what brings the people out and a distribution of the food vendors might get people all over downtown rather than in just one spot.

FREE RENT FROM CITY AND COUNTY?

With all the talk from the City and

the County about budgets, tax increases and line items, has any consideration been given to the fact that our Game Warden lives at the airport rent and utility free? This has gone on for several years, with nothing reported to anyone. Is this right?

NO SOCIAL SECURITY INCREASE

What is the matter with this picture? Folks on Social Security will not get a raise in benefits for 2 years. This modest raise has helped with the increase in Medicare Part B. A \$20 increase is very helpful to some people on fixed incomes. Yet our Senators and Representatives who receive a large salary plus perks will get a raise they voted for themselves.

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Post Notes

Community Pep Rally

"Rock the Whirlwinds" pep rally Friday, September 18, 3 p.m. in Antelope Arena.

"Off the Cap" Music Fest

Saturday, September 19, 1 - 6 p.m. at the Post ISD Auditorium, 211 W. 8th. Free admission. The event features: Crystal River, Grupo Deseo, Grupo Bendicion, Ministerio Vida Eterna and more. Sponsored by Bethel Assembly.

Fundraiser

Fundraiser benefit for Keith Tidwell, Sat. September 19, 4 p.m. at the VFW Hall, E. Hwy. 380, catered by River Smith's. Plates are \$8, bake sale and auction begins at 7 p.m. For more information call Donna Poe, 495-1207.

Post Antelope Football Game DVDs

The Post Antelope Booster Club is selling DVDs of all 10 varsity football games this season. These are excellent quality and are being produced by a professional cameraman with play-by-play from Jim Plummer and commentary by Allen Grisham. The half time is also included for any interested band boosters. The DVDs are \$20 each or the entire 10-game season for \$150. Inquire at the booster trailer or call 629-4458 for more information.

Republican Party Meeting

The Garza County Republican Party will hold an organizational meeting on Monday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Citizens Bank Community Room for all individuals interested in the Republican Party of Texas and Garza County. Organizational, candidate, and filing deadline information will be discussed. Contact Trevor Thuett at 495-3476 for more information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Community/Government Meetings
 All of these meetings are open to the public.

Garza County Commissioners' Court

Meeting to adopt 2009-2010 budget and set tax rate
 September 21
 9 a.m.
 Garza County Courthouse
 300 W. Main

City of Post

City Council Meeting
 Public hearing on water development infrastructure upgrade grant
 Followed by regular meeting to adopt budget
 September 22
 5:30 p.m.
 Council Chambers - City Hall
 105 E. Main

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

"The Baptist"
 Ragtown Gospel Theater
 September 18 - 7:30 p.m.
 September 19 - 3:00 p.m.
 877-RAGTOWN for reservations

Community Pep Rally
 Antelope Arena
 3:00 p.m.

Antelopes @ Floydada
 September 18
 7:30 p.m.

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Opinions

Overreacting to Obama

By Gene Lyons

"Men, it has been well said, think in herds; it will be seen that they go mad in herds, while they only recover their senses slowly, and one by one." -- Charles MacKay, "Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds," 1841

Is there anybody who's forgotten exactly what President George W. Bush was doing on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001? He was in a Florida classroom, reading to schoolchildren. Because it was televised, almost everybody witnessed Bush's stunned reaction to the Al Qaeda terrorist atrocity. It would be years before we learned that one reason for the president's deer-in-the-headlights look was: OMG, what if anybody finds out I blew off that CIA briefing?

But that's not the point. Bush had received a minority of the votes in the 2000 election. He was made president by a Supreme Court decision many regarded as farcical. Yet nobody seriously protested his reading to schoolchildren. Urging kids to stay in school and improve their prospects in life is one of those ceremonial presidential tasks like pardoning the Thanksgiving turkey or greeting the World Series champions.

Making a stink about it would be as petty and ridiculous, as Florida (yes, Florida) Republican chairman Jim Greer's hissy fit about President Obama's alleged attempt to "indoctrinate America's children to his socialist agenda" by urging them to do their homework and earn their diplomas.

On cue, the GOP's influential Henny Penny faction took up the cry. During a slow

week, cable news networks featured pundits bickering about Obama's speech. (They'd call tapioca "controversial" if some wing nut did.) On Fox News, one commentator denounced the president's sinister motives. "They do this type of thing in North Korea and the former Soviet Union."

As Josh Marshall pointed out, Obama had to be the first black man since Bill Cosby was a pup criticized for urging kids to study. Even so, school boards in such benighted precincts as Fayetteville, Ark. -- a university town, for heaven's sake -- caved to the pressure. No mandatory exposure to the Antichrist's glowing, hypnotic eyes: "Forsake your families, children, and follow ME!"

So has the GOP actually degenerated into a cult? Well, it's impolite to say so. Also, not every prominent Republican endorsed the latest crackpot enthusiasm. Former Florida congressman Joe Scarborough wondered aloud, "Where are all the GOP leaders speaking out against this kind of hysteria?" On CNN, Laura Bush praised Obama's message and added that she thinks "it's also really important for everyone to respect the president of the United States."

Even Newt Gingrich said something relatively sensible. So you know the Henny Penny bunch went too far. More symptomatic was a Survey USA poll taken in the Missouri heartland showing that 70 percent of parents would urge their children to pay close attention to Obama's address, versus 21 percent who'd prefer to keep their kids home from school -- foolish, but definitely their right.

A poll in Fayetteville, near

the Missouri border, would likely show similar results. In Arkansas generally, the fundamentalist right traditionally makes all the noise but loses most elections to moderate Democrats. So why did school boards cower? Maybe because they know that while Obama supporters might grumble, they won't show up with guns.

A more significant mystery is why Democrats nationally don't make better use of the GOP's periodic episodes of paranoia. While it's impossible to anticipate the exact content of its delusions -- comparing Obama to Hitler and Korean strongman Kim Jong Il, "birthers" denying his citizenship, "death panels," White House "czars," etc. -- their appearance should come as no surprise.

After all, millions of Americans are attracted to "End Times" narratives as theology and popular entertainment. Not for nothing did Tim LaHaye's ponderously bad "Left Behind" sell millions of copies. How thrilling to imagine that one's humdrum existence has cosmic meaning. Of course, it's questionable how deeply people investing in life insurance policies and 30-year mortgages actually believe that stuff.

It's much the same with the far-right's political delusions. How many seriously believe that Democrats favoreuthanasia? Relatively few.

But you can't beat something with nothing. Which is why the Democrats' collective failure to develop a strong counter-narrative remains so bewildering. Are they waiting for what Eric Alterman calls the So Called Liberal Media to step up?

That's never going to happen. To cable TV in

particular, politics is a carnival sideshow; they're peddling tickets. Countering one falsehood at a time keeps Democrats constantly on the defensive. People need to be told a competing story: who's deceiving them, and why. Take "death panels." Who first concocted the lie? Who pays her? Where does the money come from?

Describing the machinations of the right-wing noise machine shouldn't simply be left to Internet media critics. It should be an out-front political issue at a national and local level. Sure, they'll call it "class warfare." They already do.

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Time To Be Fair AND Balanced is Now

Fox News says they are "fair and balanced." They are not. They cater to conservatives and are center-right on the political landscape.

NBC, CBS, ABC, CNN and MSNBS are center to far left. They are neither fair or balanced.

The vast majority of major daily newspapers in the U.S. are center-left. Many are liberal.

For the better part of the last six years, the tone in this country has been bitter. During the Bush years, Americans on the left were finished with that administration. They were galvanized to the point where anti-Bush movies hit theaters.

Though you may not know by following the mainstream media, the last couple of months, those on the right - joined by Independents, Libertarians and some conservative Democrats - are letting their voices be heard. In fact, they are screaming at the top of their lungs.

I share these observations with you because I have a confession: As most of you know, my views are conservative to moderate. The feedback I get from conservatives is very positive. The feedback I receive from liberals is not nearly as positive. In fact, most liberal readers like my columns on family and friends and really dislike my columns on politics.

I've thought about my views and the perceived views of this newspaper all Sunday. Yes, the towns represented are conservative by overwhelming numbers. The votes in elections over the past two decades prove this point.

These communities, which have always been conservative, but were mostly Democrat (and still are at the local level) until the past 20 years, share many of the same views I do. But am I doing a disservice to readers?

This weekend it occurred to me as to why I've slanted these publications to the right. I've leaned them that way to counter the left-leaning mainstream media. I have not consciously done it, but I have. Now I'm not discussing this column, but the other opinion pieces which appear from time-to-time. This column is my opinion and you already know where I stand.

So I'm left with this question: should I see to it that opinions from the left are run as well? Would that not make these newspapers more objective? Would that not make them more fair?

It's not my job to worry about what the mainstream media is feeding you. It is not my job to try and counter anyone.

As much as I think there is a market for Fox News and as much as it frustrates me to see a lack of fair coverage from the leftist networks and major dailies, it's not my problem. I need to let it go and serve the public reading these publications as they should be - fair.

I guess I'm saying it's time to lead by example. I must present dissenting opinions from my own or else I'm as guilty as the other news organizations I've mentioned. A news organization is either fair, or unfair.

I believe a newspaper's opinion page should present differing opinions. I think it's healthy and I think it's honest. Heck, it might actually make me seem bright every once in awhile.

From now on I am going to even the opinions out on this page. I think the country can use some objective journalism for a change and it might as well start here.

Stay tuned

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Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

GARZA COUNTY conducted public hearings on September 4, 2009 and September 9, 2009 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues or GARZA COUNTY from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.17 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.30900 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,674,176.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.37500 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,811,056.

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The COMMISSIONERS COURT of GARZA COUNTY is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 21, 2009 at COMMISSIONERS COURT ROOM - 3RD FLOOR - GARA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 9:15 a.m.

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Southland News

By Brad Ellison
Principal

Congratulations to our Girls Cross-Country Teams who competed very well at Slaton on Saturday. This is how they placed:

- Jr. High CC Slaton Meet
- Melinda Hernandez-4th place
 - Mallory Arguello-17th Place
 - Samantha Peralez-51st Place
 - Daniel Galindo-72nd Place
 - Madi Worley-99th Place
 - Linda Gonzalez-113th Place

- High School CC Slaton Meet
- Robbin Hernandez-6th
 - Kelcee Lewis-20th
 - Laken Johnson-23rd
 - Daisy Galindo-29th
 - Jaden Binford-41st
 - Samantha Dorman-51st
 - Daegan Moore-53rd
 - Jade Zeleznikar-55th
 - Julia Kidd-58th
 - Journey Zeleznikar-60th

Congratulations to our boys and coaches for the way they played on Friday night. I believe that everyone in attendance realizes how hard our kids played the entire game. Great job and let's go beat Lazbuddie Friday.

Congratulations to our students who competed in the Garza County Rabbit Show this past weekend as well. The kids from Southland did awesome..... Great job guys!!

- Rabbit Show:
- M'keison Guerrero Senior Buck
 - Netherland Dwarf 3rd
 - Senior Buck
 - Netherland Dwarf 4th
 - Senior Buck Thriatan 1st
 - Senior Buck Dwarf Hotot 1st
 - Senior Buck Dwarf Hotot 2nd
 - Senior Buck Dwarf Hotot 3rd

- Ashlee Graves
- Senior Buck Netherland Dwarf 1st - Grand Champion
 - Senior Buck
 - Netherland Dwarf 2nd
 - Senior Doe Dwarf Hotot 1st

- Latham Huckabye
- Angora 1st
 - Angora 4th
 - Fuzzy Lops 1st

Holland Lop 2nd

- Victoria Huckabye
- Angora 2nd
 - Angora 3rd
 - Fuzzy Lops 1st
 - Fuzzy Lops 2nd

- Dress Up Rabbits as Clowns:
- Tori Huckabye 1st
 - M'keison Guerrero 2nd

- Peewee Division
- Latham Huckabye 1st

- Coloring Contest
- M'keison Guerrero 1st

- Showmanship (this is a big deal to the kids)
- M'keison Guerrero Reserved
 - Champion

Events for This Week:

- Cheerleaders are sponsoring dress up days all this week.
- Junior High Football game at Lazbuddie on Thursday night beginning at 5:30.
- Homecoming Pep Rally at 2:20 on Friday afternoon.
- Junior class is sponsoring a meal prior to the homecoming game on Friday night beginning at 5:30. They will have brisket sandwiches, chips, dessert and drinks. Please help them as they are raising money for prom this year.
- Crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen will take place at the field prior to the game beginning at 7:10.
- Game will follow at 7:30 versus Lazbuddie.
- Cross-Country will be running at Wilson on Saturday morning.

Events for Next Week:

- Junior High football vs. Motley County at 5:30 here
- Pep Rally at 2:20 on Friday
- Football at Motley County beginning at 7:30
- Cross-Country at Lubbock Mae Simmons Park 8:00 a.m.



Couple Celebrates 65th Wedding Anniversary

Jim and Betty Morris celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary September 15, 2009. They were married at the First Methodist Church in Lubbock. Jim had a three-day pass from the Army and they spent their first night at the Connell Court in Post.



The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch



My friend Beverly is a good driver. Blame me we missed that curve.

Advice: If you're negotiating a curve on a rain-slick road in the Ozarks, don't count on help from your brakes, and don't listen to last-second advice from anybody who's not driving.

Beverly's sporty little red car is (was) a lovely 1985 shiny Mazda RX-7. She's had it 30 years. We were traveling Northwest Arkansas between Hasty and Mt. Judea (pronounced Judy). In retrospect, I'd call it a logging road. Hasty isn't how to drive it.

We weren't going fast, but as we neared a curve at the bottom of a mountain, I suggested we should slow down. Isn't that just like a passenger?

Beverly braked. The car took off, and we smack-dab took out one of those cautionary severe curve signs you seldom see in West Texas except in the sign section of the Texas Driver's Handbook. Whoosh! We were out of the chute hanging on tight, down an embankment, over a little road, through tall vegetation (if memory serves) and then right through Arkansas fence vegetation (not tumbleweeds) and between two metal T-posts, snapping several strands of barbed wire and rolling to a stop in a glistening vacant rain-soaked meadow.

Beverly killed the engine and set the emergency brake.

Cows on the other side of a cross fence stood watching wide-eyed, our only witnesses.

Once we decided we were alive, Beverly started her somewhat-the-worse-for-having-gone-through-a-fence car and circled around as I held up the remaining top strand of barbed wire so she could drive under it, wheels spinning on wet grass, to get us out of there. Squeezing back between those two posts wasn't easy, but she

did it. I should have gotten my foot out of the way. Maybe next time.

For some reason, leaving the scene of the accident seemed like the thing to do.

We reported the fence damage to a man who lived nearby. He said the cows belonged to his brother and that a hundred people before us had missed the curve and that his brother is used to fixing the fence.

Next we called 9-1-1. The dispatcher said we should have stayed put. Oops. We soon lost contact with the law. They didn't call back. Meanwhile, if you're worried about that uprooted sign, I'd managed to prop it up sideways, making it a real attention-getter.

We drove on as rain and darkness fell. Our remaining working headlight shone into the forest cockeyed. Beverly's windshield wiper hung askew over her side mirror. My wiper worked. So did the low-on-fuel light. It came on.

We kept driving. Deer missed us. It got darker. The no-shoulder road kept climbing and curving and descending and curving. Our phones didn't work. No signals. I feared we'd run out of gas and spend all night in the right-hand lane.

When we somehow finally miraculously made it out of the woods to Beverly's parents' house, her dad said he'd heard you shouldn't brake on a rain-slick curve.

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Quiz Bowl

The next meeting will be September 23, 2009 at 4:30-6:00 at the Extension Office.

Rabbit Project

The next meetings will be on September 24, 2009 from 4:00-5:00 OR 7:00-8:00 at Barbara Palmers house. The meetings will be held every Thursday.

Food & Nutrition Project

Anyone who is interested in participating in this project will meet Saturday, September 19 and 26, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will meet at the High School Food Lab. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Club Meeting

The next club meeting will be October 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Show barn. Marcie Oden will provide the meal & Lyntegar Electric will have a program.

National 4-H Week

October 6 & 7 after school at the Extension Office we will make locker tags and posters. If you would like to help, please come by.

Health Fair

The Garza County annual Health Fair will be Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Contact the Extension Office to schedule your flu shot.

State Swine Validation

The deadline to get your orders in for state swine validation tags is September 22, 2009. Please contact the office to purchase yours; they will be \$10 each.

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Jamaica...

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spent much time and effort to make this event successful," said Juanita Pantoya, who is also involved in preparations for the event. "Our Jamaicas have been very successful in the past." According to Pantoya, over 300 people attended the event last year. This year the church is expecting an even larger crowd. Admission is free but the food, drinks, and games will be for sale.

The live music will provide a festive background for games such as Bingo, a cakewalk, balloon darts, manita, baseball pitch, basketball and egg carton. Food booths will offer brisket, turkey legs, tripas, tamales, gorditas with rice and beans, hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos and much more. Many desserts will also be available.

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. There will be four drawings: first prize \$500, second prize \$250, third prize \$125 and fourth prize \$100.

The Jamaica is a great way to spend a Sunday and support the Holy Cross Catholic Church in true Post hospitality and friendship.

Holy Cross is located at 205 W. Main St. in Post. For more information call the church at 495-2791 or Juanita Pantoya at 495-3059.

Speak Up...

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Wake up, America.

SKATE PARK
This letter is in regard to a remark in Speak Up last week about the skate park not being used. The person making the statement needs to be informed. I see kids there all the time and granted there may not be a hundred at a time using the park, it is still being used. Maybe you haven't driven by the park at the right time. If you want to change something or make a difference then why not speak out against all the illegal drugs that are being sold here or the number of children leaving our school system.

TOBACCO SALES TO MINORS

Are parents aware of the businesses in Post selling tobacco products to our children? I caught one business first-hand selling to my child, and know that others are selling to minors, as well. I did not press charges, but dealt with the issue myself at home. I do not wholly blame them for his nicotine addiction, but I hold them partially responsible. My job as a parent is hard enough without others breaking the law to make a dollar. Kids will be kids, but adults know better and understand the long-term effects tobacco have on our health. Shame on you!

"Speak Up" is a way for readers to send their opinions to the Post Dispatch and have them published each week. No signature is required by the writer; writer identities will be kept anonymous and you can address any topic you want. "Speak Up" comments should not exceed 100 words and the Dispatch staff has the right to edit for length or refuse to print materials it deems to be inappropriate. Drop your Speak Up comments in the box in the front office of the newspaper or in the mail slot in the front door after hours. You can also email your comments to postcitydispatch@yahoo.com

Chamber...

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Garza County Health Care District; ornaments from J. Cruse Christmas Gallery; merchandise from Post auto Parts; \$15 gift certificate from Burnham County Store; or two \$25 gift certificates from Chapa's Restaurant.

"These are what we have so far; however, we expect to hear from more businesses next week," said Janice Plummer, Chamber Manager. "We are very encouraged by this strong support for this event."

To make a donation for the "Spend \$25 on the 25th" shopping event or for more information, call the Chamber office, 495-3461.

Events...

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Garza Theatre

September 25 - 7:30 p.m.
September 26 - 7:30 p.m.
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Post Area Chamber of Commerce
September 25
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Chamber Office
131 E. Main Street
495-3461 for information

Homecoming Brisket Dinner Sponsored by Pride of Post Booster Club

September 25
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
School Cafeteria

Antelopes vs. Lubbock Roosevelt Homecoming

September 25
7:30 p.m.

Budget...

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email accounts at no charge.
A bid for county property located at 507 S. Ave. H: Lot 13, Block 143 in the original town. Site of Post was presented by Joy Creech of the County Attorney's office. County Attorney Mike Munk was absent from the meeting. The offer on the property is \$2200. The taxes and arrearages owed are \$1242; the property currently appraises for \$1500. The bid amount covers court costs; therefore the county is not bound to receive approval of the other taxing entities. The Commission-

ers accepted the bid.

The court approved the nomination of former county judge Giles Dalby for the Central Tax appraisal district to the Garza Central Tax Appraisal District and gave Judge Norman the authority to cast the vote on behalf of the court.

The commissioners reviewed changes to the retiree medical program. Jana McCallister, representing County Treasurer Ruth Ann Young who was at a conference, explained that 13 county retirees are covered by the program, two of which pay their own premiums. The Texas Association of Counties is changing plans from Aetna to Monumental Life Insurance beginning January 1, 2010. The Monumental Life premiums are based on age. There will be an increase in the county's annual contribution from \$36,897.96 to \$43,196.76. The court voted to table the agenda item.

The court discussed the Inter-local Agreement for the Provision of Emergency 9-1-1 Service, Public Safety Answering Point Equipment and Addressing/Database Maintenance. There are no changes from the current agreement with the administrator, South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG). The agreement was approved as presented.

In other business minutes from the August 21, 2009 regular meeting, the September 4, 2009 special budget public hearing and the September 9, 2009 special budget public hearing were approved as amended (September 4th). The following items of information were brought before the Court as a written report or for discussion: Treasurer and County Budget Analysis. Precinct and county wide accounts payable for August 22, 2009 through September 14, 2009 and ten line item transfers were approved.

The court toured the new office annex (old sheriff's office and jail) and adjourned.

Post Notes

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GED Classes Begin

GED classes are set to begin Sept. 22, 2009 at Post High School. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. in room 18. Please enter through the southwest doors. There is open enrollment and classes are free. For further information, call the high school at (806) 495-2770, leave your name and phone number and the instructor will contact you soon.

Vision and Mission

40 Days of Life, September 23 - November 1, is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America. If you are interested in participating in our community campaign, call Kelli Egan, 495-0255.

American Legion Meeting

The American Legion's James C. Cole Post 270 regular monthly meeting will be at the First Christian Church, 812 W. 13th St. on Thursday, September 24.

Shop At Home Event Planned

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an event to encourage Garza County and Post residents to shop at home. Anyone who spends at least \$25 with any Garza County Business on September 25 will be eligible to win up to \$250.00. Simply bring your proof of purchase to the Chamber office, 131 E. Main before 6 p.m. September 25 and draw for cash and prizes. The top prize will be \$250 cash. Other prizes will include coupons from local businesses and other cash prizes. For more information call Post Area Chamber of Commerce, 495-3461.

Homecoming Brisket Dinner

The Pride of Post Band Booster Club is having their annual Homecoming Brisket Dinner September 25 at the school cafeteria, 5 - 7 p.m. Eat in or take out plates available - \$6.00 each. Tickets can be purchased from Pride of Post Band members or at the door. If you would like to make a donation, please call Diana Basquez, 495-2274, Janece Williams, 495-3351 or Brandy Fannon, 495-2828.

Graham Ole Opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday, September 26 from 7 til 10 p.m. at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399. There is no admission charge; a hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. Concession stand with drinks and snacks will be available. For more information contact Noel White, 495-3261.

AWANA Program

The First Baptist Church is beginning an AWANA program that includes scripture memory, games, awards and other activities. It will begin on Sunday, September 27, 4:00 - 6:00 at the fellowship hall of the FBC. Students K-6th grade can be registered at that time.

Dalby Facility sponsors team for Susan G. Komen Race

Dalby Facility's Women in Corrections is sponsoring a team for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure 5k run/walk on October 3, 2009 in Lubbock. The race will be held at the Lubbock Civic Center with start time at 8:00 am. The race will benefit breast cancer research. We welcome anyone and everyone to join us and be part of our team. It is a \$20 donation to join the team. To become a member of our team or to donate any amount of money to this cause, go online to www.komenlubbock.org. Our team name is Management & Training Corporation & friends. If there are any questions, please call Georgette at 495-2175.

2009/2010 Football tickets on sale

Post ISD is now selling football tickets for 2009-10 season. Reserved seat tickets will not be sold after August 26th. Please see Kay Postell at the Post ISD business office. Senior Citizens may also pick up a free pass for all athletic events.

Clothes and food available from church

The Graham Chapel Church of Christ has a food pantry and clothes closet for local needy families. If you need this service, please contact Annette Riggs @ 990-0983; Mary Short @ 495-4104, or Leslie Tatum @495-3066.

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Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed
Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 3, 2009

PROPOSITION 1

HJR 132 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow a municipality or a county to issue bonds and notes to finance the purchase of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to military installations. The buffer areas would be used to prevent encroachment or to construct roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation. The municipality or county may pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues for repayment of the bonds or notes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."

PROPOSITION 2

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for the taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether the property may have a higher value if it were used for other purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead."

PROPOSITION 3

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to require the legislature to provide for the administration and enforcement of uniform standards and procedures for appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes."

PROPOSITION 4

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to establish the national research university fund to provide a source of funding that will enable emerging research universities in this state to develop into major research universities. The amendment would require the legislature to dedicate state revenue to the fund and to transfer the balance of the existing higher education fund to the national research university fund. This amendment would further require the legislature to establish the criteria by which a state university may become eligible to receive and use distributions from the fund.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund."

PROPOSITION 5

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow for a single appraisal review board for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated reviews of tax appraisals.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations."

PROPOSITION 6

HJR 116 would amend the constitu-

tion to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds, subject to certain constitutional limits, for the purpose of selling land and providing home or land mortgage loans to veterans of the state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized."

PROPOSITION 7

HJR 127 would amend the constitution to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices."

PROPOSITION 8

HJR 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans' hospitals in this state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans hospitals in this state."

PROPOSITION 9

HJR 102 would define what is a state-owned public beach. The public, individually and collectively, would have an unrestricted right to use and a right of ingress to and egress from a public beach. The amendment would authorize the legislature to enact laws to protect these rights.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use

the public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico."

PROPOSITION 10

HJR 85 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide that members of the governing board of an emergency services district may serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that elected members of the governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years."

PROPOSITION 11

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to provide that the taking of private property for public use ("eminent domain") is authorized only if it is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, its political subdivisions, the public at large, or by entities granted the power of eminent domain, or for the removal of urban blight. The amendment would prohibit the taking of private property for transfer to a private entity for the purpose of economic development or to increase tax revenues. The amendment would also limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain in the future unless it is approved by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the taking, damaging, or destroying of private property for public use unless the action is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, a political subdivision of the State, the public at large, or entities granted the power of eminent domain under law or for the elimination of urban blight on a particular parcel of property, but not for certain economic development or enhancement of tax revenue purposes, and to limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain to an entity."

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In and Around Close City

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by Traci Freeman

Weather

We did finally get some rain. Here at the gin we received two and two tenths; Jim Ellis got an inch and half at the Childs place just west of here; GB Wilke, east of here got a total of three and a half inches over a couple of days. We sure needed the moisture, I guess all our prayers paid off.

News

First of all I want to thank everyone for all the cards, visits, phone calls, food and especially your prayers. You will never know how much they comforted our family during the loss of my mom's brother, Jerry Don McCampbell. Jerry Don passed away suddenly last Thursday, his funeral was held in

Roswell, New Mexico and graveside services were here in Post. I also want to thank the C-City Directors for being so understanding and allowing Dad and I to be gone when we needed to be and to Jim Ellis for watching the office for us. Ya'll are a great bunch of guys!

Raylea Underwood competed in a shoot that was held at Palmers Gun Club over the weekend. I'm not sure how she did but Raylea always does well. She is the daughter of Raydon and Jana Underwood.

It is peeewee football time! If you want to be entertained you should really go watch these guys sometime. Those playing from Ragtown are Russ

Morris, Kale Yarbrow, Rheaden Bland and Dylan Morris.

I have to say a big hello to Jackie Carpenter. Jackie was here attending my uncle's funeral and told me how much he enjoyed reading "In and Around Close City" Thanks Jackie and know that all of us here in Ragtown say hi.

Please keep sending those recipes; we are getting more and more everyday. This is really going to be a great cookbook; I can't wait to see the finished product. All the proceeds from the cookbook will go directly to the restoration fund for the Close City School Building. Mail your recipes to 1390 CR 125 Post, Texas 79356 or email them to close.city

coop@pcca.com we will accept recipes until we start printing which will be the first week of October. For more information don't hesitate to give us a call.

Visitors

Will Osborn stopped in last week; David Tyler came out for some seed.

Remember, we love visitors...so come out and see us sometime.

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Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to

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Weekly Inspirations

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church

God puts so many opportunities before us each and every day. Do you wonder why? Or do you not see these opportunities? Many people miss so many blessings each and every day simply because they are not expecting to be blessed of God. He so desires to bless us when we follow His leadership in all things.

Too many people believe God expects too much of them. They believe He makes demands upon them, they couldn't begin to perform or complete. Therefore, they choose to ignore God's activity. His presence is all around us all the time.

Perhaps the reason you fear God's presence or even His blessings is that you fear Him. But fear can become a justified excuse to reject many new opportunities. Fear is not a blessing, but if you step into the disciplines of God you will experience blessings that you never could have imagined before.

Some people refuse to step into God's presence because they believe God will make them more than they have ever been before. Of course He will, or He wouldn't be God would He? He will always make you more than you are and more than you could ever be without Him. Would you like to be more than you know of yourself, your talents, your abilities even your personality?

God is ready to equip you to be more than you have ever dreamed you could be and He will prove it to you, your family, your boss and your friends. If you're ready, all you have to do is to ask Him to show His person to you and to equip you to represent Him to a lost world. Really, it's that easy. Read and believe His word: John 5: 19-21 (NASB)

19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.

21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

You can truly be God's children and marvel at all He does through you!

I pray that you experience the blessings of God every day in every way.

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Obituaries



Chadwick Paul Harmon

Chadwick Paul Harmon, 30, of Lubbock, passed away in Lubbock Monday, September 14, 2009. After a long courageous battle with Wagner's Granulomatosis and Mucor Mycosis, he went to be with his Lord and Savior.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Thursday, September 17, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with Dr. Steve McMeans of Lubbock officiating. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery in Post at 5 p.m. under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada. The family received friends Wednesday, September 15 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Chad was born September 20, 1978 in Plainview, TX to Donna and Paul Harmon. He was raised in Floydada, TX and was a 1997 graduate of Floydada High School, where he was active in sports, UIL, and debate. He attended Hardin Simmons University and received his degree from Texas Tech University in 2004. Chad was a true Red Raider Fan. He loved life, lived it to the fullest, and was blessed with many friends.

Chad is survived by his parents: Donna Harmon of Floydada and Paul and Debbie Harmon of Lubbock; and his grandmother, Ruth Mathis of Floydada. He is also survived by a special aunt and uncle, Anne and Lee Johnson of Beaumont and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Glen Mathis, Tom and Freda Harmon, and R.V. and Rita Webster.



Mary Ann Howell

When God began her life story He started in an old farmhouse near Center Community. On June 4, 1935 Mary Ann was born to Myers and Martha Looney. Farm life suited her just fine. She spent many hours on the tractor helping her daddy. She started driving the grain truck when she was nine. Her favorite past time was hanging out with her grandparents - Topper and Wee Looney.

Before you knew it, she was an all-star guard for the state champion New Deal Lions in 1953. Her team won 44 straight games and sang "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" for good luck.

Mary Ann met the love of her life, Bud Howell, in 1972, she was happiest at their "Trails End Ranch" - days spent watching glorious sunrises, finding new fishing holes, watering tomatoes and flowers, hunting birds and deer, calling up varmints in the evening, wishing for a good rain and marveling at the mountains in their backyard - her mountains that other folks call the Caprock of Texas. One night they called up seven bobcats near the little dust town of Post.

Christmas time was a big deal at Mary Ann's house, cele-

brating the birth of Christ was a bigger deal! She knew how much God loved her, she knew that Jesus died, was buried and rose again to save her. She wants you to know that too. Is your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life?

She hopes so.

Being "Meeann" to her two grandsons was her biggest joy. Their days together included piano playing, ping-pong, fishing, birthday parties, and simple fun like wiener roasts. She wanted her grandsons to grow up to be good Christian men. She taught them honesty, integrity, hard work, discipline and kindness. She taught them courage when life gets tough. Her motherly love was everywhere and no one was a better listener than Meeann.

Perhaps few people know how proud she was of her Cherokee Indian heritage. She admired their survivor skills, their love of nature and their ability to grow things. She showed that same spirit in her own life.

We celebrate the sweet memory of the country gal - this journey ends and another one begins. We celebrate her spirit. She protected us and made us laugh, she taught us about courage and faith - believing in the unseen. We praise God for the mark she made on the lives of each and every one of us. We will miss her but we know she will be waiting down the road. Happy trails to you, Mom - see you at the gate!

A Memorial service was held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009 at the Justiceburg Church in Justiceburg. Delton Osborn and Tony Isaacs officiated. Private graveside service was held at sunrise at the Terrace Cemetery in Post. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Bud Howell of Post; one daughter, Debbie Webb of Amarillo; one son, Dusty Webb and his wife, Tess of Lubbock; her mother, Martha Looney of Lubbock; one brother, Wes Looney of Bandera; one sister, Jonnie Ford of White River Lake; and two grandchildren, Ben Webb and Jake Webb of Lubbock. She is also survived by many other loved ones.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her father, Myers John Looney and brother, Glenn Looney.

The family greeted friends Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to: Vista Care Hospice, Lubbock or to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.



Jerry Don McCampbell

Jerry Don McCampbell, 70, passed away on September 10, 2009 in Roswell, New Mexico.

Jerry Don was born on March 23, 1939 in Lubbock, TX, the son of the late J.D. and Vada Lee McCampbell. He grew up on a farm near Post, TX and spent summers with his grandfather, who was the foreman of the U Lazy S Ranch. His grandfather, William Jackson Satterwhite, was a beloved figure in his life. Following graduation from Post High School in 1958, he attended Abilene Christian University. There he met a beautiful young lady and fellow student, Barba Nell Gaines, who he would spend his life with. She found his laughter, sense of fun, and southern accent irresistible. Jerry Don and Barba were married in La Mesa, CA on December 20, 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. McCampbell resided in Lubbock for fourteen

years, where he worked as a machine technician for the U.S. Postal Service. During this time, their family grew with the births of three children, two boys and a girl. In 1974, they moved to Roswell where Jerry could be closer to the mountains and pursue his love of hunting, fishing, camping and other outdoor sports. These were family activities and brought him great joy. He was extremely active in the Roswell Gun Club and held various positions over the years, including President and most recently, Chairman of the Board. He was instrumental in arranging the acquisition and development of the land on which the Roswell Gun Club now resides.

J.D. worked as a lease operator for Yates Petroleum, of Artesia, for 26 years. He was happiest when he was outdoors and this job allowed him to do what he loved every day. He retired from Yates in 2007 and spent the last two years enjoying his family, friends and hobbies. He especially enjoyed his weekly lunch and coffee dates swapping stories with his friends. He was a devoted member of the Country Club Road Church of Christ, where he and Barba attended many years.

Jerry Don had a love of life and leaves behind many friends and a loving family. If a man can be defined by the size of the hole he leaves behind when he is gone, then we were blessed beyond measure. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Barba; a sister, Judy and Jerry Bush of Post, TX; two sons, Jim and Amanda McCampbell of Artesia, NM and Eric and Theresa McCampbell of Spring, TX; one daughter, Laura Smith of Roswell; eight grandchildren: Ian Watts of Las Cruces, NM; Ethen Watts of Artesia, NM; Jubal McCampbell, Shawnee McCampbell, Andrea McCampbell, Jordan McCampbell, Joshua Vitt and Gabriel Vitt.

Funeral services for Jerry Don McCampbell will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2009 at Country Club Road Church of Christ with Doug Austin officiating. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Texas time, in Post, TX, Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at Terrace Cemetery.

Doyle Ray McClellan

Doyle Ray was a beloved husband, father, brother, and friend. He was born in Post, TX on July 16, 1959. He passed away September 6, 2009, after a long battle with cancer.

Doyle was survived by his wife Cathy McClellan; son, Jimmy McClellan; daughter and son-in-law, Brandy and Gregg Eubanks; and sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Mickey Jones.

He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Scott McClellan; mother, Dorothy Carter and his beloved grandparents, Arlia and Sadler Hair.

He met his wife Cathy in Post where they were married in 1977. They lived throughout Texas, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Arkansas before settling in East Texas. Doyle Ray was a man with a huge heart and a larger than life presence. Full of energy and enthusiasm, "there was nothing he wasn't ready to do or try." He will truly be missed by many.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 10 am at the home Doyle and Cathy shared in Ore City, TX. Friends or family needing more information, please contact the family at lbk-eubanks@att.net.

The family request that donations be made to the Doyle McClellan Memorial Fund at Texas Bank and Trust, PO BOX 3188, Longview, Texas 75606.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at www.raderfh.com.



C. J. Schoenrock

Carol Jean Schoenrock entered God's Kingdom on September 13, 2009. Carol, or C.J. as her friends knew her, was born to Lawrence and Elva Schoenrock on June 23, 1949 in Levelland, Texas. A graduate of Levelland High School and South Plains College, she then went to Texas Tech, earning a BA, MA and in 1991, a PHD in Human Development and Family Studies. She was a teacher, a researcher, a writer, and more importantly, a Counselor through several different venues, including her private practice, at Horizons Family Center in Lubbock. Her tireless efforts in counseling and work with the Al-Anon groups in Lubbock have blessed her with friends who deeply loved her and will miss her greatly. C. J. also served as Director of the Community Recovery Center in Post for several years.

Carol Jean was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence and is survived by her mother, Elva Schoenrock; three brothers, Larry, Bobby, and Terry Paul, as well as uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews. A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at the First Methodist Church in Levelland. The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity. To leave online condolences, please go to www.georgepricefunerals.com



Ruby White

Graveside services for Ruby White, 93, of Rockwall and formerly of Post, were 1:30 p.m. Monday, September 14, 2009 at the Abernathy Cemetery, NW of Abernathy. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.

Ruby died on Friday, September 11, 2009 at the Rowlett Health & Rehabilitation Center in Roswell. She was born on April 27, 1916 to Joseph D. and Augusta (Pankey) Tipton at Close City. Ruby attended school at Close City and graduated Post High School. She married Edward Lee White on January 12, 1936 in Close City. Mr. White preceded her in death May 25, 1986. For 22 years they farmed at House, NM. After Mr. White's death she moved to Post and lived here for 17 years. Then she moved to Rockwall to be closer to her daughter. Ruby enjoyed playing the piano and raising flowers. She was also preceded in death by a daughter: Peggy Holt, April 8, 2000.

She is survived by a son, Joe and his wife Ann White of Amarillo; a daughter, Polly and her husband Bob Rash of Rockwall; a brother, Doug and his wife Claudine Tipton of Post; a sister, Bobbie Grizzle of League City; eight grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

This week in Post City

By Rosa Latimer

Community Prayer Breakfast

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce Community Prayer Breakfast last week was a terrific event. Over 20 Post and Garza County residents gathered to share breakfast and then pray for our government, our community and our schools. McDonald's of Post furnished the breakfast and The Heritage House allowed us to use their space. John Bill Hedrick provided the group with some of the sweetest, calming music I've heard in a long time and then we were led in prayer by Scott Richards, Travis Sweet and Bo Jackson.

We began at 7 a.m. and just before 8:00 we all headed out to do whatever we usually do on Thursday. Except on this Thursday I felt less alone as I faced the problems of the day; I felt more confident and at peace because this shared time reminded me that many others share my concerns for our community. On that day those folks took a decisive step to express that concern and share in a mutual time of prayer. The experience of the prayer breakfast was good, but more than that it was a clear reminder that even on days when these folks don't meet together for a special prayer time, they are individually praying for the needs of our community.

High School Class Reunions

A few weeks ago I received an invitation to a reunion for my high school graduating class. It is interesting to me how that invitation evoked so many memories and questions. These events that, on the surface, are all about old friends and fun carry with them a deeper meaning. Lots of questions about former schoolmates come to mind: Will the class valedictorian be there? I haven't seen him in years, but heard that after finishing college he started a nudist camp somewhere in the northwest. Hard to understand. He was always so quiet and, as far as I know, he always wore clothes in high school.

My best friend through junior high and high school moved away after college and I've only seen her a couple of times in the past 30 years. I can't remember ever having more fun than she and I had during those years. Almost every Friday night, we would play a very fast card game, "Spit," practically all night long, gossip, share our hearts and laugh so much our tummy muscles would be sore the next morning. The memories of that precious friendship always make me smile.

Class reunions have been great inspiration for many movies and novels. These events bring a diversity of people together who once shared many hours and important events. Now each has made another life for him/herself. Perhaps what makes reunions interesting is having the opportunity to observe how a large group of people who basically came from the same beginnings made so many different choices.

At least this year I won't know what those former classmates are doing. I chose instead to attend the First Methodist Church Centennial supper that Saturday night and I am so glad I did. You just can't beat sharing a table with friends like Jack and Zoe Kirkpatrick, Jim and Janice Plummer, Loyd and Shirley Stice and my sweet husband, not to mention almost 150 other fellow church members and friends. I even heard a song about Methodist pie sung by Jan Olson and Grady Shyles that, having been a Baptist most of my life, was new to me; however, I noticed the majority of the crowd knew the words and sang along.

Now you might wonder what the prayer breakfast and the Methodist supper have to do with "this week in Post City." Actually these types of get-togethers with these types of folks have everything to do with life in Post City and why it is such a good life. We are indeed blessed to live in this community!

That's it for this week in Post City!

Hunting License Sales Show Increase

Fiscal year 2010 Texas hunting and fishing license sales revenue from Aug. 15-Sep. 7 is up compared to the same time period during the last two years.

In the early weeks of this year's season, license revenue increased 13% compared to the same period last season in 2009, but up only 4.9 percent compared to the year before. Fiscal year 2009 revenue was down significantly last fall because of Hurricane Ike, so 2008 is a better year for comparison with what's happened so far this season.

In terms of total licenses sold during this early time period, 827,029 licenses were sold in 2008 and 787,048 in 2009.

Although it's interesting to compare license sales in the early weeks of each season, when the start of dove hunting drives a high percentage of TPWD's annual sales volume, a few weeks is still too early in the season to draw significant conclusions about hunting and fishing participation or license revenue trends for the year as a whole.

Management Options for Expiring CRP Meeting Next Week

On September 23, 2009 the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will host a "Land Management Options for Expired CRP Land" meeting in Tahoka, Texas.

The conference is designed to educate landowners on various management options and alternatives for expiring Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts. Issues such as conservation compliance, brush management, grazing management, wildlife management and farming economics will be addressed.

Make plans to attend to meeting at the Center for Housing and

Community Development, 1400 Avenue K in Tahoka on September 23. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the conference is scheduled to wrap up at noon. Admission is free and all attendees will receive two general continuing education units (CEU's) toward pesticide applicator re-certification.

Anyone in the South Plains region interested in learning more about sound management options for their expiring CRP lands is encouraged to attend. Refreshments and conference materials will be provided at no charge.

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Lady Lopes are Off to the Races

By Jim Plummer
Sports Writer

The Post Cross Country team met under their feet and ran their second around Wil- Texas tomorrow (Saturday) morning.

Head Coach Chris Edwards has a strong list of returning varsity

runners from last year. The coach expects seniors Alex Miller, Cheyenne Miller, and Darlene Araiza, junior Brittney Miller and sophomore Kim Rivera to encourage and lead the younger girls. The three Millers and Rivera were regional qualifiers last season, which was one of the strongest showings by a

Lady Lope team in years. Edwards is "expecting a repeat performance this year as well".

The Ladies placed sixth in their first meet at Slaton on September 12th. Edwards commented "we competed well for our first meet with an incomplete team due to several athletes taking the ACT". The top runners for Post were Fernanda Contreras and Haily Berry.

According to Coach Edwards, the final varsity squad members will not be determined until just before the District Meet scheduled for October 27th. So in addition to the before mentioned runners, the others competing for the chance to run in the district meet are Mariah Morales, Mercedes Solorzano, Shirley Araiza, Madison Davis, Julie Boren and Sydney Jones.

The schedule for the rest of the season is as follows:

September 19 @ Wilson, September 26 @ Lubbock International, October 3 @ Spur, October 10 the O'Donnell Meet @ Lamesa, October 17 (TBA), October 27 is the District Meet @ Mae Simmons Park-Lubbock and on November 7, the Regional Meet at Mae Simmons Park-Lubbock.

All teams are scheduled to compete at all the meets including the Junior High, which finished in

Lopes get Back to Business

By Jim Plummer
Sports Writer

The Bold Gold didn't play last week in preparation of eight weeks of tough gridiron battles beginning tonight (Friday) at Floydada.

The District 2-AA Whirlwinds (1-2, non-district) have dropped games to two District 3-AA teams: Roosevelt (38-12) in the first week of action and last week to Abernathy (27-0). Floydada's sole win was two weeks ago against Lockney of District 6-A (6-0).

Antelope Head Coach Chris Jones is looking at tonight's game as "our last tune-up before district play begins on September 25." Jones knows of a couple of Floydada offensive threats. "a tough hard-running tailback in Fred Williams. [And] their QB, John Cornelius, is 6'4" and can throw and run well. We will have to contain those two to be successful on defense."

Last year the Bold Gold defeated the Whirlwinds at home, 36-14. This year the Lopes hope to generate enough offense to win again. Coach Jones expects to see a multiple 8-man front and blitzing linebackers. "They will be aggressive and we will have to block well to put some points on the board," said Jones.



Photo by Jim Plummer

Bold Gold Cross Country Team (from left): Brittney Miller, Kimberly Rivera, Julie Boren, Mercedes Solorzano, Cheyenne Miller, Madison Davis, Haily Berry, Alex Miller, Sydney Jones, Coach Chris Edwards, Darlene Araiza, Fernanda Contreras, Mariah Morales, and Shirley Araiza.

If you can't go to the game, and you have a computer and internet connection, log on to LoneStarSportsRadio.com for live coverage. Allen Grisham and I will bring the action starting with the pregame at 7:10. By being on the web, Post athletics have gone world wide. Tell your family and friends.

The only other District 3-AA team active tonight is Idalou (1-1) as they host Lubbock Cooper. Sidelines

See "Antelope Profiles" and

meet Kaven Martinez, Ben Mason, Easton Mathis and Coaches Ken Roberts and Toby Allen.

The Antelope Booster Club has hired a professional photographer to video the varsity games with voice over from the Antelope web cast team. Call Donny Windham at (806) 629-4458 to find out about getting your DVD copies.

Email your Antelope comments and information to HYPERLINK "mailto:boldgold@poka.com"boldgold@poka.com. We would love to hear from you.



Post Antelope 2009 Varsity team and coaches: (from left, front row) Eddie Pizana, Chase Greathouse, Cody Dean, Dale Diaz, John Bocko, Ernest Saldivar, John Rodriguez. (second row) M.J. Wynne, Nick Rodriguez, Shawn Perez, Easton Mathis, Kaven Martinez, Matthew Soto, Robert Contreras. (third row) Coach Chris Jones, Giles Dalby, Josh Rodriguez, Luis Duran, Ben Mason, Trent Babb, Jacob Perez, Coach Jay Hellums. (fourth row) Coach Ken Roberts, Joe Menjares, Aaron James, Reed Williams, Clint Windham, Tobe Palmer, Coach Toby Allen. (back row) Coaches Kevin James, Don Hilger, Chris Lackey, Billy Quinn, Billy Hardin, and Jerry Piles.

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TEAM	W	L	PF	PA	Week 2 Outcome
Shallowater	3	0	130	27	beat Levelland (41-14)
Littlefield	2	1	118	20	beat Brownfield (48-0)
Denver City	2	1	78	27	lost to Pecos (27-21, 20T)
Roosevelt	2	1	72	32	lost to Sundown (7-6)
Slaton	2	1	42	46	lost to Lamesa (24-7)
Post	1	1	66	33	(idle)
Idalou	1	1	34	7	(idle)
Abernathy	1	2	60	49	beat Floydada (27-0)

Legend: W (Wins), L (Losses), PF (Points For), PA (Points Against)

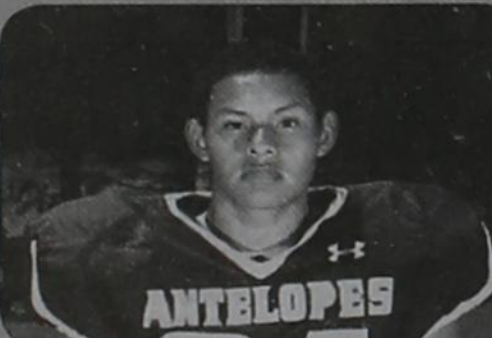
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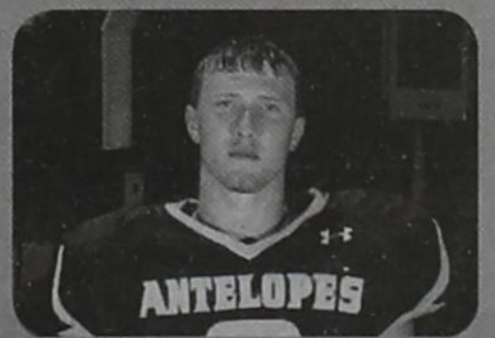
Antelope Profiles



Kaven Martinez (64), son of Joe and Chane Martinez, is a sophomore and plays on the line on offense and linebacker on defense. He does not have a preferred school subject and he plans to go to college after high school. Kaven's favorites are: college team-UT Longhorns, pro team-Pittsburgh Steelers, college athlete-Jordan Shipley, food-steak, music-metal, and musical artist-White Chapel




Ben Mason (17), son of Ray and Celia Mason, is a junior and plays receiver on offense and strong safety on defense. Ben's preferred school subject is History and he plans to attend college after high school. Ben's favorites are: college team-TTU Red Raiders, pro team-"Whoever is winning", college athlete-Barron Batch, pro athlete-Michael Crabtree, food-Pop Tarts, music-"everything," and he does not have a favorite musical artist.



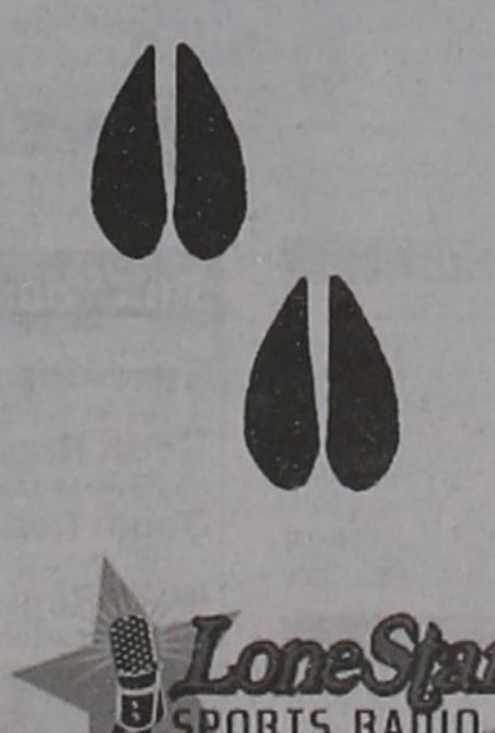
Easton Mathis (3), son of Eric and Brooke Mathis, is a senior and plays halfback on offense and safety on defense. Easton's preferred school subject is History and he plans to attend college after high school. His favorites are: college team-Florida Gators, pro team-Dallas Cowboys, college athlete-Tim Tebow, pro athlete-Tony Romo, food-seafood, music-rap or rock, and musical artist-Theory of a Deadman.



Coach Ken Roberts is starting his 14th year of coaching, his second at Post. He is the offensive and defensive lines coach and the head power lifting and assistant track coach. He played football and ran track at Frenship High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University where he threw the shot put and discus. His favorite subject to teach is World History. His favorite coaches are: college-Spike Dykes, pro-Bill Cowher.



Coach Toby Allen is starting his 2nd year of coaching, his first at Post. He coaches the offensive and defensive linemen and will coach girl's basketball and softball. He played football and baseball at Hamlin High School. He graduated from Abilene Christian University. His favorite subject to teach is Physical Education. His favorite coaches are: college-Augie Garrido, pro-Tony LaRussa.



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 Thursday, 8 p.m. - Historic Presbyterian Church, 10th & Ave. K
 Friday, 7 p.m. - Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Ave. C
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Menus

Post ISD

September 21

Breakfast - Biscuit, sausage, gravy, fruit milk
 Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, fresh apple, hot rolls, milk

September 22

Breakfast- Muffins, sausage link, fruit, milk
 Lunch- Crispy tacos, lettuce & tomato salad, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk

September 23

Breakfast- Malt-O-Meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk
 Lunch- Cheese sandwich, tortilla soup, fresh broccoli w/ranch, strawberries & bananas, crackers, milk

September 24

Breakfast- Pop tarts, sausage link, fruit, milk
 Lunch- Spaghetti/meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, Texas toast, peaches, milk

September 25

Breakfast- Cereal, graham cracker, fruit, juice, milk
 Lunch- Chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, western beans, orange smiles, milk

Southland ISD

September 21

Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
 Lunch - Chicken Fajitas, broccoli & cheese, seasoned corn, French break stick, dessert, milk

September 22

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

September 23

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

September 24

Breakfast - Breakfast bar, yogurt, juice, milk
 Lunch - Sack Lunch

September 25

Breakfast - Breakfast burrito, juice, milk
 Lunch - Sack Lunch

Trailblazers

September 21

BBQ Sandwich, cucumber/onion, salad, chips, chocolate cake

September 22

Southwest chicken, 7-layer salad, green beans, cheesy biscuit, Watergate salad

September 23

Pork chops, Navy beans, hominy casserole, cornbread, mandarin cake

September 24

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September 25

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remember are.....Doug and Claudine Tipton and Carmen Abraham in Post; Odie Kemp and Jean Tipton in Tahoka; Jewel White in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Birthdays

August 19 - Benny Alaniz
August 20 - Eric Alaniz
August 21 - Janet Hines
August 24 - D'Nae Johnson
Everyone have a great weekend and remember..... Keep our troops and rain in your daily prayers. Don't forget to check out our blog at <http://closecitycoop.blogspot.com>.

GCJLA Fund Raiser; Evening of Fun and Prizes

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association held their 9th Annual "Fun"raiser & Brisket Dinner on September 12th at the Post School Cafeteria. Over 70 attended including special guests Judge Carter Schildknecht and Judge Lee Norman and his wife Marsha Norman.

The evening began with a brisket dinner and all the trimmings, then proceeded to the auction and raffle ticket drawings. The big winner of the evening was Sonny Whatley of Lubbock winning the raffle ticket drawing for \$5000.00 dollars, Milton and Billie Williams won \$1000.00, J. W. Basinger of Southland won \$500.00, Dr. Charles McCook won \$500.00, Marcie Oden won \$250.00 and Janece Williams won \$250.00.

Donating items to the auction were Movie

Gallery; Gary & Jaquita Blevins; Keith & Roxanne Osborn; Texas Treasures/ Jack Trammell; Main Street Mercantile; Citizens Bank; Keith & Janece Williams; Reed Williams; Wells Fargo Bank; Judge Lee Norman; Post Auto Parts / Theresa Harp; Milton & Billie Williams; Sid Connor; John Hedrick; Jerry & Wanda Osborn; Two Cowboys & a Mountain Man / Charles Atchison, Steve & Patti Babb; Virginia Bevers; Chris & Glenna Reiter; Glenda McClellan; Dawn Guerrero; Jeremy King; and Jackie Milton. Other donations were received from Dalby Correctional Facility and Sonny Whatley. The Garza County Junior Livestock Association made \$5700.00 in profit from the benefit. This money is used to maintain the show barn facilities.

More Comments on Law Enforcement Funding

Law enforcement funding still remains a hot topic even though both the City and County are very close to wrapping up their new budgets. At this time, the proposed City budget for 2009/2010 includes \$275,000 for law enforcement. The proposed 2009/2010 county budget for law enforcement services shared by the city is approximately \$1,119,000.00. According to information at a recent County Public Hearing, the City of Lubbock contributes \$108,820 to the Garza County budget for law enforcement for the Lake Alan Henry area.

The Post Dispatch News Editor, Rosa Latimer, sent emails to all City Councilmen, the City Manager, the Mayor and the County Judge inviting them to make a comment on the law enforcement funding issue for an article in the September 4 edition.

Latimer received several responses, some making comment and some declining to comment. After the article appeared in print, City Councilman Tommy Basquez, Ward 3, contacted the paper stating that he did not receive the email. Councilman Rodney Tidwell, Ward 5, later sent an email to The Dispatch indicating that he did not receive the request until after the deadline.

Following are the comments emailed to The Dispatch by Basquez:

"In response to last weeks headline in the Dispatch concerning the Budget, Tax Rate Public Hearings Set. I, Tommy Basquez, City Councilman Ward 3 speak only for myself and not for any other council member. The article published was not only incorrect, it was misleading! I was never contacted by Rosa Latimer for a statement."

"I believe that the City of Post and Garza County need to work together. Although, the City payer is taking the blunt of the cost by paying for Law Enforcement twice, to the city and the county. Whereas the county residents are only taxed once by the county. Maybe living outside the city limits is a privilege for some, I am also a county resident inside the city limits."

"My responsibility is to the citizens of Post and keeping all of our entities working together for a

safer community." Councilman Rodney Tidwell, Ward 5 submitted this comment to The Dispatch:

"I do feel we (the City) need to support the county with funding for Law Enforcement. We have a very unique situation in Garza County, where as we do not have Police Department. Most other towns of our size in whatever county you check on have a police department that is reinforced by the County Sheriffs department. I have studied this issue over the past several years; we as a city are still getting a very good deal by supplementing the law enforcement budget with our tax dollars. A city police department does not work for our town. It has been tried in the past and it failed, I don't know why, but it did."

"As far as being double taxed by the city and the county; my feelings are it takes us all to have the feeling of being safe in our town. If we had a police department, we would be paying taxes to fund this also. I feel we should have more officers on the streets than we now have. I know what the case load is and it is very hard to do a good job with the minimum amount of officers we have. People think if you do a crime you will have to pay with jail time. This should be true, but if you do not have enough people to work a case the way it should be, the case will get thrown out before it goes to court and the "bad guy" will be out doing the same thing again. Most of the crimes committed in this town do not make "headlines" or scanner land does not hear about them, so we get this sense of peace, until we have to go serve on a grand jury and hear some of the gut wrenching tales of the crimes committed on children, then we want to know how it happened and where were the cops. That is just one very small example but there are a lot more reasons we need to fund the sheriffs department. Even if my taxes have to go up, both city and county! Thank you."

While the budget proposal process may be over for this year, long-term law enforcement funding for Post and Garza County remains unsettled. Hopefully city and county officials will continue to work together to resolve this issue.

Rain Welcome in Garza County

Although the amount of rain in various parts of Garza County might not have been consistent, with some reports of up to 6" and others of less than 1", we did get rain last week.

All of Texas received some rain in the last week, with north central parts of the state getting 5 to 6 inches, while the Panhandle and points west saw only light showers to about 1 inch, according to the National Weather Service.

The Southwest got more rain in the last week than it had in the past year, but coming this late in the season, producers were still culling herds for lack of forage.

The rain was welcomed by agricultural producers waiting to plant small grains, including winter wheat, but a bit late for some dryland cotton. What irrigated cotton and sorghum really need is more heat units, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

"As for a lot of the irrigated cotton, we'd already stopped watering," said Dr. Todd Baughman, AgriLife Extension agronomist based at Vernon.

The rain won't make much difference for the dryland cotton, either, Baughman said. "Two weeks in the middle of August with 100-plus degree temperatures pretty much finished out our dryland crop for us," he said.

Dryland cotton yields are expected to be about average.

Parts of the Rolling Plains got rain, with the better rains east of Lubbock, said Dr. Randy Boman, AgriLife Extension cotton agronomist. Though more rains would be welcome, the limiting factor for cotton in his region is a shortage of heat units.

"We really are at the point that we don't have a lot of time to waste in terms of maturing the crop," he

said. "We really need to make some fiber as soon as possible."

Baughman said the high on Sept. 13 was only 67 degrees, compared to the long-term average of 83 degrees. "We're just on a slow down-trend to going to something like zero heat units by the middle of October," he said.

Though irrigated cotton remains good overall, Boman said he expects there is going to be "a sizeable acreage" of dryland cotton with disappointing yields as a result of the drought.

In the Panhandle, Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist based in Amarillo, said the rain won't make much difference for the region's corn crop, which is either drying down or being already harvested.

"The rain is not really affecting the corn crop, other than just finishing it out," Bean said. "Overall, it's been a good year for corn."

Panhandle sorghum and cotton are both progressing well. Cotton is a little late, though, he said. "Those that got their cotton planted early enough and got some heat units in late May should be in pretty good shape."

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

CENTRAL: Rain significantly improved rangeland and pastures in parts of the district. Elsewhere, dry weather continued to delay planting of small grains. The stock tanks of those who received rain caught enough water to last a while.

FAR WEST: Widely scattered rain, from 0.5 inch to 3 inches, was reported across the region. Chiles were maturing and turning red. Growers were taking the sixth cutting of alfalfa. Cotton ranged from very poor condition to very good, with bolls starting to open or com-

pletely open. Farmers were expected to begin stripping cotton in a few weeks. Grass was browning out and starting to cure. The corn harvest began. Producers were planting winter wheat.

NORTH: Soil moisture ranged from short to surplus. Heavy rains interfered with the harvesting of corn and soybeans. Though soybeans were a little behind schedule, the crop appeared highly promising. The grain sorghum harvest was in progress, but it was too early to predict yields. Cotton was in fair to good condition with bolls setting and opening and some 15 percent already harvested. Pastures looked good and haying operations were ongoing. Some producers were hoping for a third cutting. Dairy and beef producers were preparing to plant fall forages. Planting of winter wheat and winter pastures began. Peanuts were in fair condition. The rice harvest was about 20 percent complete. Sweet potato growers were waiting for fields to dry out before starting harvest. Livestock, rangeland and pastures were in fair to good condition.

PANHANDLE: Most of the region saw cooler weather, but rain was needed to complete crops and raise soil-moisture levels for wheat planting. For the most part, corn approached being harvest-ready. In some areas, corn was already 10 percent harvested. Storage may be a problem for corn growers as most elevators were still holding wheat, and feed yards have not had a demand for corn due to fewer cattle on feed. Silage harvest was in full swing with 25 percent of the crop harvested. Yields were average to slightly above average. Harvest of grass hay and forage sorghum were in full swing, with above average yields and good quality for both dryland and irri-

gated fields. Peanuts looked good and producers were digging dryland Spanish peanuts. Sorghum was 95 percent to 100 percent headed and 45 percent to 80 percent coloring. Soybeans were reported in good condition. Cotton bolls were set with from 5 percent to 50 percent open, but the crop needed more heat units to progress. Cattle were in good shape and local markets have remained soft. Rangeland was in fair to good condition.

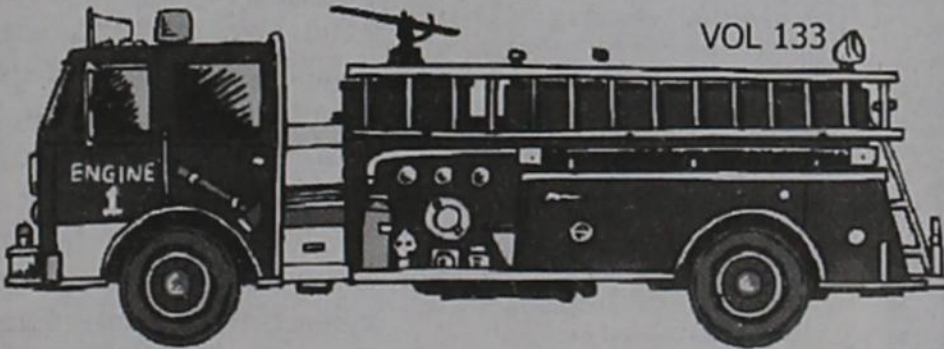
ROLLING PLAINS: The district remained mostly dry except for a few areas that received isolated showers. Cotton plants were dropping fruit while some had opened small bolls, a sign the crop was finished. A small amount of cotton acres were in good condition, but without moisture in the next week or so, those fields will likely burn up. Some cotton was already defoliated. Milo was about ready for harvesting. Cattle producers reported the outlook for rangeland, pasture conditions and hay did not look good. Some cow/calf producers weaned calves early to relieve grazing pressure on pastures. Cattle on pasture had fair to good body condition scores. The outlook for winter wheat was not good either. Only about 10 percent of the crop was up; the remainder had not emerged. Producers can only hope for some moisture to get a decent wheat crop this year. Peanuts looked good across the region.

WEST CENTRAL: Rain and cooler temperatures brought drought relief to the entire region. Cotton was progressing. Producers were planting small grains, though activity slowed pending fields drying out. Rangeland and pastures were expected to show improvement soon from recent rains. Stock tanks caught much-needed runoff.

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FIGHTING FIRE
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FIRE is a chemical process where fuel and oxygen combine to produce heat, light and flame.

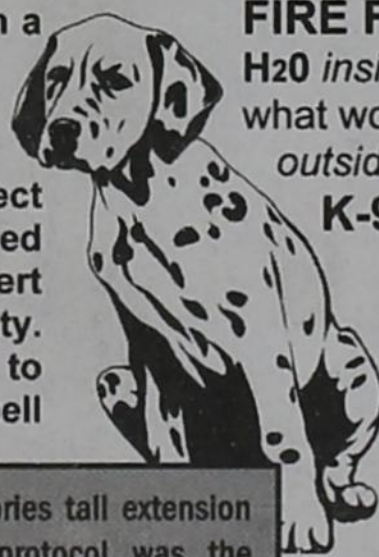


To put out a fire one of three things must be done: take away the fuel, take away the oxygen or take away the heat. The fastest way to cool something is with water.

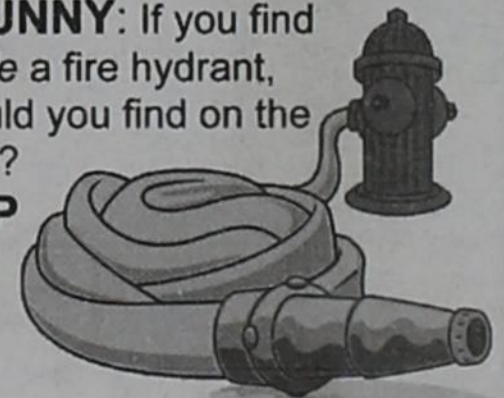
FLASHPOINT is the temperature an item has to reach before flame occurs (heating to the point where gases escape and ignite with oxygen):

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Wood - 572° F Socks - 600° F <http://www.brain-iacs.com>

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FIRE FUNNY: If you find H₂O inside a fire hydrant, what would you find on the outside?
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The earliest fire hoses were made from the intestines of oxen. Later hand sewn leather was used. Today fire hoses are made from woven fabric with an inner layer of rubber.

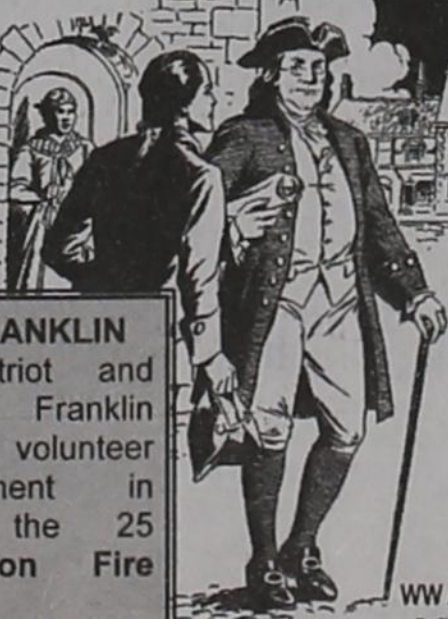
FIRE POWER
WORD WONDERS

1. FIRE_R_ - a weapon
2. FIRE_R_C_E_ - celebration pyrotechnic
3. FIRE_L_ - winged insect
4. FIRE_R_L_ - escape practice
5. FIRE_L_C_ - the hearth
6. FIRE_R_O_ - will not burn
7. FIRE_N_ - Texas biting bug
8. FIRE_A_L - round explosion
9. FIRE_T_T_O_ - truck garage
10. FIRE_X_I_G_I_H_R - used to put out flames

The word **curfew** comes from the medieval word *curve-feu* (cover fire). It was the time of night when all fires were expected to be extinguished so the townsfolk could safely sleep.



FIREMAN FRANKLIN
In 1736 patriot and inventor Ben Franklin began the first volunteer fire department in Philadelphia: the 25 member **Union Fire Company**.



WW ANSWERS: 1. fire arm, 2. fire cracker, 3. firefly, 4. fire drill, 5. fireplace, 6. fireproof, 7. fire ant, 8. fireball, 9. fire station, 10. fire extinguisher



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Randy Britton looks on as starting Texas Tech Offensive Lineman Brandon Carter autographs the pads of a Post Pee Wee football player. Carter, #76 for the Red Raiders, spoke to a large group of local athletes and students of all ages, parents and others Monday night at the First United Methodist Church in Post. Photo by Jim Plummer



Post City Merchants selected Rockin' K Outfitters as their featured Business of the Month for September. Merchant members Donna Degan (left) and Thressa Harp (right) are shown here with Rockin' K Outfitters owner Darla Frazier in her shop. Frazier's store is on East Main in Post. Photo by Rosa Latimer

Rabbit Circus Good Preparation for South Plains Fair Competition

The Garza Rabbit Project held a very successful "Rabbit Circus" in spite of the rain on Saturday. Several members participated in the events that included a rabbit show and Showmanship Competition. Raquel Underbrink, a rabbit breeder from New Mexico, was the judge. Jackie Milton and Jaynie Dickson judged the "Clown" competition and the coloring contest.

Grand Champion rabbit was a Jersey Wooly Junior Buck exhibited by Jessi Isbell. Jessi also exhibited the Reserve Champion rabbit with a Mini Rex Senior Doe. Also winning in their divisions were: Ashlee Graves with the Grand Champion Senior, a Netherland Dwarf, and Sierra Isbell with the Grand Champion Junior, a Holland Lop.

Other first place winners in their classes were: Jacob Isbell, M'Keison Guerrero, Tori Huckaby, Latham Huckaby, Cord Isbell, Kara Grace Egan, Truett Egan, Jackie Milton and Taylor Roberts.

The Showmanship Competition was a very close race. Winning in the Senior Division was Sierra Isbell with the highest score overall. The Junior Division winner was Kara Grace Egan. First Reserve went to M'Keison Guerrero and Second Reserve to Taylor Roberts. All of the participants did an outstanding job and less than 10 points separated First from Last in the Junior Division.

Costume Contest Pee-Wee division winners were: Latham Huckaby, First; Cord Isbell, Second; Truett Egan, Third and Jacob Isbell, Fourth. Junior Division Costume winners were: Tori Huckaby, First; M'Keison Guerrero, Second; Jessi Isbell, Third; Ashlee Graves, Fourth; and Taylor Roberts received Honorable Mention.

"The judge commented on what nice rabbits and exhibitors we have in Garza County," said Barbara Palmer, 4-H Project Leader. "This looks to be a very promising year for the Rabbit Project participants who are now preparing for contests at the South Plains Fair." At the Fair the youth exhibit their rabbits and also participate in Youth Judging, Showmanship, and Best Dressed Rabbit Competitions.

It is not too late to get involved, so if you are interested contact the County Extension Office at 495-4400 or Project Leader, Barbara Palmer at 470-1295.



AUBREY AND DELANEY MELTON

Clint and Leslie Melton of Slaton are blessed to announce the birth of their baby girls, Aubrey Jae (left) 4 lbs 9 oz, 17 1/4 inches and Delaney Rae, 4 lbs 8 oz, 19 1/4 inches on June 6, 2009, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

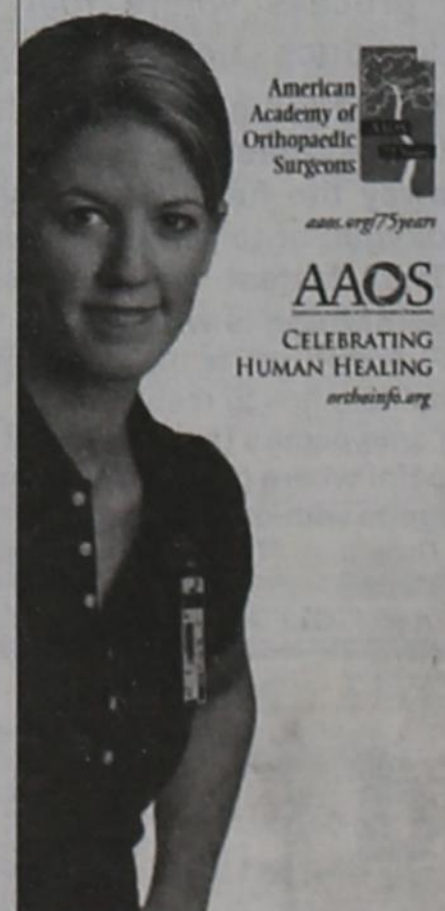
Proud grandparents are Garland and Lori Davis, Loganville, GA; Rebecca Brewer, Rosharon, TX; and James and Shelia Melton of Post. Great-grandparents are Delia Davis and the late Grady Davis of Post, Bud and Alene Tate of Lubbock, the late Paul and Ada Melton of Alabama and the late Dillard and Wanda Morris of Post; and lots and lots of aunts, uncles and cousins to love them.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to re-direct her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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