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Homecoming 2009 Band Sweetheart Court was (from left): Kathryn Villalon, Darlene Ariaza, who was crowned Band Sweetheart, and Alejandra Rodriguez.



Homecoming 2009 Football Sweetheart Court was (from left): Alex Miller, Cheyenne Miller, who was crowned Football Sweetheart, and Branda Stevens.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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- Community/Government Meetings**  
 All of these meetings are open to the public.
- Garza County Commissioners' Court**  
 October 12  
 9 a.m.  
 Garza County Courthouse  
 300 W. Main
- Post ISD School Board Meeting**  
 October 13  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Administrative Office  
 501 Avenue K
- City of Post City Council Meeting**  
 October 15  
 5:30 p.m.  
 Council Chambers - City Hall  
 105 E. Main

- OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS**
- "The Baptist"**  
**Ragtown Gospel Theater**  
 October 2 - 7:30 p.m.  
 October 3 - 3:00 p.m.  
 October 4 - 3:00 p.m.  
 877-RAGTOWN for reservations
- "The Woman in Black"**  
**Garza Theatre**  
 October 2 & 3  
 7:30 p.m.  
 495-4005 for reservations
- Community Pep Rally**  
**Antelope Arena**  
 3:00 p.m.
- Antelopes @ Abernathy**  
 October 2  
 7:30 p.m.
- Old Mill Trade Day Downtown**  
**Downtown Post**  
 October 3  
 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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## City Council Approves Tax Rate; Hears Proposal for Holiday Light Display

By Rosa Latimer  
 News Editor

The Post City Council met in a regular meeting September 22, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. After the approval of the minutes from the August

20 meeting, invoices received at City Hall for the month of October, subject to the approval of the committee, were approved.

An open public hearing was held concerning the Texas Water

Development Board Environmental Impact document relating to the Caprock/Cedar Hills water project. Although the visitor's seating in the Council Chambers was full, no

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## Credit Card Tax Payments Available Soon

By Rosa Latimer  
 News Editor

During the Garza County Commissioners Court regular meeting Monday, September 28, 2009 Tax Collector/Assessor Judy Bush reported that new legislation requires her office to take credit card payments. The local office will not directly accept credit cards, but will offer the service by way of

the Internet or by calling a vendor, Official Payments. This service should be available to tax payers by the end of November. There is no cost to the county for this service.

Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Isbell addressed the Court concerning some misinformation the Court had heard about "meals ready to

eat" used during fires. Isbell explained that the MREs are not out of date as previously reported and that the meals are free to the county. Isbell also stated that sometimes a private business will donate food such as hamburgers, but that can not be expected each time there is a need and in those instances, the "meals ready to eat"

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## Garza County Election Corner 2009

Garza County  
 November 3, 2009  
 General Election  
 Constitutional Amendments  
 Voter Registration: October 5, 2009 is the last day a person may submit an application to register to vote or make a change of address

to be effective for Election Day, November 3, 2009. Call the Voter Registrar for information: 495-4448.

Ballots by Mail: Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 27, 2009.

Early Voting: Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Garza County Courthouse, 1st Floor, 300 W. Main, Post, TX, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 19, 2009 and ending on October 30, 2009.

Election Day Consolidated Polling Place (Tuesday, November 3, 2009, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM): Post Community Center (Carpeted Area), 113 West Main Street, Post, TX 79356

Eleven (11) Constitutional Amendments are on the ballot.

For Sample Ballots, the full text of the proposed amendments and more election information, go online to GarzaCounty.net and click on November 2009 Election link or call the Clerk's office at 495-4430.

Information provided by Jim Plummer, District and County Clerk, Garza County.

## Old Mill Trade Day This Saturday

The Post Merchants and Post Area Chamber of Commerce will set up Old Mill Trade Day Downtown this Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vendors offer a variety of products including delicious "street fair" food and local retail stores add to the shopping experience.

Some vendor space is still available. Vendor set up fee is \$25 for outdoor space. For more information or to reserve vendor space, contact Darla Frazier, President of the Post City Merchants, 806-495-0608 or the Chamber office, 806-495-3461.

## Post Public Library to Receive Automated System

The Post Public Library has been chosen to receive a new automated circulation system provided by a grant obtained through the West Texas Library System. This new system will provide computerized check in and out of books at the Post library. The first year the system is in place it will be funded by WTLS.

Anyone who currently has a library card and has used it within the

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Photo by Gina Palmer  
 The community, Bold Gold fans and students participated in a big "spirit" night before the Homecoming game against Lubbock Roosevelt. The large bonfire shown here was impressive.



**Appreciation**

I would like to take this opportunity to commend our local law enforcement, dispatchers and emergency management department on the wonderful job that they do. Your promptness and courtesy responding to the fire on chimney creek was totally professional, as is your presence at football games, funeral processions, accidents, etc. I feel that we are all very fortunate to have men and women such as you offering your dedicated time and knowledge for the citizens of Post.

**Attn: Government**

Share my work ethic, not my money. What one person receives without working, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people think they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they worked for,

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## Post Notes

- Community Pep Rally**
- Wrestle Abernathy Homecoming Pep Rally Friday, October 2, 3 p.m. at the Antelope Arena.
- Benefit Meal**
- There will be a benefit meal for Ray Don Underwood, Sunday, October 4 at the Borden County Show Barn, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. The donation only meal is sponsored by First Baptist Church, Gail and Graham Chapel Methodist. If you cannot attend the meal, but would like to make a donation, send it to First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 247, Gail, TX 79738.
- Grief Support Group**
- The First United Methodist Church will sponsor a 6-week grief support group. This 6-week session, led by John Flynn of Lubbock, will be held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 beginning October 4. John is associated with Greenlawn Church of Christ in Lubbock and leads regular grief support groups. John and his family have dealt with their own personal loss and tragedy, and through that experience, this has become his passion. The sessions are non-denominational and anyone who has dealt with or dealing with the loss of a loved one is invited and encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the sessions and a light meal will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, please call the Methodist Church office in Post, 990-2942.
- Post Stampede Rodeo Association Stock Holder Meeting**
- The Annual Stock Holders meeting for the Post Stampede Rodeo Association will be held on October 6 at the Post Stampede Rodeo Office located at the Rodeo Grounds.

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# Opinions

## Smash the Labor Monopolies!

**By Thomas Bowden**

When President Obama addressed the AFL-CIO, he reiterated his support for the so-called Employee Free Choice Act. Congress is sharply divided over the proposed law, which would change the voting and arbitration procedures by which federal law forces companies to deal with labor unions.

Because the changes favor Big Labor, pro-union Democrats have been locked in a prolonged partisan squabble with their Republican opponents, and legislative compromise seems likely. But that's really beside the point. Instead of quibbling over the methods by which unions can be forced upon unwilling employers and

employees, Congress should be debating how to make the labor market truly free--free from government coercion.

For more than 70 years, Congress has maintained a statutory scheme that fastens coercive labor monopolies on individual companies. Starting with the Wagner Act in 1935, any union that wins a simple majority of employee votes becomes, by force of law, the exclusive bargaining agent for every single employee in that workplace. Such a victory slams the door shut on individuals who want to deal directly with the company, and leaves the union with a government-protected stranglehold on that firm's labor supply. Predictably, these

company-by-company labor monopolies have had the kind of deadening effects that come with all coercive monopolies.

Here's how it works in practice: Each company is required by law to "bargain in good faith" with the union before making any important decision affecting jobs, wages, or working conditions. The union, in its legally privileged position, can just say no. When pressed, it can mobilize a crippling strike even if thousands of employees would rather keep working--because here, too, the outcome of an employee majority vote binds everyone. Usually, however, the mere threat of such a strike is enough to keep employers in line.

Now suppose a unionized firm wants to sell or close an unprofitable plant, or revamp a workflow to save expenses. At the "bargaining" table, the union's predictable resistance is typically followed by one of two results. Either the union stands firm, in which case the unprofitable practices continue--or the union acquiesces, in exchange for higher wages and benefits, or a job for the shop steward's son, or some other favor. This is not genuine bargaining but organized extortion, made possible by federal labor law.

So, while non-unionized competitors charge ahead with nimble, inventive, rapid responses to market challenges, unionized companies learn to slow down, "negotiate," compromise, draw up rules--in other words, kowtow to the union. The inevitable results are bloated prices and declining product quality, as witness the domestic auto industry.

Detroit's automakers, having suffered through painful work stoppages in the decades following World War II, discovered they could avoid labor unrest by caving in to the United Auto Workers' demands. Over the years, meeting those demands gave rise to labor agreements as thick as telephone books, testaments to the stultifying regimentation that sapped Detroit's competitive juices.

Because car manufacturing is complex and capital intensive, many years passed before competitors from Japan, Korea, and Germany could establish non-unionized plants in America's southland. Now, however, the sun is setting on Detroit. GM and Chrysler are writing in red ink, drained to the point of bankruptcy by costly union concessions, and Ford struggles to survive.

Not all labor unions wield UAW-level power, but most would like to. That's why the Employee Free Choice Act would eliminate secret ballots in

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## The Paperboy

*By Christopher Blackburn*

### Do Yourself and Family A Favor

Attention ladies and germs...

I've always thought that saying was a little dorky, but it fits today's topic.

H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) is here. You need to be prepared. Actually, you should probably get a vaccination.

According to the Center for Disease Control, the symptoms are like seasonal flu and include fever, cough sore throat, body aches, headaches, chills and fatigue. Other symptoms include diarrhea and vomiting.

In addition, people may have respiratory symptoms without a fever. Like seasonal flu, 2009 H1N1 flu in humans can vary in severity from mild to severe.

The CDC also states, "severe disease with pneumonia, respiratory failure and even death's possible with 2009 H1N1 flu infection. Certain groups might be more likely to develop a severe illness from 2009 H1N1 flu infection, such as pregnant women and persons with chronic medical conditions. Sometimes bacterial infections may occur at the same time as or after infection with influenza viruses and lead to pneumonias, ear infections, or sinus infections."

Sounds like some pretty nasty stuff and frankly, with a child in public school, my wife and I are going to pull the trigger on getting the whole family vaccinated.

Common sense is in order to combat the spread of H1N1.

The CDC recommends you:

#### Cover Your Sneezes and Coughs

\* Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.

\* Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

#### Wash Hands Often

\* Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.

\* Wash your hands after touching used tissues and similar waste.

\* Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

#### Stay Home

\* Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

#### Have a Plan

\* Have a plan to care for sick family members.

\* Stock up on household, health, and emergency supplies, such as water, Tylenol, non-perishable foods.

#### Take Action to Stay Healthy

\* Avoid close contact (less than about 6 feet away) with the sick person as much as possible.

\* Eating utensils should be washed either in a dishwasher or by hand with water and soap.

\* Find healthy ways to deal with stress and anxiety.

#### Should someone in your family get H1N1, the CDC suggests you care for them in the following ways:

\* Check with their health care provider about any special care they might need if they are pregnant or have a health condition such as diabetes, heart disease, asthma or emphysema.

\* Check with their health care provider about whether they should take anti-viral medications

\* Keep away from others as much as possible. This is to keep from making others sick. Do not go to work or school while ill.

\* Stay home for at least 24 hours after fever is gone, except to seek medical care or for other necessities. (Fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

\* Get plenty of rest.

\* Drink clear fluids (such as water, broth, sports drinks, electrolyte beverages for infants) to keep from being dehydrated.

\* Cover coughs and sneezes. Wash hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

\* Wear a facemask -- if available and tolerable -- when sharing common spaces with other household members to help prevent spreading the virus to others. This is especially important if other household members are at high risk for complications from influenza.

Basically, be smart this winter. Make the effort and get an alcohol-based hand rub and place them at the home and office.

Funny thing, during a recent trip to Puerto Vallarta, every single place we went had hand rub. In addition, every employee we encountered used it before and after dealing with us.

It made us feel that much more secure and clean.

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### White River Water Report

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Gauge Reading - 2347.40  
Feet below spillway - 25'1"  
Rise - 0"  
Rainfall Past Week - 0.20"  
Rain to Date - 9.89"  
Rainfall for 2004 43.58"  
Rainfall for 2005 15.57"  
Rainfall for 2006 28.85"  
Rainfall for 2007 24.19"  
Rainfall for 2008 33.16"

**DID YOU KNOW**  
White River Lake has 1,855,069,743 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 17% capacity or 5,693 acre feet. Subtract 36,495,312 MG for evaporation this week in September that leaves 1,818,574,431 BG available as of today.  
White River's daily average demand for 2008 was 1.23 million gallons per day for all White River Customers.  
The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the Lake level rises.  
White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan.  
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Mickey Rogers GM, White River

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# Obituaries



## Billy C. Hahn

Billy C. Hahn, 89, of Haskell died Tuesday, September 22, 2009 in Abilene.

Services were 2 p.m., Friday, September 25 at First Baptist Church in Spur. Interment was in Spur Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home, Spur, TX.

Billy was born September 11, 1920 in Swenson, TX to James and Addie Craft Hahn. He was a 1938 graduate of Spur High School and received his Masters Degree from Eastern New Mexico

University. He was a US Army Veteran and served in WWII. He married Cleo Denson July 7, 1945 in Spur. Billy coached at Spur ISD from 1947 to 1956. They moved to Post where he coached and served as Principal in the school system until his retirement in 1978. He was a Mason and a member of the Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Alvin and Bill Hahn, Jr.; two sisters and three brothers.

Billy is survived by his wife, Cleo of Haskell; one daughter, Barbara Stevens and husband Dewey of Arlington; four grandchildren, Michael Williams of Arlington, Steven Williams of Frisco, Angelia and Kimberly Hahn both of San Antonio; five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Spur Athletic Booster Club, P.O. Box 250, Spur, TX 79370.



Post City Councilman Dick Odom proudly shows the memorial brick purchased by his family to honor his ten years on the City Council. The Odom family recently joined a large crowd who met at the Centennial Memorial Brick Plaza on the Court House lawn to install the latest engraved bricks honoring individuals, Veterans, businesses and organizations. "We added about 25 more bricks today," said Mayor Thressa Harp, who with Wyanne Kennedy, was instrumental in getting the memorial plaza started in 2007. "This brings the total number to approximately 850." Order forms for engraved bricks are available at the Court House or at the Post Area Chamber of Commerce office. Engraved memorial bricks are ordered twice a year. The next order will be submitted at the end of December. Photo by Jim Plummer.

## EXTENSION EXTRAS

### ONE DAY, October 10

4-H stands for Head, Heart, Hands and Health. The hands portion of 4-H allows youth many opportunities for COMMUNITY SERVICE. 4-H members across Texas will make an impact ONE DAY. Garza County 4-H members will be collecting BOX TOPS on this ONE DAY. If you have BOX TOPS, call any 4-H member or the Extension Office at 495-4400. 4-H members \*\*\* start collecting NOW! Prizes will be given to the top 5 members collecting the most. All box tops are due in the extension office Tuesday, Oct 13 by 4:45 PM or at the Club Meeting Tuesday night, at 6:30 PM.

### 4-H Food Project

Anyone interested in participating in the County food project can still do so. If interested, call the Extension office for details. County Food Show will be October 20.

### Briskets

We still have briskets available. They are cooked and frozen. They are \$40 and all sales will benefit the 4-H Booster Club. Contact the Extension Office to get yours.

### Quiz Bowl

The next meeting will be September 7, 2009 at 4:30-6:00 at the Extension Office.

### Rabbit Project

The next meetings will be on October 6, 2009 from 4:00-5:00 at MADDADS.

### 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.

### 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.

### County Food Show

The county food show will be held October 20, 2009.

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## Seven Performances Left of "The Baptist" at Ragtown

There are only three more weekends remaining of "The Baptist" at the Ragtown Gospel Theater. Friday night performances, 7:30 p.m. October 2, October 9 and October 16; Saturday afternoon performances, 3:00 p.m. October 3, October 10 and October 17; a Sunday matinee at 3:00 p.m. October 4.

Although the theater has made all of their productions available on DVD, there is nothing like the personal experience of this facility and its high-level dramatic productions.

"The Baptist" was written by Chip Polk and features Glen Polk in the role of John the Baptist. The cast of "The Baptist" is the largest assembled on the Ragtown stage and, as you've come to expect at this theater, the set is impressive.

The theater is extending its special "summer" price for "The Baptist." Adult tickets are reduced to \$15 for all Friday night performances through October 17th. As always, students and children's tickets are discounted to \$10 for every regular show.

Gospel singing group, Palmetto State Quartet, will present "vintage Southern gospel harmony" on the Ragtown stage Satur-

day, October 24 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets for this music only event are \$25 each. Group discounts are available.

For more information or to make your reservations at Ragtown Gospel Theater, visit ragtown.com or call 1-877-ragtown.

## Southland News

By Brad Ellison  
Principal

Congratulations to:

- Tanner Odom who placed 12th in his class of goats and Ashton Mattox who placed 10th in his class of goats over the weekend at the South Plains Fair.
- Devin Blanton who had 6 top 10 finishes in the swine show at the South Plains Fair this past weekend.
- Mike Rodriguez, who received a second place ribbon for a cake that he entered in the South Plains Fair as well. Good Job Mike!!!

Good Luck to our other students who will be showing Lambs during the week and those showing Rabbits this coming weekend.

### EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK:

- There will be a Tax Forum in the cafeteria tonight beginning at 6:00 pm to address any questions you might have about the Tax Rollback Election next week.
- Junior High Football this Thursday, here at 5:30 p.m..
- Six Weeks Tests will be Thursday and Friday of this week.

- Early Release on Friday at Noon. Bus will run at 12:05.
- Due to Six Weeks tests on Friday and the Early Release there will be no Pep Rally this Friday.
- Varsity Football Friday night, here vs. Westbrook beginning at 7:30 pm.
- Cross-Country will be running at the Race for the Cure on Saturday morning in Lubbock.

### EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK:

- School Board Meeting Monday night beginning at 7:00 pm
- Tax Rollback Election all day on Tuesday.
- SHAC Meeting for those on the committee will be on Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m.
- Junior High Football here on Thursday vs. Loop beginning at 5:30
- Varsity Football at Loop on Friday beginning at 7:30 pm.

## This week in Post City

By Rosa Latimer

News trends are a complete mystery to me. My point: when is the last time you saw heavy media coverage about chickens? Yet, Friday I opened the current New Yorker magazine and one of the major articles was about the current popularity of chickens as pets. Then, online Saturday morning, front and center, was a story about the use of chickens in an Orthodox Jewish Yom Kippur tradition...something about swinging a chicken over your head while saying a prayer for atonement.

According to the magazine article many now consider the chicken the "It" bird. The trend began when Martha Stewart featured her flock of "rare-breed chickens" and their "pretty pastel-colored" eggs in one of her books about entertaining. We're talking about people having a flock of Araucanas and Buff Cochins for pets - chickens with sleek, brightly colored feathers. And, the eggs are colorful, too. The web site skyblueegg.com describes Coloca chickens as a "naturally clean faced, tailless, blue egg laying fowl" and the Queteros as "tailed, with ear tufts." The Queteros lays a pinkish brown egg. These aren't your grandmother's chickens. These can cost up to \$100 each, plus shipping of \$55.

If you choose the "chickens for pets" route, your pet needs an appropriate chicken coop. These come in lively colors such as neon green. One design, the "Omlet," is described as "an urban chicken coop with a run" that is "cool-looking and has a functional design." This little number sells for \$500 and holds two chickens.

Regarding the Jewish tradition of swinging a chicken while praying, evidently the animal rights activists are weighing in on this 1,000 year old tradition. The activists see this as cruelty to animals. Those who participate in chicken swinging say they are careful not to hurt the chicken and they only swing it a couple of times.

Another Jewish sect is advising that you wave money over your head instead of a chicken. They believe money will accomplish the same sense of atonement as a chicken. I admit I don't know everything about this tradition, but I can't help but wonder, "Why not just pray and forget the waving of anything?" Another question I have: Is this chicken waving tradition a solitary action? If it is a congregational thing, you'd have to be very careful of the person sharing your pew. Seems it would disrupt the prayers for atonement if you happen to bonk your fellow worshiper on the head with a chicken.

I believe the chickens used in the Yom Kippur ritual are slaughtered after the prayer service. The news story didn't say if the slaughtered chickens were also a part of the pot luck luncheon following services.

There are a few residents in Post who have chickens in their front yard. It doesn't appear these are "designer" chickens nor do I think they would be used in a praying ritual. My guess is these Post chickens are more about scrambled eggs for breakfast and fried chicken for Sunday lunch. Yum! Yum!

That's it for this week in Post City!



Last summer, these five Post seniors attended a Rotary Leadership Camp at Camp RYLA in New Mexico. Recently they spoke to Rotary Club about what their camp experiences. Pictured here from left are Seniors Giles Dalby, Clint Windham, Cheyenne Miller, Bethany Berry, Kat Villalon and Rotary President Trent Hendrick.

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### Speak Up...

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that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply the wealth by dividing it.

### Shop in Post Promotion

As a business owner in Post I want to thank the Chamber of Commerce for their promotion last Friday to encourage people to shop in Post. This is a very positive way for the Chamber to help all businesses in Garza County. It certainly helped our business. I hope they will do it again.

### Need a Vision

Are our Washington representatives putting Special Interest ahead of the realities of Human Health Needs in our Country? Are our Municipal, Counties and Hospital Districts bearing the burden of our citizens without Health Care? Why is Government Assistance considered a good thing for Government Employees, Indians, Veterans and Agriculture and yet considered a "Take Over" for health care?

We are a better person, community and nation when our dedication, unselfishness, patriotism, hope and our brother and sister hood defines us with our fellow

citizen. We need a vision of how we can make our lives better by making all lives better.

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### Events...

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#### Garza County Health Fair

October 6, 2009  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Post Community Center

#### Post Elementary

October 9, 2009  
Early Release - 1:30 p.m.

### Council...

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one spoke to the Council regarding this agenda item.

The Council approved Ordinance 602 approving the City of Post Municipal Budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 and expenditure of Texas Water Development Board Grant funds. The budget total is \$7,556,713.00.

Ordinance 603 was also approved. This ordinance fixes and levies combined municipal ad valorem taxes of the City of Post for the year 2009; directing the assessment and collection thereof in support of the approved fiscal 2009-2010 Municipal Budget. The tax rate is .523460 per \$100.00 assessed valuation.

Post business owner, Jackie Cruse, made a presentation to the Council about the possibility of installing light displays in the medians on East Main Street for Christmas. He hopes the displays can be extended down West Main to the Court House in the future. Cruse proposed that the display be in place to premier December 5, the night of the Lighted Christmas parade and continue through the month, perhaps only weekends. Lighted figures and trees will

change colors and go off and on to music. Cruse explained that the light show, although very impressive, is energy efficient.

"The lighted display will encourage more visitors to Post," Cruse explained. "I also believe that because of the extent of the light show for a rural community, Post could also receive regional publicity for the project." Cruse has secured private funding to buy the transmitter, soft ware and other technology to drive the light show. He requested help from the city to upgrade the electrical output in the medians and to help purchase the lights.

Although no action was taken, City Manager Arbie Taylor identified a budget line item that could be used for this project. Councilman Dick Odom remarked, "We have a lot going for us and I think this has great potential to do more."

Linda Puckett made a presentation from the City of Post Cemetery Board. The Board has determined that the price of cemetery plots at Terrace Cemetery is below those in most area cemeteries. The board is considering an increase to \$300. The Cemetery Board would like to take steps in the future to make it easier to locate family plots and individual graves in the cemetery. Some suggestions are: naming the lanes within the cemetery and putting a kiosk-type structure containing a map of the cemetery at the entrance. Puckett also stated that the board hopes to make a complete survey of the cemetery and eventually have a data base.

Information was presented to the Council concerning the possibility of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce renting the office space in the northeast corner of the Community Center. The Chamber would not be moving in the near future, but is looking at available options should the organization need to relocate from the Algeria Art Center. The availability of the Chamber Manager to also manage the Community Center was discussed. No action was taken.

The former Animal Control Officer for the city has been unable to work due to illness and the need to hire another person to serve in this capacity was presented to the Council. The City Manager recommended hiring Eddie Pitts as part time Animal Control Officer working 20 hours/week. Pitts would be on call to handle emergency situations. The Council voted to hire Pitts.

The Council entered into Executive Session to consult with the City attorney regarding contemplated litigation concerning real estate/commercial water rights contract and/or deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange or value of real property.

When the Executive Session concluded, the City Council meeting adjourned with no further action.

currently owed to the city.

Ashley asks that you "check around the house, under the beds, in the car and let's find those books and return them to the library for others to enjoy."

### Credit Card...

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are used. The Emergency Management Coordinator is responsible for providing food and when other food is not available for emergency personnel, the MREs are used.

The Court considered the 2010 Garza County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program. This grant is offered to the county from the Task Force on Indigent Defense. It helps fund the payment of court appointed attorneys and witness fees. The Commissioners approved the resolution.

The SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract (No. 1012178) between the Office of the Attorney General and Garza County for the State Fiscal Year 2010 was approved by the Court. This program maintains Texas counties in a statewide system that will provide relevant offender release information, court settings or events, promote public safety and support the rights of victims of crime.

The Sheriff and Constable fees were submitted to the Court with no changes from previous fees. They were approved as presented.

A change to the retiree medical program was discussed and approved by the Commissioners. County Judge Lee Norman explained that the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) is changing plans from Aetna to Monumental Life Insurance beginning January 1, 2010 and that Employee Authorization forms are needed by TAC by November 1, 2009. He informed the Court that 13 people are covered on the county's plan. Two of these individuals' are spouses of retired county employees and pay their own premiums. The Monumental Life premiums are based on age and range from \$277.12 and \$373.46 per month. There will be an increase in the county's annual contribution from \$36,897.96 to \$43,196.76. The amount budgeted for this item for the 2009-2010 will cover the total cost.

Judge Norman reported that he had contacted the engineering firm, Parkhill, Smith and Cooper about the prospect of a grant for courthouse restoration. The county has to qualify for grants in the past with no success; however, a new grant opportunity may be available. The Court agreed to authorize Judge Norman to continue pursuing options with the engineering firm.

The Court also approved the minutes from the September 9 special public budget hearing, the September 14 regular meeting and the September 21 special budget and tax rate adoption hearing. Reports were also accepted from: District/County Clerk; Tax Assessor/Collector; Senior Transportation; Justice of the Peace-1; Justice of the Peace-2; AgriLife Extension Service; Garza County Certificateds of Obligation Bond Fund, 2008; and Garza County Public Facilities Board Bond Funds, 2005.

Precinct and countywide accounts payable for September 14 through September 28, 2009 were approved. Sixteen line item transfers and budget amendment requests were approved by the Commissioners.

### Post Notes...

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#### Post Elementary "Understanding TAKS" Meeting

Tuesday, October 6 at 5:30 p.m. Post Elementary will host an "Understanding TAKS" meeting for parents of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. The meeting will be held in the elementary school library.

#### Flu Shots Available at Trailblazers

You can receive a flu shot at Garza County Trailblazers, October 9, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please bring your Medicare or Medicaid card, cash or check. At this time, we do not know the exact cost of the shots; most likely if you have Medicare or Medicaid the cost will be \$3 - \$5 and otherwise \$20 - \$25. For more information, call 800-546-5338

#### Post Elementary Early Release

Friday, October 9 Post Elementary students will be released from school at 1:30 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held that afternoon. Teachers will send home a sign-up form with each student with available conference times.

#### Close City Cookbook Deadline Extended

If you want to get your or your family's name in the Close City Cook Book, you have one more chance to send your recipes in. The final deadline will be October 2nd, 2009 as we will start printing the following week. Email your recipes and pictures if you have one you would like for us to include in the book to close city, close.city.coop@pcca.com or mail them to 1390 CR 125 Post, Texas 79356. All proceeds from the cookbook will go directly to the restoration fund of the Close City School. If you would like to help or need more info call Traci @ 806-632-3611 or Nancy @ 806-239-0838.

#### Phone Number Change

The First United Methodist Church of Post will have a different telephone number as of October 1. To reach the church, call 990-2942. The new parsonage number is 990-2624.

#### GED Classes

GED Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. in room 18 at Post High School. 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.

#### 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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### Library...

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past two years will automatically be recorded into the new system. Peggy Ashley, Librarian, recommends that the next time you are in the library, you should verify that the library has your correct address and phone number.

If you have books that are overdue or lost; if you owe fines; or if you haven't used your card in two years, you will not be put into the new computerized system. Names of patrons owing the city library fines will be kept on file in the library. Even though the library staff has made calls and sent postcards in an effort to collect past due fines, a total of \$902.98 in fines is

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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

### Weather

Wow! What a change in weather we had last week. 87 Monday and 67 on Tuesday. Then this week it has been ok but still kinda up and down. I guess that's West Texas for ya!

### News

Ricky and Judy Bush took off on a road trip thru several states on their way to visit Megan, Stan and Xan in Akin, South Carolina. They left on a Friday driving 2700 miles in 7 days. They said they had a really great time. Some of the stops they made where in; Shreveport, Atlanta, Meridian, Jackson and Vicksburg. Ricky and Judy live in Levelland.

Terry and Ruth Cross of Dallas spent last weekend here visiting with Terry's mom, Billie Jean Cross. While here they attended Cody's ballgame Friday night; Cody is the son of Ricky and Lana Cross of Wilson. Then on

Saturday it was off to Lubbock to visit with Doke and his family and Shannon and her family. Doke and Shannon are the children of the late Debbie Cross Maddox. Billie Jean says they enjoyed the family time.

### Cookbook

I have really gotten to speak with some neat people during the process of gathering these recipes. I have enjoyed the "search" process. Please keep sending them in; we are getting more and more everyday. The deadline in today (Friday) as we will start printing next week; so if you still need to submit your recipe, give me a call and tell me over the phone. 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

Some of our visitors the last couple of weeks were; Mike and Betsy Painter, Grant Bright, Jody Mason, Kristi and Rylan Morris, Jim Nolan.

Remember.....we always welcome visitors, we have the coolest break room in the county.....just ask our farmers if you don't believe me, they love it!

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to 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

Since there was a bit of a mix up last week, I am including birthdays from last week.

September 25 - Jana Terry Underwood  
September 27 - Russ Morris  
October 1 - Jake Morris, Charles Morris, John Shults  
October 3 - Dylan Morris  
October 4 - Jay Young  
October 4 - Raylea Underwood  
October 6 - Rheaden Bland, Daniella Esparza  
October 7 - Judy M. Bush, Sharron Morris, Ronnie Dunn

### Anniversaries

September 26 - RayDon and Jana Underwood  
October 2 - Jack and Jean Morris  
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## Weekly Inspirations

### God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor

Every Christian wants to have an effective prayer life. Many times we ask God for answers that we seem not to receive. Perhaps many Christians even lose their confidence in prayer because they did not see an answer to their request. Is this fair of us not to keep praying, if we feel that God did not answer our prayer?

Jesus taught much about prayer, therefore we want to be sure that we understand the significance of prayer. Jesus wants us to know that if we want our prayer answered we must:

1. Learn to pray consistently. If we only go to God in time of need or emergency then we are only praying with a selfish heart. We're only considering our self without any respect to God's Holiness or His desire of us. We must rely upon God each and every day to have continual communication with Him and go to Him confessing and repenting of our sins. We also want to remember to pray daily thanking Him for our provision and protection over our family from temptation and evil.
2. Learn that answers don't always come with convenience. We must be persistent with our requests to God. He is our Father and just like our earthly father He wants to hear our warranted need. There isn't a time that prayer is inconvenient to God, but we must not only pray when it is convenient for us to pray, but to pray always.
3. Learn that consolation comes as your reward. God gives each believer the Holy Spirit to indwell or live within the believer. It is His power that speaks to God and knows the heart of God. He will then speak to you the heart of God. It His Holy Spirit that enables us to be comforted with His answers to our prayers and to bring about the answer through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I encourage reading Luke 11: 1-13 and trust God to give you understanding and answers. May the love of God be seen in your life in everyway everyday.

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<u>Baptist</u>		Power House Church of God and Christ	Pine Ave.		
Calvary Baptist Church	210 E. 6th, 990-2342	<u>Disciples of Christ</u>			
First Baptist Church, Post	402 W. Main St. 495-3554	First Christian Church	812 W. 13th,	495-3716	
First Baptist Church, Wilson	806-628-6333	<u>Evangelical Methodist</u>			
Grace Baptist Church	820 N. Ave. S 990-3497	Faith Chapel	1105 Green St., Wilson	(806) 628-0018	
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# Bon Fire Sparks Homecoming Win 40-11 over Roosevelt

By Jim Plummer  
Sports Writer

Two evenly matched teams entered the game last Friday at Jimmie Redman Memorial Stadium, but the final score was not so even. The Post Antelopes defeated the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles, 40-11, for the third consecutive win and the first of the young District 3-AA season.

After the first week of district play, Post (1-0, 3-1) shares the first place spot with Littlefield, Idalou and Denver City.

I'm just guessing, but what may have ignited the team was the successful bon fire last Wednesday which injected more spirit into Homecoming week. Bashing a wrecked car with sledge hammers and burning down a huge pile of

pallets seemed to do the trick in preparing the players and fans for a game of intense defense and special team play that made the difference in the Roosevelt game.

"The interception return for a TD by Easton Mathis sparked us in the second half. The defense sent a message by pursuing the football well and delivering big hits. It was a great team performance," said

Head Coach Chris Jones.

After going scoreless in the first quarter, the Lopes answered a 3-0 Roosevelt lead by scoring 19 points in the second while the Eagles added another 8.

Two and a half minutes into the second quarter, Reed Williams scored first for Post with a 22 yard field goal. A minute later, Roosevelt from just outside their end zone, lost one of the many poor shot gun snaps that rolled out of the end zone giving the Antelopes a two point safety.

With 8:18 on the clock, Quarterback Clint Windham completed a 21 yard pass in the end zone to Aaron James. Then with four minutes remaining in the half, free safety James and linebacker Windham executed the tip drill giving James the first of three Post interceptions for the evening. Windham finished off the possession with a touchdown on a quarterback sneak from three yards out. Half time came with the Lopes up 19-11.

All during the game the Eagles' center had a difficult time getting the ball to the quarterback in the shot gun formation. Post Defensive Coordinator Jay Hellums explained "I believe that Josh Rodriguez (nose tackle) probably had a lot to do with the bad snaps. Can't be certain, but that seems to be the reason behind it." The Antelope defensive line terrorized Roosevelt causing multiple mishaps which turned into six turnovers, two of those were fumble recoveries by Josh.

Winning a football game is easier when the defense and special teams combine to put 17 points on the scoreboard. They were the scoring mechanisms in the third quarter. Three minutes after the second half kickoff senior defensive back Mathis picked off Eagle quarterback Caden Whitley and ran the ball 56 yards for a touchdown making the score 26-11. Later, junior D-back Ernie Saldivar came up with the third Lopes interception with 2:20 left in the third quarter. The Lopes didn't convert that turnover into points until an Eagle punt returner failed

to catch the punt after signaling fair catch just outside the Roosevelt end zone. The ball bounced off of the returner's foot, rolled into the end zone where Antelope M.J. Wynne recovered the ball for a touchdown.

The Lopes managed another score in the fourth quarter with an Easton Mathis five yard run with about four minutes left.

"Our experience and our strength" helped determine the outcome according to Offensive Coordinator Billy Hardin. "They had a lot of new faces this year and we had most of our (players) back. We were also just more physical than they were on both sides of the ball."

The Post defense kept Roosevelt scoreless for the entire second half and once again kicker Reed Williams was perfect for the night.

### Post 40, Roosevelt 11

Roosevelt 3 8 0 0 — 11  
Post 0 19 14 7 — 40

### First Quarter

ROO—Ryan Davis FG 31; 9:31

### Second Quarter

POS—Reed Williams FG 22; 10:31

POS—Safety, fumble through end zone; 9:37

POS—Aaron James 21 pass from Clint Windham (Williams kick); 8:18

POS—Windham 3 run (Williams kick); 4:05

ROO—Robbie Stout 5 run (Jeremy Garcia pass from Caden Whitley); 0:43

### Third Quarter

POS—Easton Mathis 56 interception return (Williams kick); 9:18

POS—M.J. Wynne recovered fumble in end zone (Williams kick); 0:12

### Fourth Quarter

POS—Mathis 5 run (Williams kick); 4:33

### Team Statistics

	ROOS	POST
First downs	17	14
Rushes-yards	25-53	36-189
Passing yards	215	61
Comp.-att.-int.	14-31-3	4-7-1
Punts-avg.	2-32.0	3-44.0

Fumbles-lost 10-3 1-1  
Penalties-yards 7-57 10-95

### Individual Statistics

**RUSHING:** Roosevelt, Robbie Stout 16-74, Ryan Davis 1-30, Alex Narvais 3-9, Chris Maines 1(-2), Caden Whitley 6(-32); Post, Ernie Saldivar 9-67, Giles Dalby 8-57, Clint Windham 15-41, Easton Mathis 3-30, Team 2(-6).

**PASSING:** Roosevelt, Whitley 8-22-3 — 139, Maines 6-8-0 — 76; Post, Windham 4-6-0 — 61, Aaron James 0-1-1 — 0.

**RECEIVING:** Roosevelt, Davis 5-94, Jeremy Garcia 3-54, Xavier Childress 4-54, Maines 1-8, Brett Poynor 1-5; Post, James 3-61, Saldivar 1-0.

### Sidelines

We went wild in naming the "D&DWico2" Antelope Players of the Game. Being Homecoming and a big victory, three Lopes were announced during the Post Game show on the LoneStarSportsRadio.com web cast.

Ernie Saldivar was honored as the offensive player of the game, Trent Babb as the defensive player and for the first time this season, a special team's player of the game was named, kicker/punter/extra point man Reed Williams.

Tonight (Friday) the Antelopes travel to Abernathy for another fierce battle. The "other" Antelopes scored 41 points last week in a loss to Denver City. According to Coach Hellums "Abernathy has the best offense we have faced since Sundown." So expect another defensive challenge for the Bold Gold.

If you can't make it to the game, listen to live play by play on LoneStarSportsRadio.com. The pre-game should start at 7:10 with the kick-off at 7:30.

Also, podcasts of the previous Antelope football games can be heard on LoneStarSportsRadio.com. After you go to the home page, click on the Post helmet, then "Football" on the left side of the screen, then the game want to listen to.

If you have any comments about this story or anything Bold Gold, please email it to [boldgold@poka.com](mailto:boldgold@poka.com)



Photo by Jerry Taylor

Senior Clint Windham (22) takes care of blocking for Senior Running Back Giles Dalby (32) during Post's game last Friday against Lubbock Roosevelt. Dalby made 8 runs for a total of 57 yards.

### DISTRICT 3-AA STANDINGS

After Week 4 (as of 9/26/2009)

TEAM	DISTRICT				OVERALL				Week 4 Outcome
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	
Littlefield	1	0	41	0	3	1	159	20	Beat Slaton, 41-0
Post	1	0	40	11	3	1	119	50	Beat Roosevelt, 40-11
Idalou	1	0	10	7	3	1	61	14	Beat Shallowater, 10-7
Denver City	1	0	42	41	3	1	120	68	Beat Abernathy, 42-42
Shallowater	0	1	7	10	3	1	137	37	Lost to Idalou, 7-10
Roosevelt	0	1	11	40	2	2	83	72	Lost to Post, 11-40
Slaton	0	1	0	41	2	2	42	87	Lost to Littlefield, 41-0
Abernathy	0	1	41	42	1	3	101	91	Lost to Denver City, 41-42

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



Photo by Jerry Taylor

Post Antelope Matthew Soto (5) brings down a Roosevelt Eagle in the Homecoming game last Friday Night. The Bold Gold came away with a decisive win, beating Roosevelt 40 to 11.

## Junior High Football Statistics

Below are the statistics from Post 8th Grade games against Floydada on September 17 and Roosevelt on September 24. Post won against Floydada, 22 to 20.

### OFFENSE

Pake Jones—3-6 passing for 30 yds; 25 yds rushing  
D.J. Brown—one reception for 12 yds; 2 TDs; one 2 pt. conversion; 130 yds rushing  
Trystan Hilger—35 yds rushing; one reception for 18 yds; one 2 pt. conversion

### DEFENSE

Trystan Hilger—one interception for 25 yds and TD; 5 tackles/2 assists  
D.J. Brown—5 tackles/4 assists; one pass break-up  
Tyler Jones—3 tackles/4 assists; one pass break-up  
Blace Stephens—6 tackles; 2 tackles for loss  
Travis Greathouse—7 tackles/5 assists; 4 tackles for losses including 3 sacks  
Campbell Kirkpatrick—one pass break-up; 2 tackles/2 assists  
Taylor Soto—3 tackles/1 assist

Pake Jones—6 tackles/3 assists  
Post also beat Roosevelt, 18 to 12.

### OFFENSE

Pake Jones—35 yds rushing  
D.J. Brown—3 TDs; 145 yds rushing  
Trystan Hilger—65 yds rushing  
Chris Rivera—8 yds rushing

### DEFENSE

Trystan Hilger—6 tackles/2 assists  
D.J. Brown—5 tackles/2 assists, 1 pass break-up  
Tyler Jones—2 tackles/3 assists  
Phillip Gonzalez—4 tackles/2 assists  
Blace Stephens—2 tackles; 1 tackle for loss  
Travis Greathouse—4 tackles/5 assists; 2 tackles for losses including 1 sack  
Campbell Kirkpatrick—1 pass break-up; 2 tackles/2 assists  
Taylor Soto—6 tackles/3 assists  
Pake Jones—6 tackles/3 assists



The Bold Gold Antelope mascot leads the fans in cheers during the Homecoming Game last Friday against Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles. Photo by Jerry Taylor

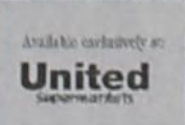
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## Post 7th Grade Shows Great Defensive Effort

The 7th Grade Antelopes' game against the Roosevelt Eagles was a defensive battle. Both offenses made several pushes into the other teams' territory only to be held out of the end zone by the opposing defense.

The Antelopes took the opening kickoff and methodically drove down the field using up the entire first quarter and some of the second quarter on their first drive. The Bold Gold was faced with a couple of third and longs on the drive. One of which was converted by a couple good blocks on the left side of the line by Alejo Rodriguez and Colton Stamey, and a good run by quarterback, Carson Kirkpatrick. That play resulted in a 14 yard gain. Later in the drive, a key pass block was made by Gilbert Flores as Kirkpatrick connected with Fullback, Wyatt Benham for a 17 yard pass. The Eagles defense made a key stop on fourth and eight at the 15 yard line to halt the Lopes first drive. The Eagles were able to drive down the field on their first possession and score on run by their running back. The halftime score was 8-0, Eagles on top.

the resolve to not allow any more points, and they did just that. The Eagles got the ball first, but were unable to break key tackles by Allen Perez and Blake Boren. They finally turned the ball over on fourth down around midfield. The Lopes began to drive again but were halted once again by a stingy Eagle defense.

During the fourth quarter, with the game on the line, the Bold Gold got the ball with about three minutes left. Again, the run game went well with hard-nosed efforts by Benham and Erik Gomez. The drive was capped by a 3 yard touchdown run by Allen Perez on third down. The two-point conversion was good and the game was tied up.

The Eagles had one more chance to score with about one minute left in the game. However, a great defensive line rush by Jonathon Castro and Jayson Walden made the Eagles' quarterback job very tough. Jonah Jones had a tackle in the secondary that saved a first down and Walden sacked the quarterback to shore up the game.

Final score: 8-8. A great defensive effort all-around.

The Antelopes came out the second half with

## Post Competes at Lubbock Invitational

By Jennifer Edwards

Due to several conflicts with other school activities, there were only a handful of the Lady Lopes Cross Country team members that participated in the Lubbock Invitational Meet last Saturday, September 26.

The meet served as a tune-up for the district and regional meets which will also be held on the same very challenging Mae Simmons Park course.

Coach Chris Edwards said that each athlete ran

well at the Lubbock Invitational.

Results are as follows: 88th-Mariah Morales, time 15:00.5; 91st-Kim Rivera, time 15:12.6; 94th-Alex Miller, time 15:19.3 and 112-Mercedes Solorzano, 16:02.4.

Post was also represented at the meet with a single boy runner, Isaac Stern, who placed 83rd with a time of 21:38.27

The Cross Country teams will run again this Saturday, October 3 at Spur.

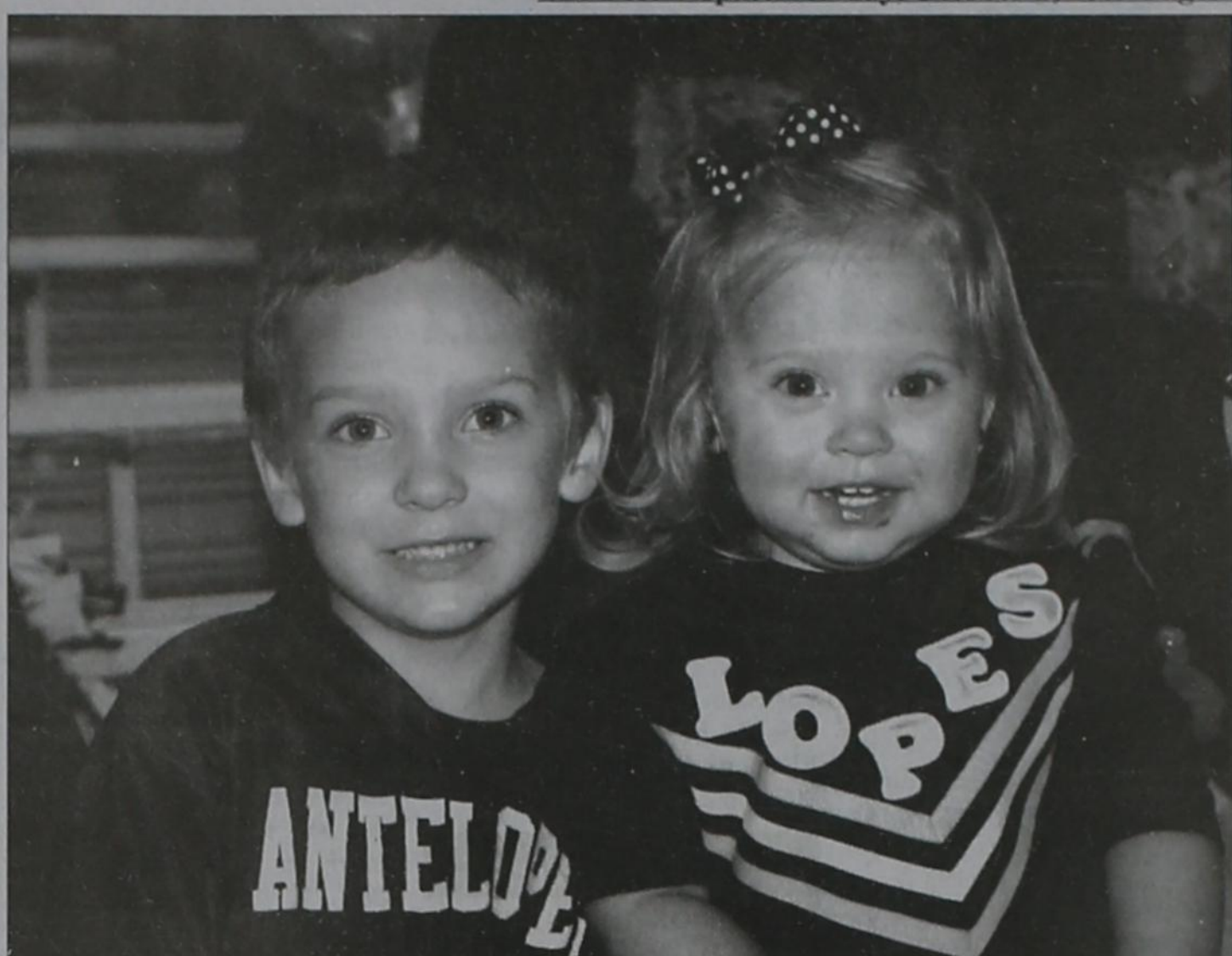


Photo by Jerry Taylor

Fans of all ages were out to watch the Homecoming Game last week. Jacob McClellan (left) and his sister, Harli Jo McClellan are decked out in colorful Antelope attire. Parents of the two are Michael and Samantha McClellan and their grandmother is Glenda McClellan.

## Full Slate of Bass Tournaments Set at Lake Alan Henry

At press time, these were the bass tournaments scheduled for October at Lake Alan Henry.

Bass Team Tournament	Friendly Bass Tournaments
Contact: Maurice "Mo" Herdridge, 806-495-0720 or 806-790-9287	Contact: Erik Atkins, 806-577-2026
Registration Time: 5:00 - 6:00 a.m. at boat ramp	Registration Time: 1 hour before sunrise at boat ramp
Fishing Start Time: 6:00 a.m.	Fishing Start Time: At Safe Light
Weight In Time: 3:30 pm Saturday, October 3 - Littlefield Bass Masters Hourly Tournament	Weight In Time: 3:00 p.m. Sat, October 17 - Jack Pot Bass Club
Contact: Jerry Roberts, 806-638-4602 or 806-385-4602 or Max Smitty, 806-787-6716	Contact: Prissy Ary, 806-638-8230 or John Price, 806-549-2881
Registration Time: 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. at boat ramp	Registration Time: 5:00 - 8:00 a.m. at boat ramp
Fishing Start Time: At Safe Light	Fishing Start Time: 6:00 a.m.
Weight In Time: Hourly with first being at 9:00 a.m.; last at 3:00 p.m.	Weight In Time: 3:00 p.m. A tournament schedule is also available at lakealanhenry.com, click on Tournaments 2009. Fishing reports are also available at this web site.
Saturday, October 3 - "Mo"	Saturday, October 10 -



Photo by Jerry Taylor

In spite of a strong team effort by the Bold Gold JV in their game against Roosevelt last week, the Antelopes lost 54-6.

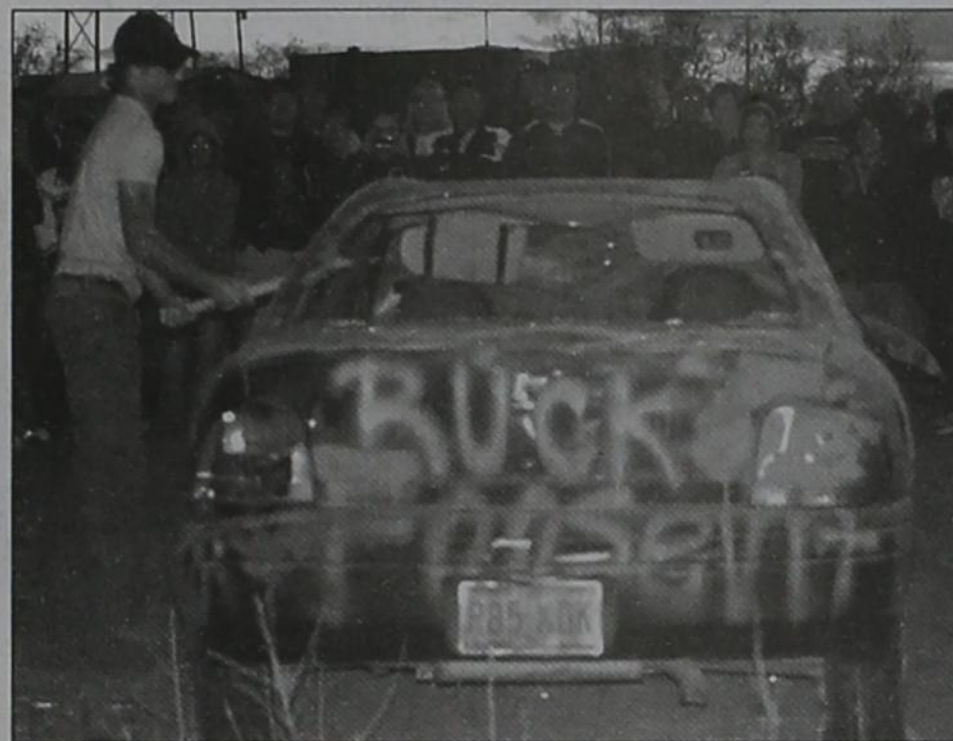


Photo by Gina Palmer

Antelope Ben Mason uses a sledge hammer to bash the windows of a wrecked car symbolizing the Bold Gold's desire to "hammer" the Roosevelt Eagles in last Friday's game. The car demolition was part of a spirit filled, fun evening for fans, students and the Bold Gold football team that included cooking on the grill, a spectacular bonfire and music.

## Thanks for Reading The Post Dispatch!



## Antelope Profiles

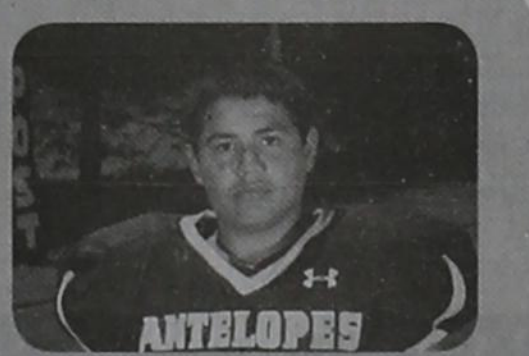


Henry "Tata" Apolinar (7), son of Tony Apolinar, is a junior and plays receiver on offense and free safety on defense.

His preferred school subject is Math and he plans to go to college after high school. Henry's favorites are: college team-University of Oklahoma Sooners, pro team-Chicago Bears, college athlete-Chris Brown, pro athlete-Devin Hester, food-pizza, music-rock, and musical artist-Linkin Park.



Shawn "Tap Out" Perez (53), son of Paul and Carla Perez, is a junior and plays on the offensive line and end on defense. His preferred school subject is Science and he plans on becoming a professional fighter after high school. Shawn's favorites are: college team-UT Longhorns, pro team-Dallas Cowboys, college athlete-Colt McCoy, pro athlete-Brian Urlacher, food-pizza, music-rock, and musical artist-Shinedown.

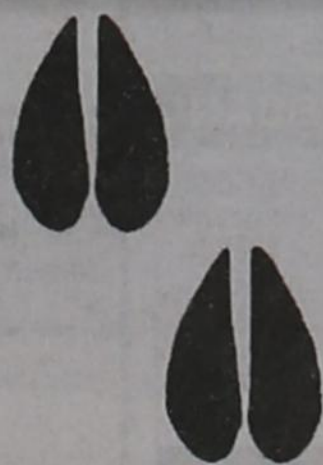


Heribey "Eddie" Pizana (62), son of Marina Pizana and Jose Luis Rodriguez, is a senior and plays tackle on offense and defense. His preferred school subject is Science and after high school he plans to work before attending college. Eddie's favorites are: college team-UT Longhorns, pro team-Denver Broncos, college athlete-Colt McCoy, food-pizza, music-Mexican, and musical artist-Vicente Fernandez.



Coach Don Hilger is starting his 6th year of coaching, his first at Post. He is an assistant football coach and will coach junior high basketball and assist in baseball. He played football and baseball at Worland Sr. High School in Wyoming. He graduated from UT Permian Basin. His favorite subject to teach is Science. His favorite coach is Tony Dungy.

## Good Luck Antelopes!



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 Wednesday, 6 p.m. - Women only, Historic Presbyterian Church, 10<sup>th</sup> & Ave. K  
 Thursday, 8 p.m. - Historic Presbyterian Church, 10<sup>th</sup> & Ave. K  
 Friday, 7 p.m. - Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Ave. C  
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 City of Post  
 Attn: Arbie Taylor  
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 Post, Texas 79356

Proposals must be received by the City no later than 2:00 pm on the 15th day of October, 2009 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards.

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**October 5**  
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 Lunch - Hot Dog, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk

**October 6**  
 Breakfast - Cheese omelets, toast, fruit, milk  
 Lunch - Enchiladas, refried beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk

**October 7**  
 Breakfast - Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk  
 Lunch - Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, hot rolls, milk

**October 8**  
 Breakfast - Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk  
 Lunch - Taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk

**October 9**  
 Breakfast - Cereal, graham cracker, fruit, juice, milk  
 Lunch - Hamburger, lettuce, tomato & pickles, baked beans, baby carrots, crispy treats, milk

### Southland ISD

**October 5**  
 Breakfast - Biscuits, jelly, juice, milk  
 Lunch - Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange, chocolate pudding, milk

**October 6**  
 Breakfast - Breakfast burrito, juice, milk  
 Lunch - Hot dogs, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad

**October 7**  
 Breakfast - French toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk  
 Lunch - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk

**October 8**  
 Breakfast - Muffins, oranges, juice, milk  
 Lunch - Meat & bean chalupa, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, applesauce, milk

**October 9**  
 Breakfast - Biscuits/gravy, juice, milk  
 Lunch - Submarine sandwiches, lettuce & tomatoes, tater tots, baby carrots w/ranch, brownie, milk

### Trailblazers

**October 5**  
 BBQ chicken, baked beans, fried okra, biscuit, fruit

**October 6**  
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# Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones From The Post Dispatch

## 10 Years Ago September 30, 1999

For those who can't make it to the game Steve Mason is back at his traditional spot in the press box, giving live, play-by-play action for Post Antelope football fans. The live audio broadcast is carried locally on Classic Cable Channel 17. Also, working the press box are Paul Jones and Jim Graham providing taped video of the Post Antelopes.

The First United Methodist Church was the site for the September 3 wedding of Sonya Harp and Stephen Ellis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Harp of Post.

Possible introduction of a girls softball program at Post High School was on the agenda at school trustees' regular meeting. Jeanette Edwards was the lucky winner of the Trailblazer's quilt drawing. Jeanette serves as Post Public Library librarian.

Jack Ault was honored with a birthday party at Trailblazers. He was also recognized for his service as president of the organization for the past two years. Ault stepped down as president, and will be replaced by Jack Alexander.

## 20 Years Ago October 4, 1989

In a public hearing, Post City Council members approved the 1989-90 budget and an effective tax rate of .3189 per \$100 valuation, an increase of three percent after adjustment for decreased valuation.

Judith Steel, who is the wife of former Postite Curtis Steel and the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Steel, has a new historical romance in book stores this month, her third novel to be published this year, "Seduction's Ragging Flames," is now on book shelves.

Betsy Ethridge, escorted by Jr. Armendariz, was presented as Post High School's Band Sweetheart for 1989 at the Homecoming pep rally. Other Band Sweetheart candidates were Lee Ann Criado, escorted by Brent McDonald and Tina Brumalaw, escorted by Jake Bustoz.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Walls were the guests of honor at a surprise supper hosted at the Country Carousel to celebrate the couple's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Ben Kirkpatrick, wearing a Texas Tech jersey this year, is seeing action for the Red Raiders on the punt and kickoff teams, as well as second team linebacker.

Family and friends joined Guadalupe Perez as he celebrated his 109<sup>th</sup> birthday at his home in Post on September 15.

## 30 Years Ago October 4, 1979

Tanya Bland and Lance Dunn were named Garza's Gold Star Girl and Boy at the 4-H banquet in the Community Center.

After nine weeks without a single cotton-helping rain, Garza County's 1979 cotton crop is wilting from a "hoped for bumper size" down to an "average range."

Melody Shankles, Southland High School sophomore, won six ribbons and a trophy in the South Plains Fair Bantam Show.

The Post Sheriff's Posse has a new name - The Post Riding Club. Officers for the club are Jim Jackson, president; Billy Greene, vice president; Wayne Childers, treasurer; Louise Greene, secretary; Sammy Maddox, reporter; Pete Maddox, parade marshal. Tina Greene will represent the club as queen, along with Darla Jackson, sweetheart.

In charge of Antelope spirit this fall are six varsity cheerleaders; Holly Giddens, Lana Dunn, Amy Thuett, Marinette Hays, Dee Dee Redman and Donna George.

Gwen Carlisle and Ida Mae Wilks, longtime ASCS employees, were honored with merit awards for outstanding services in ceremonies at the state ASCS office in College Station.

Garza County's jail was "written up" on 42 non-compliance items during an inspection of the facilities by the Texas Jail Standards Commission.

## 40 Years Ago October 2, 1969

Pee Wee Pierce won a blue ribbon at the Panhandle South Plains Fair with one of the fruit jars from her collection.

Tim Prather of Post and Walter Arnold of Silverton, formerly of Post, are among the top 15 qualifiers for the RCA national steer roping finals in Pecos.

Ricky Shepherd was elected president of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at Post Junior High School. Other officers are Jerry Tyler, Cindy Bird, Jan Hall, Darla Baker, Susan Solis and Jay Pollard.

Garza County Commissioners accepted the low bid of Harold Lucas Chevrolet-Oldsmobile for the purchase of a new 1969 Bel Air sedan for the sheriff's department at a sticker price of \$3,919. Post High School presidents for 1969-70 are Steve Newby, senior;

Peggy Bevers, junior; Kim Owen, sophomore; and Mike Huff, freshman.

A. C. Cash, owner of Cash Implement Company, was elected as businessman-director to the board of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

## 50 Years Ago October 1, 1959

The PHS football squad was down to 16 players this week, with the loss of all three of the 1959 co-captains. Kenny Poole is recovering from an operation to remove cartilage from his injured right knee, and co-captains Curtis Didway and Scotty Pierce are on probation for a training rules infraction involving chewing tobacco.

Post's new mail and parcel post package delivery services will begin November 14.

Postex Mills has named Chant Lee as personnel director, a new position with the company.

Members of the Garza County Community Chest budget committee, Lynn Duncan, R. T. Smith, L. C. Herron, D. C. Hill, Leo Acker, Beth Walker and J. B. Potts, have set the 1959 goal at \$12,500.

Reporting the news for this year's Post Dispatch school page

are: Janene Haynie, Pat Wheatley, Travis Guy, Melanie Thompson, Sharron Wood, Carol Billings, Mary Beth Ford, Sammie Kay Caffey and Kathy Stone.

## 60 Years Ago October 5, 1949

Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector T. H. Tipton said this week that the state rate has been raised from 42 cents to 72 cents on the \$100 valuation, but the county tax rate remains the same, 80 cents.

New officers for the Southwestern Junior Championship Rodeo Association are Alvin Davis, Billy Taylor, Carter White, R. E. Josey, Jackie Meeks, Donald Jones and Giles Dalby.

Bernard Welch, Charles Bird, Jr., Billy Taylor and Melvin Williams are members of the Post FFA grass judging team that won first place in their division at the Panhandle South Plains Fair.

Installation of stop signals at the Santa Fe Railroad crossing on East Main Street is almost complete and should be in use in the near future, according to Santa Fe agent J. A. Stallings.

George Samson has retired from work with fairs after working on fair exhibits most of his life and promoting Garza County in the events all over Texas.

We Appreciate you, our Readers!

### Smash...

Continued from Page 2

union elections and replace them with individually signed cards, open to union inspection. This would allow union organizers to more easily target, and intimidate, anti-union employees--and therefore win more often. The Act would also allow government arbitrators to impose initial "contract" terms if the union and employer disagree. That's contrary to existing law, which allows for a no-contract impasse in that situation.

Congress should not only reject the transparent power grab known as the Employee Free Choice Act, it should start hacking at the root of the complex federal regime that denies free choice in bargaining. That means repealing the Wagner Act, so that labor law can recognize and protect the absolute right of companies and employees to deal with each other on an entirely voluntary basis.



Twenty-five Post High School juniors and seniors attended an ACT workshop at Snyder High School on September 21. Taught by renowned speaker Chad Cargill, who raised his ACT score high enough to earn a college education, Post students heard many ways to prepare for the ACT. Shown here from left are: (first row) Courtney Basquez, Gregory Striblin, Leah Perez, Cheree Conner, Alex Rodriguez, Evette Rodriguez; (second row) Brian Osborn, Amber Wilson, Lana Kitten, Cassadie Piets, Bethany Berry, Macy Blair, Kat Villalon; (third row) Tasha Soto, Darlene Araiza, Crystal Sanchez, Madison Davis, Sydnee Jones

## White Buffalo 5K Stampede Saturday

The annual White Buffalo 5K Stampede and 1K Fun Run/Walk will be held Saturday Oct. 3 at the courthouse square, and there is still time to register.

Entry is \$15 after September 28 and everyone who enters will receive a free t-shirt.

Awards will be given in both events and everyone who finishes the 1K will receive a ribbon. Cash prizes for the 5K will include \$100 to overall male and \$100 to overall female. Awards also will be given to the top three finishers in 14 different age divisions.

For more information visit the Chamber of Commerce or call 325-573-3558 or email Dr. Sherill Easterling at seasterling@wvc.edu. Runners may register online at www.whitebuffalostampede.com.

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The schoolhouse was heated with pot-bellied stoves, fueled by coal, wood or corncobs. The stove sat at the front or center of the room and was often covered with a "coat" so the little ones wouldn't get burned.

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**NO HALL PASSES:** Schoolhouses usually had two outhouses, facing opposite directions for privacy. It may be a one-two or three holer! Pages of an old Sears catalog were provided for toilet paper. Trustees of the school would pour ash and sand down the holes to keep the smell down. When the teacher excused you to the outhouse it was called *turn out* privileges.

**DAILY CHORES:** Students and teachers were expected to keep the schoolhouse neat and tidy. During the noon break girls would sweep the floor and boys would bring in wood and refill the wash bucket and drinking pail.

**Boys on one side of the room and girls on the other. Individual desks were considered modern. You probably sat in benches with the youngest students up front and the big kids in back. If you misbehaved you were sent to sit on the other side of the room.**

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

In very early America young scholars used **hornbooks**. These wooden paddles had a lesson on one side and a slate for writing on the back.

Horns from sheep or cattle could be melted down and poured into a thin clear sheet. The melted horn (similar to our fingernails) was fastened over the paper to protect the lesson underneath.

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# Artist Gives Steel and Silver a Feminine Touch

By Rosa Latimer  
News Editor

Artists Serena and Howard Alford and their 10-year-old daughter, Herston, chose to move to Post three years ago because they wanted to buy a home and "we liked the way it looks down here." Serena also had family ties to Garza County. Her grandparents were Boy and Elizabeth Hart; Mr. Hart worked for the Double U.

Serena began crafting her jewelry almost ten years ago. "We've been around western lifestyle all of our lives," she explained. "Bit and spur makers use steel and silver and I thought, 'why can't we girl that up a little bit?' Then I added stone to the silver overlay."

Howard Alford is a welder and exhibits his artistic talent with metal sculptures and large, three dimensional gates. "Howard builds fences and really cool gates," Serena said. "One of his gates is at T. G. Trees in Lubbock." He has other gates in Lub-

bock, the MetroPlex area and New Mexico. The couple also designed and crafted the 30 ft. cross at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Lubbock.

"As I helped Howard with his metal work I began to consider a more feminine application." Religious and pop culture icons also inspire the artist's designs. "However, things I see in everyday life can be inspirational and music produces images for me."

Until recently, Alford's jewelry was 100% custom made. "If you wanted to buy my jewelry, you pretty much had to find me," the artist continued. "I still make custom jewelry; however, my images have now been licensed under the name Gypsy Cowgirl." Serena's belts, buckles, necklaces, earrings and rings are now carried by Gypsy Soule and, along with flip flops and caps that carry her images, are available online. "Certain people still prefer one-of-a-kind pieces and I enjoy doing that."

Serena works on her art "pretty much full time," but she

also finds time to help at the Heritage House in Post. "I do whatever needs to be done to help Shawnette (Heritage House Director).

The Alford's are also "Ennis Creek Steak & Catering" and have prepared many of the dinners held at the Heritage House. "We've always cooked for people," Alford said. "We just say 'come over and visit and we'll feed you.' We enjoy good food." When she began working at the Heritage House helping with landscaping and marketing, she and the Heritage House Director decided there was a need for an in-house caterer and "it evolved from there."

Just as the Alford's catering business evolved, their art continues to express itself in many ways. In addition to fences and intricate gates, "We're going to be doing screen doors. We'll paint them and 'trick them out' with metal pieces."

Serena is also working with R. C. Custom Boots in Lubbock to create custom designed West-



POST ARTIST SERENA ALFORD

ern boots. "I draw the design, give it to the boot maker, then I give him the 'hardware' (metal pieces and stones) and he adds them to the boots."

artist concluded. "Many here have shown an appreciation for my jewelry."

Alford will have a trunk showing of her jewelry and custom boots at Main Street Mercan-

tile, 231 E. Main, as part of the store's 10th Anniversary celebration. The event is Thursday, October 8, 4 to 7 p.m.



Chamber Manager Janice Plummer (left) and Chamber Board member Jim Plummer (right) are shown with Gerald Seals who was one of the lucky cash winners at the "Spend \$25 on September 25" promotion sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. The event encouraged the community to shop locally. In addition to cash donated by the Chamber, local businesses donated merchandise and coupons for the drawing. Photo by Rosa Latimer



Members of the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce are shown presenting a donation to the Community Recovery Center. Shown from left: (back) Merika Strivens, CRC Office Manager, Chris Atkinson, CRC Director and Marie Neff, President of the Women's Division; (middle) Donna Degan and Naomi Matsler; (front) Jimella Simpson, Betty Posey, Olive Shaw and Pat Cruse, all members of the Women's Division of the Chamber. Other members who were not present for the picture are: Billie Cross, Sue Ann Davis, Linda Puckett, Inez Seabourn, Anne Sims and JoAnn Stelzer. The donation to the Recovery Center is to help fund a projector that will be used for family night activities and other client services. The Community Recovery Center will hold its second annual fundraiser tomorrow night (October 3) at The Heritage House. The dinner will include a catered meal, silent auction and entertainment by Kenny Maines.

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