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City Council Awards Bids for Water Development Project

By ROSA LATIMER
 News Editor

In a regular scheduled city council meeting Thursday, November 19, the Post City Council heard a presentation from Dwight Brandt of Brandt Engineering on the proposed Texas Water Development Board Project. Brandt reported that his firm had received five bids on the \$1,600,000 project. The lowest bid was from Utility Contractors of American in Lubbock in the amount of \$875,309.90. After discussion, the council voted to accept the bid from UCA.

City Manager Arbie Taylor asked the council to consider establishing an ordinance that would include fines and penalties for tampering with water meters. The council instructed Taylor to work with the city attorney to draft an ordinance for their consideration.

The council had previously voted to adopt Ordinance 585 regarding the restricted number of domestic animals allowed per residence establishing that number at 4 dogs or cats over 4 months old. The ordinance previously allowed 3 animals. City Manager Taylor pointed out that although

the council sometime ago approved the change in the ordinance the wording was never actually changed. The council agreed for Taylor to go ahead and make the change in the wording.

Jack Castleberry appeared before the council presenting a variance request for a mobile home park. The location is in an area with an R3 zone which allows a mobile home park; however, details of Mr. Castleberry's plans do not meet code requirements. The council viewed pictures of the mobile homes that Mr. Castleberry is moving onto the property and made suggestions as to how he could improve the property to make it more acceptable to city standards. However, following a long-held practice of refusing variance requests, the council voted against Castleberry's request. However, other solutions were discussed and an alternate resolution was found that would allow him to continue with his plans to set up mobile homes for rental property; the configuration will be on individual lots and not as a mobile home park.

The council agreed with City Manager Taylor to pay unpaid invoices for testing services from Dyess-Peterson for the 2007 paving project. These invoices had been held up by the engineering firm involved in the project and

not forwarded to the city for payment.

The Garza Theatre submitted a request for hotel/motel tax funds in the amount of \$10,851. The city manager had reviewed the request and, as there was no theater representative present, he made a brief explanation to the council. The council approved the request.

The sale of property located at 609 N. Avenue L Old Town Post was approved. The council also approved a request to waive penalty and interest on property located at 510 Ralls Road.

The City Council voted to allow the Mayor and City Manager to sign papers to finalize a lease agreement and financing with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation for lease-purchase of a backhoe loader and wheel loader.

The Council entered into Executive Session to for "consultation with attorney regarding City of Post v. McDaniel litigation and/or deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange or value of real property."

City Councilmen attending the meeting were Melba Cimental, Dick Odom, Tommy Basquez, James Easterling, and Rodney Tidwell.

The next regular City Council meeting will be December 17 at 6 p.m.



All of this Christmas cheer set among buildings lined with lights and medians full of over-sized lighted figures surely makes Post one of the merriest towns in West Texas! See more on page 12. Photos by Rosa Latimer

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Post ISD School Board
 December 8
 7:30 p.m.
 Administrative Office
 501 S. Avenue K

Garza County Commissioners Court
 December 14
 9:00 a.m.
 Garza Co. Courthouse
 300 W. Main

Post City Council
 December 17
 5:30 p.m.
 City Hall
 105 E. Main

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Post ISD Thanksgiving Holiday
 Wed., Nov. 25 - Fri., Nov. 27

Post Christmas Celebration Holiday light & music extravaganza
 Main Street
 Begins November 27, 28 & 29
 6 - 10 p.m.

Old Mill Trade Day Downtown
 Main Street
 December 5
 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Lighted Christmas Parade
 December 5
 6:00 p.m.

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Commissioners Consider Burn Ban Order

By ROSA LATIMER
 News Editor

During a regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County on November 23, 2009, the Court voted to table an order for Garza County Prohibition of Outdoor Burning.

The Court considered and approved a Blood Draw Contract agreement between the County Attorney's Office and Callie Pope, a certified phlebotomist and Tanya Vernon, licensed vocational nurse. County Attorney Mike Munk explained that each will serve on alternating shifts. Treasurer Young requested that Pope and Vernon submit monthly invoices for their services.

Miles Dabovich of the AgriLife Extension office in Lubbock came before the court to commend the local AgriLife agents on their work in Garza County.

Jayta Cravy, Victims Assistance Advocate with an update on her part-time position in the VOCA office. Cravy informed the court that she posted an ad in the newspaper advertising the opening and has formed a committee to conduct the initial applicant interviews. Cravy will be involved in the final interview process.

The Commissioners considered an amendment to the Garza County Court and Garza County Juvenile Court appointment of the

indigent defense plan. Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, reported that the original grant agreement was made in 2001. An updated plan is needed to continue the reimbursement agreement. The Commissioners approved the amended plans for indigent defense.

The Court was presented a Joint Resolution for the March 2, 2010 Primary Election. Clerk Plummer explained that the Republican and Democratic parties of Garza County have entered into contracts with him to conduct their Primary Elections. Both parties desire to enter into a resolution to hold a Joint Primary Election in March 2010. The joint resolution was approved by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners agreed to table the agenda item to consider establishing guidelines and criteria for a reinvestment zone.

The Court considered a permit to cross three Garza County road crossing for the Lake Alan Henry pipeline project. County Judge Norman reported that engineers representing Lubbock in this project have asked for the permits to be issued in phases. The Commissioners voted to table the issue.

Minutes from the November 9, 2009 regular meeting and the November 16, 2009 special meeting were approved as presented. Precinct and countywide accounts

payable for November 10, 2009 through November 23, 2009 were approved. Two line item transfers were submitted and approved.

During time set aside for public comment, Bryan Grimes from American Red Cross informed the court that a local emergency shelter agreement should be established and coordinated with the county. Judge Norman requested that the organization work with Garza County Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Isbell. Isbell added that there is a similar mutual aid agreement with the City of Lubbock.

In other comments, Judge Norman clarified that the total renovation of the courthouse is just one of the options available for the county to consider concerning an elevator project.

Commissioners present for the regular meeting were: Mike Sanchez, Pct. 4; Ted Brannon, Pct. 3; Charles Morris, Pct. 2 and Gary McDaniel, Pct. 1.

At special meeting of the Commissioners Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 9:00 A.M., a canvass of the tabulator tapes and return sheets for the November 3, 2009 Constitutional Amendment Election was approved as presented.

The next Commissioners Court meeting is December 14, 9 a.m.



Santa Letter Deadline Dec. 5

Friday, December 5 is the last day to submit your Letters to Santa. You can mail your letters to: The Post Dispatch, Box 426, Post, TX 79356; email them to postcitydispatch@yahoo.com; or bring them to the office at 123 E. Main St., Be sure to clearly print the child's name.

There is no charge for Letters to Santa. They will be printed in the December 18 edition of The Post Dispatch.

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Post Notes

Post Christmas Celebration on Main Street

Post Main Street will be all aglow for the holiday season. Beginning the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 27 through Christmas Night, December 25, 6 to 10 p.m. each median on East Main Street will feature lighted holiday figures and trees that flash and dance to holiday music. This lighting extravaganza is made possible through private donations and the support of the City of Post and the Chamber of Commerce.

Lights for Gail

The 16th annual "Lighting of the Star" on Gail Mountain will take place Friday, November 27 at 7 p.m. Earlier that evening, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus will arrive at the courthouse at 5:30 p.m.; children's photos will be taken; winners of the Christmas decorating contest will be announced as well as winners of the Christmas ornament contest. There will be hayrides throughout the evening.

Lighted Christmas Parade

The Lighted Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 5. It isn't too late to have an entry in the parade. Call the Chamber office now to enter your float, 4-wheeler, snazzy tractor, etc. Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories. All entries must be lighted. 495-3461

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Opinions



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

One Day At A Time

My wife Sharon is getting stronger. She is still ill - and I guess she'll be for months, but the difference is night and day compared to the previous eight weeks.

She still receives five IVs a day of heavy-duty antibiotics. When they determine she is healthy enough, she will begin oral antibiotics.

Sharon has made two public appearances. We went out for a late lunch a few days ago and two a civic engagement the next day. Those events wore her out pretty good.

She goes through times when she has some energy - which she burns on her computer trying to get caught up with work some. With basically no immune system, she gets tired easily and her stamina is lacking to say the least.

Sharon's main hurdle right now is her high sedimentation rate or sed rate. Without going into too much detail - the high set rate means she is still fighting infection. It takes a lot of time to get it to normal after being as septic as she was following her colon rupture.

From what my pea brain can ascertain from two months of this, Sharon should be completely recovered by the fall of 2010. Basically a full year of her life dedicated to getting well.

Following her recovery, she should be good to go for the rest of her life, which, Lord willing, will be three or four decades. In other words, once she's through with her meds and has another surgery, when should live a nice, normal life.

As you know, our lifestyle has changed drastically since this ordeal began. We are at the house most of the time and I take the boys where they need to go. The extra time with our children has been wonderful despite the constant messes.

Thanks to our family and friends, Monday is the first day either child has been absent from school. Sutton Hawk, 4, missed preschool because we took him with us to Sharon's weekly appointment in Amarillo. I'm glad, I like to watch him flirt!

My mother always said I was girl crazy when I was a small boy, but that child takes the cake. He loves the ladies, even though he's been using the "shy" routine to work his magic.

The difference between Jack, 6, and Sutton are vast when it comes to girls. I can name you several girls between the ages of 3 and 50 which Sutton has requested a visit from. The other day he asked me to get him something for a certain young lady while we were at the store. I told him since it was his girl, it needed to be his money. That actually worked!

With so many major issues in this country, it really does boil down to friends and family. Regardless if you are a Democrat, an Independent or a Republican, I think it is safe to say that there are issues in rural America which are vastly ignored. Despite the fact we are 80 million strong, we have very little representation compared to our urban friends. We've got to do something to get this changed.

Many of the policies Washington is considering will hurt our small towns because we are an afterthought.

Our small-town banks are punished because of their success when the government comes knocking with it's hand out. Many small businesses in our towns will be pushed to the limit and beyond because of additional taxes and unfunded mandates placed on them by Uncle Sam.

In retrospect, Congress should have used the initial stimulus money on infrastructure projects - roads and bridges. That would have kept unemployment down.

Back when they were talking about the Trans-Texas Corridor, it was going to cost north of a billion dollars, and that highway was an Interstate on steroids. Can you imagine the good that could have been done had this country received a cash infusion for infrastructure only to the tune of \$800 billion? We could have had our terrible road problems solved.

Instead, they used your money and gave it to giant banks and other businesses deemed "too large to fail."

With \$200 billion remaining in the original stimulus, do you think they'll use that to actually create jobs? Do you think they'll give that back to the taxpayers? I just bet they could insure all 30 million uninsured citizens and all illegal immigrants with that money.

Friends, continue to let your elected officials know that this country is broke and you expect results when they take your money without permission.

Tell them they are gambling and losing with YOUR money, not theirs.

Tell them you still expect them to live up to their campaign promises.

Tell them to get together and represent ALL OF US!

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Afgan War: Realities on the Ground

By Josh Mitteldorf

Back in the 1980s When the Soviet Union had troops in Afghanistan, the US government was secretly funding the guerrillas who undermined the occupation. These people were passionate Muslims, opposed to intoxicants including poppy production that was the region's most lucrative export. They called themselves Taliban.

Now that the Taliban is our enemy, we support them less directly. Here's how it works: The U.S. hires private contractors to secure supply routes through Afghanistan to bring guns and ammunition, food and clothing to our troops dispersed around the countryside. The contractors do this in the cheapest, most stable and least violent way, by paying off the warlords who control the local terrain. These are Taliban leaders, and our protection payments last year constituted 10% of the entire Afghan economy.

In this way, we give the Taliban warlords the two essential things that they need to sustain their positions of power: We offer them an enemy, assuring that the people need them for protection; and we give them money to recruit local peasants, train them and employ them as guerrillas.

Meanwhile, the U.S. continues its program of paying Afghani farmers to hold down production of opium poppies. Needless to say, in order to qualify for these payments, one must be recognized as a grower of poppies! Lori Price, writing for Citizens for Legiti-

mate Government charges that most of this money ends up in the hands of the Taliban. And reducing the poppy production increases profit margins for the CIA, which buys drugs for distribution back home.

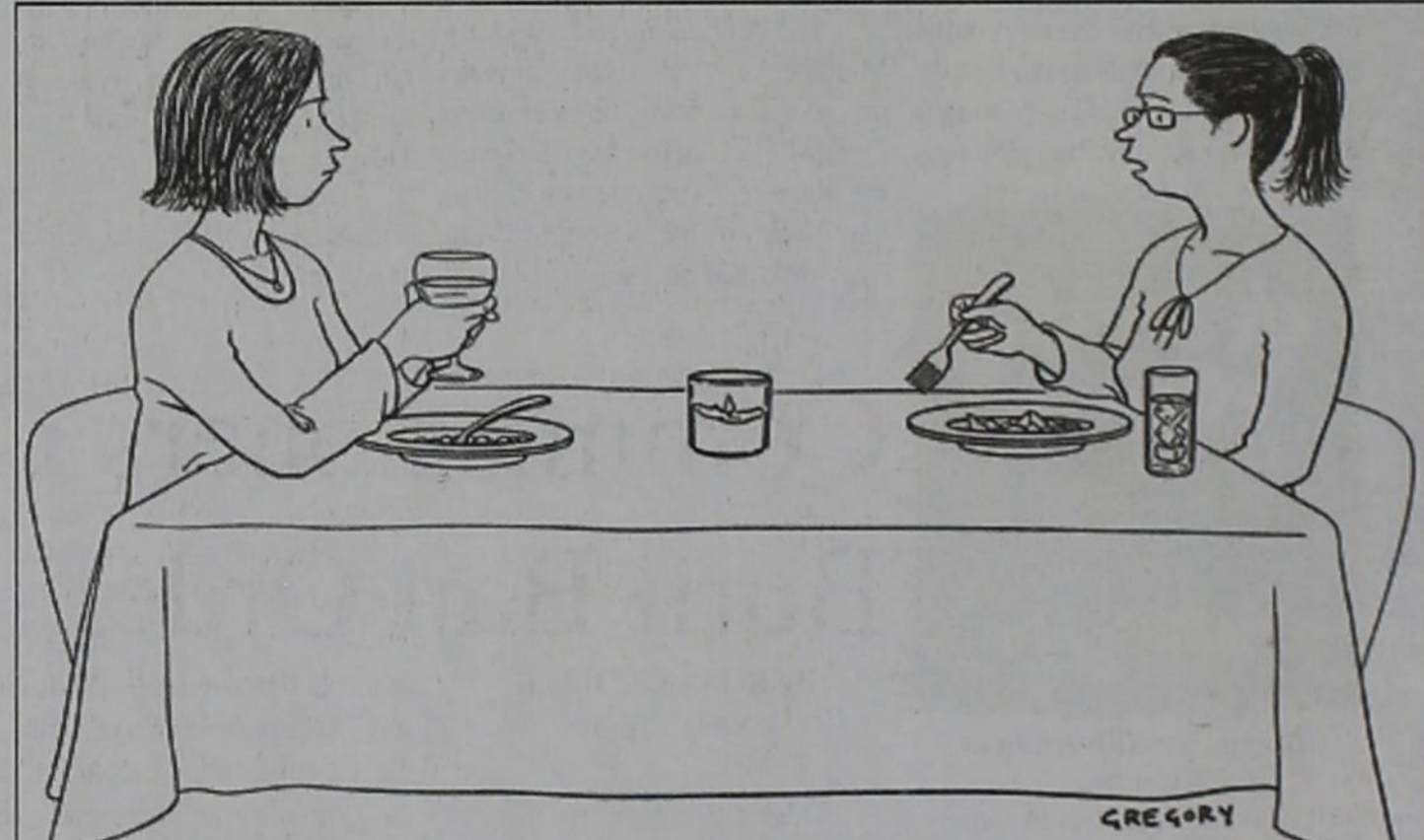
Jeanne MacKenzie writing for Global Research, Canada tells us how money allocated by the U.S. for road and bridge construction in Afghanistan becomes extortion payments to these same warlords.

Meanwhile, in Pakistan, the U.S. is paying Blackwater to hunt down and assassinate Taliban leaders, reports Jeremy Seahill in The Nation this week. Obama has expanded the program under which unmanned drones deliver bombs to Pakistani villages.

This is what an outsourced war looks like. In some bizarre sense, money is being saved by virtue of each individual contract that the U.S. signs. But, in the aggregate the mission of these ventures is ill-conceived or downright contradictory.

President Obama wants to decide this week whether to continue and expand the war in Afghanistan. In his mind, this is a tough decision.

Josh Mitteldorf, a senior editor at OpEdNews, was educated to be an astrophysicist, and has branched out from there to mathematical modeling in a variety of areas. He has taught mathematics, statistics, and physics at several universities.



"I started my vegetarianism for health reasons, then it became a moral choice, and now it's just to annoy people."

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Obituaries

Jackey Fluitt

Jackey Kern Fluitt, 63, two-stepped to heaven on the evening of November 14, 2009, in Dallas, TX. Services were Thursday, November 19, 2009 at St. Vincent's Episcopal Church in Bedford, TX. Interment in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park.

Jackey Kern Fluitt was born April 8, 1946 in Post, TX to Sheep and Rene Fluitt. He attended Texas Tech University for several years before moving to Arlington to work in construction and engineering. Jackey married Kay, the love of his life, on July 19, 1978. They made their home in Grapevine where Jackey established him professionally and actively supported Kay's teaching career.

Jackey battled lung cancer with remarkable dignity and grace, and transitioned from earthly life surrounded by his loving family and extraordinary friends. Survivors: wife, Kay; son, Jeff and wife Ashlee; daughter Tessa and husband, Brent; baby granddaughter, Braylin; brother, Delwin and wife Kathy and a host of other family and friends.

Donations may be made to Texas Oncology, Sammons Center, Lung Research in Dallas, TX.

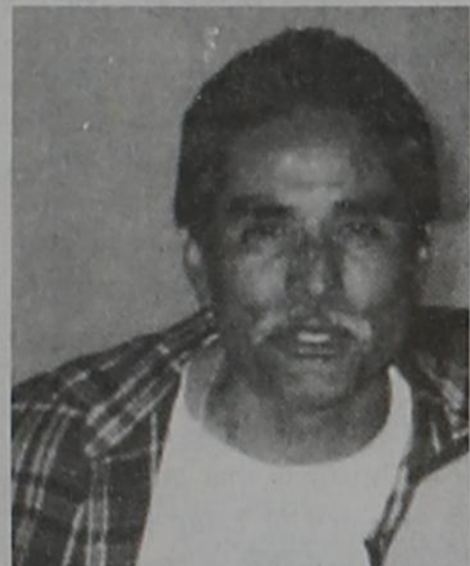


Mantooth-Calhoun Wed

Elizabeth Marie Mantooth and Levi Taylor Calhoun were united in marriage November 7, 2009 at First United Methodist Church in San Angelo with the Reverend Darren Heil officiating. The bride is the daughter of Rick and Danna Mantooth of San Angelo and the granddaughter of Joe and Doris Giddens of Post, and Ricky and Sammie Mantooth of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Tommie and Marie Lewis of Post. The groom is the son of Ken and Lynn McAllister of Austin and Scott Calhoun of Christoval. Grandparents are Joe and Darylene Sheldon, Buddy and Erma Calhoun, Dell and Jo Anne Keene, and the late Merle Cameron.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Bridal attendants were Sarah Perkins, Natalie Johnston, and Heather Parrish. Groomsmen were Michael Madison, Floyd Sanchez, and Chance Rainer. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Miss Hattie's Restaurant.

The bride graduated from Howard Payne University and is employed by San Angelo Area Foundation. The groom is a graduate of Angelo State University and is employed as a multimedia consultant with Area-Wide Phonebook. After a honeymoon trip to Maui, the couple is residing in San Angelo



Rogelio "Roy" Garza

Rogelio "Roy" Garza, also known as "Popo" to his grandchildren, 64, of Odessa, TX passed away Thursday, November 29, 2009 at home surrounded by his wife and family.

He was born August 20, 1945 in Seguin, TX to mother Flora Davila and father Eduardo Davila, Sr. He was a sales delivery driver for 14 years at Golden Brew in Odessa, TX and was very dedicated to his work. He was in the army in 1964 and served in the Arm Reserve for two years. He was recognized as a great sharp shooter with the M-14 rifle. He loved fishing, working on cars, collecting cars and motorcycles and enjoyed watching boxing. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren, with whom he had special bonds and wonderful memories.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Flora Davila and father, Eduardo Davila, Sr.; brothers Edward Davila, Jr., Ambrose Davila, Steven Davila and grandson Andrew Santos.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Mary Garza of Odessa, TX; daughters, Lavinia Garza and husband Ignacio of Odessa, TX, Michelle Todd of Midland, TX and Darling Garza of Post, TX; sons, Rudy Roy Garza and wife Sherry of San Antonio, TX and Robert Todd and wife Brenda of Amarillo, TX; sisters Dora Rodriguez and Rosemary Tuck of Post, TX, Flora Mendez of Phoenix, AA, Martha McClean and Mercedes Vera of Lubbock, TX.

Memorial services were Wednesday, November 25, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Odessa with Reverend Clay Porter officiating.

"There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away... Behold, I make all things new." (REVELATION 21:4-5)

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Braun - Jeffries Engagement

Al and Patricia Braun announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Braun, to Mike Jeffries, son of Bob and Judy Jeffries.

The bride elect will graduate from St. Louis Community College-Meramec Nursing.

The prospective groom is a 2006 graduate from Vatterott. He is employed with Veolia Environmental Services in the Maintenance Department.

Southland News

By Brad Ellison, Principal

Congratulations to our Girls Basketball team for finishing 3rd at the Wilson Tournament over the weekend. Our Ladies beat Patton Springs in the opening round, lost a close one to Jayton then came back to defeat Amherst. Journey Zeleznikar was named to the All-Tournament team. Good job coach and good job ladies!!

Congratulations to our boys who competed very well this weekend as well. They lost a couple of close games and won over Hermeleigh. Travis Arguello was named to the All-Tournament team at Wilson. Good job, Travis!

Congratulations to our JH teams on the way they competed last week with the JH girls winning their first game of the season and the boys dropping theirs.

Congratulations to Devin Blanton who placed 2nd & 3rd with duross; 2nd & 4th with crosses; 3rd & 4th with yorks, and 2nd with spot at the Show in Graham this past weekend. Way to go Devin!!!

Congratulations also to M'Keison Guerrero and Ashlee Graves on their accomplishments this past weekend at the State Rabbit Show. They are as follows:

M'keison Guerrero (Junior Division): Breed Identification - 5th Place; Rabbit Posters - 2nd Place; Best Dressed - 1st Place (trophy); Rabbit Photo Contest - 5th Place (color w/humor); Show-

manship - 5th Place; Showing of Rabbit Dwarf Hotot 1st Place (Best of Breed) (trophy).

Ashlee Graves (Intermediate Division): Breed Identification - 2nd Place; Rabbit Posters - 2nd Place; Best Dressed - 5th Place; Art Contest - 3rd Place; Rabbit Photo Contest - 1st Place (color w/people); Rabbit Photo Contest - 5th Place (color); Showmanship - 5th Place; Showing of Rabbit Dwarf Hotot - 2nd Place; Showing of Rabbit Otter Netherland Dwarf - 1st Place; (Best of Breed, Best of Group, Best of Variety) (trophy); Showing of Rabbit Siamese Netherland Dwarf - 1st Place.

EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Junior High Basketball vs. Wellman-Union here beginning at 6:00 pm

Varsity Basketball here vs. Klondike beginning at 5:00 pm with the JV Boys game.

Blood Drive here at Southland beginning at 7:30 a.m., Thursday December 3rd, and going through 10:30 a.m. Please register online at the following link if at all possible, sign up in the office, or just show up and donate that morning. <https://www.bloodhero.com/index.cfm?group=op&step=2&hlc=southland>

Pride Side Trip to the Texas Tech Men's Basketball game versus Washington Huskies. Bus will leave at 4:45 and return at approximately 9:15 pm.

"Emmaus" Continues at Ragtown Gospel Theater

If you're considering a performance of "Emmaus" at Ragtown Gospel theater as a holiday gift or a special evening with church friends, there are only 3 weekends of the original Bible drama before Christmas.

The December matinee is December 6 at 3 p.m.; Friday night performances begin at 7:30 and Saturdays the theater has a 3 p.m. show. There will be no performances Christmas or New Years weekend. "Emmaus" will resume Friday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

"Emmaus" is based on a brief passage in the 24th chapter of the Gospel of Luke. The drama was written by Chip Polk and features Glenn Polk in the role of Jesus.

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Lubbock Symphony Orchestra Presents Holiday Music

The Lubbock Symphony Orchestra rings in the holidays with the annual Holiday Pops concert on Saturday, December 5, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, located at 1411 Broadway. Sponsored by Vista Bank and Covenant Health Systems, The Lubbock Chorale and The Chancel Choir of the First United Methodist Church will join the Lubbock Symphony for an evening of perennial favorites including selections from The Messiah, Chilcott's 12 Days of Christmas, and Christmas Sing-Along in a concert that will fill the hall with beautiful music and heartwarming holiday cheer.

Ticket prices for Holiday Pops are \$30 - \$20 for adults and \$25 - \$15 for students. For more information or to buy tickets, please call (806) 762-1688, visit www.lubbocksymphony.org, or stop by our office at 601 Avenue K in Lubbock.

Continue the Holiday celebration at the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Chamber concert featuring the Brass Quintet on Tuesday, December 15th, at 7:30 p.m. in the St. John's United Methodist Church located at 1501 University Ave. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

For tickets or information about upcoming concerts call 806.762.1688, visit us online at www.lubbocksymphony.org or visit our office located at 601 Ave K.



A good man is hard to find. So is kale.

When I ran across some the other night at Wal-Mart (kale -- not men), I could have burst into song:

"Kale, kale, the gang's all here."

I grabbed the kale and a fat red cabbage. Then I looked for yams, the other main ingredient in my favorite kale recipe.

But the gang wasn't all there. No yams. No sweet potatoes. Is there a difference? Who knows? Bottom line, the store had neither, at least not in the produce section. I finally settled on canned cut yams in light syrup -- my only late-night option.

OK. Once I got to the farm with those canned yams, they worked fine in my recipe, especially by the time I'd added ginger, onion, soy sauce, salt and a couple of substitutions -- Parkay and bacon grease for olive oil and several dashes of jalapeno Tabasco instead of a serrano chile, seeded and diced. Also, I added a leek because I had one and left out the garlic because I didn't have any.

Yum. It was good, and the colors were spectacular -- a complimentary mix of orange, purple and green. Everything would have been fine except for the thought that nagged:

How could an Arkansas-based grocery-retail chain run out of sweet potatoes at a Texas superstore -- especially just a couple of weeks before Thanksgiving? I'd say it's un-American -- un-South-ern, at least -- not to have a bin of

sweet potatoes somewhere in the vicinity of all the regular potatoes. Never mind that the name of my recipe is "Spicy African Kale and Yams." Maybe the sweet potato truck overturned somewhere west of Bentonville.

Some of you aren't listening. You're still shuddering at the thought of substituting bacon grease and Parkay for olive oil. It worked. In a way, grease is grease, even when it's olive oil. For example, in World War II, rapeseed oil -- canola oil, by any other name -- worked nicely in steam engines. Who would have thought? And one of my favorite childhood books was about a cow that got stuck in the silo door. They rubbed shortening on her and squeezed her right out. Our farm didn't have a silo, but I knew if we ever got one we'd be ready to deal with a stuck cow because we always had Crisco.

You learn stuff like that -- inventive ways to use things -- both at war and on the farm. Why drive to town for parts if baling wire will work? Or make a run for baking powder if you've got a box of Arm & Hammer in the fridge?

As for my midnight dinner, I like to think the goodness of the kale offset the bad effects of fake butter and hog fat anyway.

Kale, by the way, is what butchers use around red meat to make it look really red. Once, when I couldn't find kale at the supermarket, the butcher gave me some.

That's what I call a good man.

We would like to wish a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to family and friends who have been a special blessing to us this year. To the Community and churches we say thank you for your encouragement and support through prayers, visits, calls, cards, food and care.

We appreciate all of you,
Annie Laura Francis & Jane George

Psalm 100:5 "For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting."

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Hometown Pharmacy, 132 W. Main, is offering free personal counseling on the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan every Wednesday through December. Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins will also be accepted. For more information, call the pharmacy, 495-2535.

Post Santa Stop

The Post Santa Stop will be accepting toys again this year for Christmas. All donations will be used to benefit local families. If you are interested in being a drop-off location or making a donation, call Barbara Palmer, 470-1295, or the PACC office, 495-3461.

NJHS Christmas Collection

NJHS is collecting items for the Golden Plains Care Center for the group community service project. Wish list items include: body wash, lotions, body spray, gripper socks, and quarters. Deadline is Dec. 10. Items may be brought to Ms. Humble at Post Middle School.

Account Established for Michele Raben

Medical expense account has been set up at Citizens Bank for Michele Raben to help with growing medical expenses after surgery.

Christmas Exhibit at the OS Museum

The OS Museum wishes to "Share the Season" as you view the traditional and unique Nativities, Creches, ornaments and Santas

gathered from around the world now on exhibit. Viewing hours: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday, 201 E. Main St. & Avenue I in Post. Admission is free. The museum is upstairs and there is an elevator for your convenience. Call 495-3570 for more information.

Tahoka Christmas Craft Show

Area crafters are gearing up for their Annual Christmas Craft Show set for Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main St. in Tahoka. The popular event will feature the talents of crafters from Tahoka, Lubbock and surrounding communities. "There will be over 20 booths with a very wide variety of items," according to Amy Preston of Tahoka, Craft Show Coordinator. "We've added a few new vendors this year and will have many of our regulars - back by popular demand," added Preston. Admission to the Craft Show is free and visitors can expect to find a little bit of everything, including jewelry, Christmas shirts, hand-made soaps, baked goods and much, much more. Phebe K. Warner Study Club will again be preparing and selling lunch! For more information, please contact Amy Preston at 806-759-1690.

Stitchin' Club

The Stitchin' Club meets every Tuesday night, 6 p.m. at The Heritage House, 109 N. Avenue N. Anyone interested in any kind of needlework, knitting, crochet, etc. is invited to attend. Call 495-4148 for more information.

Blanket Drive Continues for Animal Shelter

Bring your old blankets and towels to the Chamber office, 131 E.

Main, or drop them off in the collection barrel at United. The Post Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a blanket drive for the local animal shelter. For more information, call 495-3461.

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.

Fund Set up for Jesse Basquez and family

A fund has been established at Citizens Bank of Post for Jesse Basquez and his family to help cover medical expenses. They have had to make several trips to Houston for tests and he has been in the hospital for treatment. Anyone wishing to help may make a deposit to the fund at the bank.

Upcoming Events...

"A Christmas Carol" Opening Night
Garza Theatre
December 5
7:30 p.m.
Call 495-4005 for reservations

"Emmaus"
Ragtown Gospel Theater
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"A Christmas Carol" Opens at the Garza Next Friday

By ROSA LATIMER
News Editor

A classic Christmas musical at the Garza has become an annual holiday tradition in Post and this December is no exception. Jay Young will direct a musical adaptation for the stage of the story by Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol" with musical direction by Jacob Miller. Many of you enjoyed this talented collaboration on "Oliver" staged at the Garza a couple of years ago. "We'll have a small orchestra for this production," said Young, who has acted and directed at the Garza for many years. Young also alluded to a surprise element never before seen on stage at this theater. "The cast has worked very hard on this production. I know audiences will enjoy the familiar story and music."

If you haven't been to the Garza in a few months, you'll notice the changes in the lobby and

theater. The theater has also added full stage curtains recently.

Opening night is Saturday, December 5 followed by a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. You are encouraged to call ahead for reservations or make them online at www.garzatheatre.com.

The Garza Theatre sits right on Main Street amidst all of the glitz and glamour of the season. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Come early, stroll down Main Street and take in the holiday spirit of beautifully decorated store windows and a light extravaganza. Other show dates are: December 11, 12, 18, 19 with an additional matinee on December 20.

Tickets are: \$12 adults; \$10 Seniors, students & military; \$8 for children twelve and under. Call 495-4005 for reservations.

Local Victim's Assistance Program Meets Holiday Demands

By ROSA LATIMER
News Editor

Victim's Advocate Jayta Cravy is dedicated to her responsibilities, "This is what I've wanted to do my entire life," she said in a recent interview. However, she also acknowledges the demands of the job. "I think rural areas have a tendency to have higher rates of domestic violence, but it goes unreported," Cravy, who covers Garza and Dickens County, explained. "Victims fear backlash in a smaller community if they report abuse." She explained that it is also more difficult when "everyone knows everyone." In a larger city, victims can remain anonymous.

Year after year statistics tell us that domestic violence increases during the holidays. Between Thanksgiving and Super Bowl Sunday, family violence is the crime most committed in the United States. Unemployment and uncertain economic times contribute to violence and abuse. These circumstances become more dangerous if alcohol consumption increases.

Cravy offers this advice: "If you find yourself in an abusive situation, there is help for you. Call Victims Assistance, 495-2479 or 495-5511, the Sheriff's Office, 495-3595, Women's Protective Services in Lubbock, 747-6491. Always leave a message if you don't speak with someone."

The Garza County Victim's Assistance Program handles approximately three hundred cases each year. Services are provided to victims as well as extended families. In a domestic violence situation in addition to an abused spouse there are usually children involved. "Homicide victims often include the extended family. We provide services to them also." These services can include counseling, resources for help with housing, etc. and assistance with other practical needs.

Cravy emphasizes the fact that abuse doesn't just affect the family who experiences domestic violence. "The entire community is affected. Other children at school are affected. Our legal system is affected."

She advises the community and family to "realize that when kids say something is going on, we need to stop and listen. Give them a chance and a place where they can feel validated and safe." Cravy also cautions that we may have a preconceived idea of how a victim will act and if we don't see that behavior, it may be difficult to believe a child. "Often children have lived with abuse long enough to learn how to mask their feelings or conceal what their family is experiencing."

The Victim's Advocate also

encourages members of the community to educate themselves about victim's issues and realize that "we're not exempt from this crippling issue. Be aware and when a child talks, listen and then act. Our children are the hope of a bright future." Victims can go on to lead successful, productive lives if they receive support and understanding.

"We need volunteers," Cravy said. "There are many opportunities - sort food and clothes, or work directly with victims. It is completely up to the volunteer to be involved in a way that is best for them." Victims Assistance will need a lot of help during Christmas. "There is shopping, wrapping and delivering items for our families. You can also make a donation or adopt a family." If an abused spouse has made the decision to leave and take the children, this may be the first Christmas that at least has the potential of being free from violence and abuse. The support of the community can help make it happen.

"Abuse is abuse," Cravy concluded. "Whether it is verbal or physical, it is abuse and it all does damage." She encourages anyone who needs help to take action now.

Memories of Christmas Traditions

By Sue Swinson
Correspondent

Editor's Note: Our correspondent, Sue Swinson, decided to share some of her early Christmas memories with our readers. We hope that, as your family gathers for Thanksgiving, this will prompt you to remember your Christmases past. It's not too early to make some special plans for this year and perhaps include some of these traditions in your celebration.

This is my favorite time of year and as I begin to prepare for Christmas, memories of past Christmases are brought to mind. Each of us has a special memory: a favorite story, a school program, a church play or family gathering.

When I was young my family had several wonderful traditions. The main tradition was hunting the Christmas tree. This was not just a quick jaunt into the wooded area of our Grandpa's pasture. It

was an excursion. We had a mission and it had to be carried out. Daddy carried the ax and my brothers, George, Michael, Jim and myself were scouts. Mama critiqued each tree "too big, too tall, too short" etc. The choice had to be unanimous or we had to keep looking.

Once a tree was chosen Daddy would chop it down and he and the boys would drag it home. The procedure was to trim the lower limbs, even up the trunk, make a cross piece so it would stand and placed it in the living room. Mama and I unpacked the decorations. The fun began.

Decorations were different then. The lights were much larger and brighter. If one light on the string went out the whole string went out and the search was on for the bad bulb. We had aluminum string icicles purchased in a flat box. All the ornaments were glass and very fragile. We made colored paper chains and yarn bows. We made snow by melting

Christmas...
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by Traci Freeman

Bale count as of Monday evening is 2,268. To keep up with daily bale count visit the blog at <http://closecitycoopgin.blogspot.com>

Several of the guys got together and pulled Mack Terry's cotton for him while he is in Lubbock recovering from surgery. Those helping were: G.B. Wilke, Robbie Wilke, Mike Aten, Julie Aten, Chuck Morris, Charles Morris, Tino Alaniz, Jim Ellis, Bobby Terry and Philippe Nava. We really have a great community out here and I am dad-gum proud to be a part of it.

Jim and Nedra Ellis traveled to Amarillo over the weekend to watch two of their grandchildren,

Raul and TJ compete in the Randall Wrestling Club Tournament. They did a great job, with Raul placing first in his group and TJ placing 2nd in his. Both received their first pin. Congratulations guys!

Cookbooks

The cookbooks are finished and going fast, if you want one be sure to let us know so that we can put you on the list, we have already ordered another printing so there will be plenty. You can call me, Nancy or pick yours up at Cocara's downtown. Our restoration project is really coming on, if anyone would like to help in any way just let

Nancy, Nedra or I know.

Get wells

All of us here in Close City want to send out several get wells this week: Shirley Bland, Mack Terry, Judy Clary Polson, Jerry Morris and Doug Tipton. Speaking of Mack, I got to talk to him on the phone Monday afternoon, he was asking if his cotton had been ginned yet.

Visitors

Visitors we've had this week are: Blace, Lanny Fluitt, Jean Morris, Bobby Terry and Ricky Cross. Remember.....we always welcome visitors, we have the coolest break room and the cheapest

cokes in the county.....

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

November 27th - Amanda Alaniz
November 30th - Tanya Bland Vernon, Steve Norman, Patsy Craig
Everyone have a great Thanksgiving weekend!!! See ya next week.

Weekly Inspirations

A TIME TO BE THANKFUL

By: Michael F. Taylor

I know with all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, this time of year can become quite overwhelming to many people. And, I am also aware that this can also become a time of apprehension, depression, worry and even fear over finances, food preparation, family gatherings and the other thousands of things that have to be accomplished prior to good old Turkey Day! As a police officer and minister, many times the question has been asked -Why should I be thankful?

My youngest daughter Brittany was very afraid of the dark as a young child, and in fact, probably is still not very comfortable with it today. Several years ago just about a week before Thanksgiving, we had a very interesting experience that I have used over the years to try and illustrate just why we can be thankful even in the midst of fear and doubt. My daughter was at the tender age of three and Joyce and I had been struggling to find a way for Brittany to be comfortable with sleeping in her bedroom without the terror that many young children face. We had installed a Barney the Dinosaur night light to help overcome her fear. On this particular night, that old West Texas wind was kicking up its feet and not doing much to help as we put her bed after saying her prayers. I'll never forget the wisdom of a three year old child as she uttered the words which I have put into my heart and will keep forever after. As I sat on her bed and tried to comfort her, a strange thing happened. She looked out the window to a bright and shining moon and said, "Daddy, does God own everything in the world?" My answer came easily, "Why yes, baby, God owns all things because he created everything in the world." "But does he even own the moon, Daddy?" she timidly queried. "Yes little one, God owns the entire universe," I answered back. "Well, if God owns the moon, is He going to turn off its light tonight and go to sleep," she sheepishly asked. "No honey, God is not going to sleep tonight. And I guess the moon is kind of His night light," I answered. "Okay, if God isn't going to sleep, there is no reason I should stay up," she said and promptly closed her eyes, no longer afraid.

David assures us in Psalms 121, "I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you— the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." NIV

I am so thankful for that assurance! The assurance that my help comes from the Lord, God who created the very heavens and earth! That He will not even let my foot slip and that He is here protecting me from harm. What a time to be thankful knowing that God is watching over our lives. My prayer for each of you this week is that when the fear and doubt creep into your heart, replace them with the Word of God in Psalms 121 and know that this is truly the time to be thankful. Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day!

-Psalm 34:8

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

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I am thankful for my mother, my daddy, my brother and my dog. I am thankful for God too.- Bailey Pennell, age 4, My Special Place

I am thankful for my mommy and daddy, and my big sister Sydney. I am also thankful for food and drinks.- Brinley Quinn, age 3, My Special Place

I am thankful for Mommy, Daddy, Cody (my puppy), Michael, Zachary and Callie.- Madison Rodriguez, age 3, My Special Place

I am thankful for Mommy, Daddy, my Ma, my girlfriend Annie and my sister.- Brenson Halford, age 4, My Special Place

I am thankful for Thanksgiving. I am also thankful for bunnies and puppies and stuff. I am thankful for my family.- Nina Green, age 3, My Special Place

I am thankful for my daddy, my grandma and my mommy.- Mattie Soto, age 4, My Special Place

I am thankful for my doggie and my mommy and daddy.- Kenedi Holly, age 3, My Special Place

I am thankful for Mom and Dad and going to the park. I am thankful for Ms. Angelita.- Andrew Kirby, age 3, My Special Place

I am thankful for apples, cherries, orange juice, oranges, peaches and gummie bears.- Raelea Blevins, age 4, My Special Place

I am thankful for my house, my toys and my family.- Cohen Allred, age 5, My Special Place

I am thankful for swimming pool, my dog, mom, my books, my whole house and TV.- Hayden Neill, age 4, My Special Place

I am thankful for Barbies, cher-

ries, phones, swimming pools and toys.- Logan Boyles, age 4, My Special Place

I am thankful for my crayons.- Emma Dawson, age 3, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for my mom.- Bryce Franke, age 3, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for everything.- Cassandra Mendoza, age 3, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for dollies.- Emily Norman, age 3, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for Jesus.- Abigail Rodriguez, age 3, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for race cars.- Kendall Swaffar, age 3, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for Jesus.- Caleb Vazquez, age 3, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for my princess toy.- Reagan Workman, age 3, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for my horse.- Emily Hadderton, age 4, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for all my friends at school.- Koda Bigham, age 4, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for all my pets!- Piper Daugherty, age 4, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for playing with Reagan in her play room and my cat.- Kate Hamlin, age 4, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for my horse, Muffin.- Hadley McCloy, age 4, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for God and everything He gives me.- Isaiah Mitton, age 4, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for hid and seek with mom.- Michael Morris, age 4, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for rides on the tractor and everything!- Hayden Niell, age 4, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for new baby, Mommy and Daddy and my new house.- Samantha Peevy, age 4, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for walking to school with mom.- Randall Bell, age 4, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for animals (horses), for our school, for swimming, clothes and doctors.- Macece Rathbun, age 5, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for Jesus, for family and our homes, and that I can run.- Jake Morris, age 6, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for God, for hospitals, church, beds and blankets. I'm thankful we are free.- Cade Edwards, age 6, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for Jesus, my family, freedom, friends, my church, preachers.- Katrina (K-K) Haynes, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for freedom, for moms and dads and our Bible.- Cohen Allred, age 5, FBC Christian School

I am thankful for my mommy, my sister and Heather.- Chance Jones, age 3, Windham Head Start

I am thankful for a leaf, my puppy and letters.- Diamond Espinoza, age 3, Windham Head Start

I am thankful for the trees and my toys.- Jamarion Reed, age 3, Windham Head Start

I am thankful for my tinkerbelle.- Natalia Soto, age 3, Windham Head Start

I am thankful for monsters, because they are nice.- Jayden Jones, age 3, Windham Head Start

I am thankful for my dog "puppy".- Alicia Valencia, age 3, Windham Head Start

I am thankful for my dad and mom.- Ana Rodriguez, age 3, Windham Head Start/EHS

I am thankful for Power Rangers, Scooby-Doo and my dogs (Kaiser and Charlie).- Kelby Short, age 4, Windham Head Start

I am thankful for my mom and my grandparents.- Martiza Casutillo, age 4, Windham Head Start

I am thankful for my daddy and mommy, my dogs and Jeremiah.- Adriana Hernandez, age 3, Windham Head Start

I am thankful for my puppy, Mommy and Daddy.- Amiah Martin, age 4, Windham Head Start

I am thankful for my mom, dad, sisters and family.- Rayven Soto, age 4, Windham Head Start


I am thankful for my puppy and my mommy.- Joshua Gomez, age 3, Windham Head Start

I am thankful for going to school and playing with my toys.- J.D. Forder, age 4, Windham Head Start

I am thankful for Snow White.- Nyrah Soto, age 4, Windham Head Start

I am thankful for getting big and Power Rangers.- Kelby Short, age 4, Windham Head Start

I am thankful for houses and school busses. Puppies make me happy. I am thankful for when you touch a rabbit and when you ride a tractor.- Arron Ojeda, age 4, Windham Head Start




Happy Thanksgiving

With a bounty of best wishes, we say, "thanks aplenty" to you and yours as together we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

Judge Lee & Marsha Norman


Thanksgiving Greetings



We're displaying our warm wishes and gratitude, To thank you for your winning attitude - And for your support and friendship, too Because there are no better folks than you!

Hometown Pharmacy
132 W. Main in Post
495-2535

We're Thankful...
To have Neighbors Like You!



We're counting our blessings at the holiday, and your friendship is at the top of the list!

For all your support this year, we are deeply grateful, and wish you and your family all the trimmings of a very happy Thanksgiving celebration.

United Supermarkets
123 N. Broadway in Post
495-3217

TO OUR GOOD NEIGHBORS AT THANKSGIVING



We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks for the many wonderful blessings we share, including the gift of friendship.

It's been a real pleasure to know and serve you.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Justice-Mason Funeral Home
Dee & Janet Justice
301 W. Main St.
806-495-2833

Thanksgiving Greetings

Thank you for your business. Have a Happy Thanksgiving



Lyntegar Electric Cooperative Inc.
Tahoka - 561-4588
Lamesa - 872-2632
Sundown - 229-3741



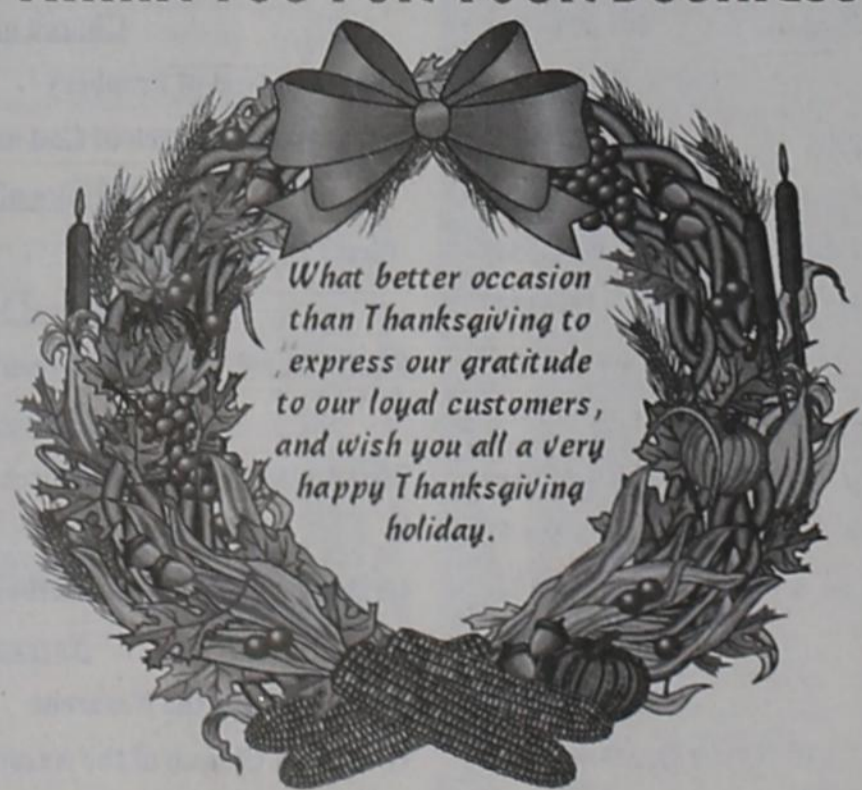
With A Bounty Of Best Wishes At Thanksgiving

Before the festivities commence, we'd like to wish you and your family an abundance of health, happiness and good fortune this year.

For your business we are sincerely thankful, and for your friendship we feel truly blessed.

BOF Services
1459 US Hwy 84 in Post
806-495-3805

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS



What better occasion than Thanksgiving to express our gratitude to our loyal customers, and wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving holiday.

POKA LAMBRO

115 West Main Street in Post
806-990-9901

IT'S TURKEY TIME!

There's no better time than now to tell you how fortunate we feel to know people like you. Happy Thanksgiving and thanks, a plenty!



Farm Bureau Ins.
117 E. Main in Post
495-0404

Ben O
By Whitney Owen

On Sunday, November 22, the family of the late Ben O. Jones gathered at The Heritage Post for a Tree Dedication. Glenn and Carle name. Glenn and Carle man and Ida Jones, friends of Ben and Edna graciously arranged the A Desert Willow was in memory of Ben that white to purple flowers resemble orchids. The dedication was given by Ben is survived by five Benny, Pam, Kim, Tim Rodney. Benny was at the time of the death of Ben. Pam, Kim, Timothy and along with grandson, Ma placed the inscribed granite below the peaceful tree. Following the plaque, Glenn and Carle man and Ida Jones spoke family about what Ben them. Edna Mae thanked Mrs. Markman and Ms. their lifelong friendship and Ben. Stories and memories of Ben, Dad and PawPaw around the formed circle of the stories recalled laughter, while others tears. Ben was so loved family and friends. All and memories he left behind last a lifetime.

J.W. Jolly, III of VFW Along with Charles R. tesy photo.

Legal Aid Society

The Legal Aid Society providing low-income residents of Lubbock Texas. Legal Aid prev just residents of Lubbock 2009 "our service area dents of Crosby, Floy Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Kay Caballeros, Executive Society of Lubbock.

The Legal Aid Society from the Texas Bar Foundation and legal services well as eight surrounding excited about this new offering free elder law ters," said Caballeros. held January 13, 20 Lubbock Senior Center will offer free clinics in few months.

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Ben Owen Tree Dedication

By Whitney Owen

On Sunday, November 8th, the family of the late Ben Owen gathered at The Heritage House in Post for a Tree Dedication in his name. Glenn and Carlene Markman and Ida Jones, longtime friends of Ben and Edna Owen, so graciously arranged the honor.

A Desert Willow was planted in memory of Ben that will bloom white to purple flowers that closely resemble orchids. He loved flowers and being out in nature so the dedication was quite fitting. Ben is survived by five children, Benny, Pam, Kim, Timothy and Rodney. Benny was out of town at the time of the dedication. Pam, Kim, Timothy and Rodney along with grandson, Marc Owen, placed the inscribed granite plaque below the peaceful tree.

Following the plaque placement, Glenn and Carlene Markman and Ida Jones spoke to the family about what Ben meant to them. Edna Mae thanked Mr. and Mrs. Markman and Ms. Jones for their lifelong friendships to her and Ben. Stories and memories of Ben, Dad and PawPaw continued around the formed circle. Some of the stories recalled brought laughter, while others brought tears. Ben was so loved by his family and friends. All the stories and memories he left behind will last a lifetime.



Edna Owen (seated) is shown with her children (from left) Kim Owen, Snyder; Rodney Owen, Lubbock; Pam Hall, Graham and Timothy Owen, Snyder. The family gathered to plant a tree at The Heritage House in Post in memory of their husband and father, Ben Owen. Courtesy photo.



HOMETOWN HOLIDAY

Tamara Reed who displayed merchandise from "Head to Toe," Melyssa Elliott, Colin Reed and Gabe Mason enjoyed the recent Hometown Holiday event sponsored by Garza County AgriLife Extension office. The annual gift and cooking event featured original Cajun cuisine with a cooking demonstration by AgriLife Extension agent Nancy McDonald. Cookbooks containing recipes from Mitchell, Scurry and Garza County are still available for \$10.00 each at the Extension office. Courtesy photo.

Live Birds of Prey at Caprock Canyons

Soar with Doris and the Raptors at two special programs at Caprock Canyons State Park on December 10 and 11. Doris Mager, founder of Save Our American Raptors (SOAR) will have rescued birds of prey to see up close and learn about on Friday, December 11 at noon. The birds include a Great-horned Owl, a Crested Caracara, an Eastern Screech Owl, and an American Kestrel.

Also, on Thursday evening, December 10 at 6 p.m. Doris will lead an owl walk at the park in which the public is welcome to attend. This will be a chance to find owls out in their natural

habitat. Doris has rehabilitated over 80 Eagles and has returned 15 to the wild. Known as "The Eagle Lady", she has devoted the past forty-five years of her life to rescuing, rehabilitating, training, researching, and loving American birds of prey, or raptors. Doris gained international recognition in 1979 when she lived in an abandoned eagle's nest for seven days and six nights to draw attention to this endangered species' plight and to raise money for the Florida Audubon Society's Birds of Prey Center.

Doris gave up her rehabilitation permit due to the overwhelming demand for lectures. Her concern for the protection of wildlife is centered on the education of younger generations. "Giving educational programs and working with live raptors is still the most important thing in my life," Doris said.

The programs are free, although park entry fees apply. No pets, please. Call 806-455-1492 for more information. Please visit us and share the experience at Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway.



J. W. Jolly, III of VFW Post 6797 is shown handing out patriotic mementos to Post Elementary students. Along with Charles Ratliff, Jolly presented a Veteran's program to the students earlier this week. Courtesy photo.

Legal Aid Society Service Now Includes Garza County

The Legal Aid Society of Lubbock is now serving low-income residents of 9 counties in West Texas. Legal Aid previously provided services to just residents of Lubbock County, but as of October 2009 "our service area expanded to include residents of Crosby, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, and Terry counties," said C. Kay Caballeros, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Lubbock.

The Legal Aid Society recently received a grant from the Texas Bar Foundation to provide elder law education and legal services to Lubbock County as well as eight surrounding counties. "We are very excited about this new opportunity and will start by offering free elder law clinics at area Senior Centers," said Caballeros. The first elder law clinic will be held January 13, 2010 from 10am to 1pm at the Lubbock Senior Center, 2001 19th Street. Legal Aid will offer free clinics in each county over the next few months.

The Legal Aid Society also received grants from the Texas Access to Justice Foundation and Texas Attorney General's Office expanding family law services to nine counties. Through these grants, Legal Aid is able to provide weekly family law clinics at Women's Protective Services and bimonthly clinics at Lubbock's Rape Crisis Center to work with domestic and sexual violence survivors.

The Legal Aid Society of Lubbock, Inc. is a nonprofit organization funded to provide legal assistance, advocacy, and quality counsel to low to moderate income residents in a 9 county service area in the areas of family and elder law. Legal Aid works on family law cases involving divorce, custody, child support, adoptions, grandparent access, and protective orders for domestic and sexual violence survivors. Legal Aid also works on elder law cases involving simple wills, durable and statutory powers

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Lower Winter Heating Bills Expected

Atmos Energy Corporation said it expects that most of its natural gas utility customers will pay lower heating bills this coming winter compared to last winter.

"We forecast that the cost of the natural gas we buy for our customers will be 10 to 12 percent less, on average, when compared to our gas costs for last winter," said Gary Gregory, president of Atmos Energy's West Texas Division.

Even with lower heating bills expected, there will still be circumstances when consumers have difficulty with the increased utility bills associated with keeping their homes warm. The company also announced that it will continue to work closely with state energy officials and local energy assistance agencies to help customers who are struggling with utility bills because of unemployment

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A BOUNTY OF BEST WISHES

May you enjoy an abundance of blessings this Thanksgiving holiday. For the blessing of your continued and loyal friendship, we are sincerely grateful.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

Garza Theatre
226 E. Main Street in Post
806-495-4005

A musical adaptation of Dickens' A Christmas Carol opens December 5

A Message Of Thanks

We're counting our blessings this Thanksgiving, and we couldn't have asked for a better bunch of neighbors than you! Have a wonderful holiday and please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your most generous support this past year.

Main Street Mercantile
231 E. Main St in Post
806-495-4344

Especially For You At Thanksgiving

We have a lot to be thankful for this holiday season, including your business. With best wishes to all our friends for a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Golden Plains Care Center
605 W. 7th in Post
806-495-2848

WITH A ROUND OF THANKS

AT THE HOLIDAYS

We'd like to wish all of those who've come 'round our way, a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

Hudman Furniture
301 E. Main in Post
495-2615

Fire Department Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Post Volunteer Fire Department was held Monday, November 16. The following officers were elected for the 2009-2010 term: Les Looney, Chief; Bradley Cimental, First Assistant Chief; Bryan Looney, Second Assistant Chief; Steve Rivera, President; Jimmy Solis, Vice President; Mark Short, Secretary; Doug Flanigan, Certification/Training; Dustin Merrit, Public Information; Les Looney, Chaplin. The Department expressed its appreciation to all of its 2008-09 officers for their service.

Christmas...

bar Ivory Soap in warm water and beating it with handheld egg beater. When the melted soap stood in peaks we added baking soda so it would hold its shape as we decorated each limb. My memory says it was beautiful. Mama loved red crepe paper bells that were flat when put away but when opened and folded back became honeycombed Christmas bells. These hung on the window shade pulls in each window. The aroma from Mama's kitchen permeated the whole house. Chocolate, cinnamon, peppermint and oranges blessed us daily. Mama made one special cake, a huge four-layer cake of pecan and vanilla layers alternating with spice and raisin layers. The layers were iced with lemon and fresh coconut frosting.

This cake was a great accomplishment. We did not go to the supermarket and purchase our pecans. We gathered pecans from our grandparent's trees and shelled them. Mama did purchase the coconut and after we punched holes in it and drank the white milk we cracked the brown shell with a hammer and took out the white coconut that was then hand grated. We were careful to save the outer shell because it made a wonderful blue flame when burned on the apron of the wood heater or in the fireplace. Another family tradition.

Our toys always included books, puzzles and games such as Tinker toys or Lincoln Logs. If we needed winter coats, shoes or clothing these became part of our Christmas. One Christmas there was no new doll but Santa (via Mama) had made new clothes for last year's doll. The doll was dressed and waiting for me on Christmas morning. This is a very special memory to me.

As a family we attended the yearly church Christmas play. The pulpit was removed and a cardboard stable and box manger were center stage. Lop-sided clouds of quilt batting hung by wires over the choir where the angels sang.

Costumes were bath robes and headresses were dish towels. Of course the wise men's headresses were decorated with their mother's jewelry. Shepherds crooks were limbs from nearby trees. Joseph wore brown and Mary wore the traditional heavenly blue and looked sweetly at the Christ child in the manger. Lines were forgotten, cardboard angel wings dropped off, a shepherd's crook tipped the stable but no one cared. It was Christmas.

Christmas Eve Daddy always read Clements Moore's The Night Before Christmas and the Bible story from St. Luke. After prayers we scurried off to bed determined to stay awake and catch Santa. We never did. That little old fellow was always too sly for us.

Traditions do no have to be expensive or outrageous. It is the time spent together...the magic of sharing and loving. Traditions can be baking cookies, reading a story, decorating the tree, riding to see the Christmas lights, or singing carols. It is the season of believing, childlike faith, new beginnings and family traditions. Make a new tradition or share an old tradition with your friends and family this year. It will live forever in their hearts. After all it will soon be CHRISTMAS!

Heating Bills...

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and the economy. Customers may be able to take advantage of the additional federal energy-assistance dollars available by calling Atmos at 1-888-286-6700 to learn how to apply for energy assistance.

Atmos' "Sharing the Warmth" program will donate more than \$1 million to energy assistance agencies to help low-income, elderly and disabled customers pay their natural gas bills. "During the worst part of the recession last year, 40,000 Atmos Energy customers and employees signed up to contribute to our Sharing the Warmth program," Gregory explained. "We have many caring customers who are concerned about helping members of their community who need assistance."

Atmos Energy customers unable to pay their natural gas bills should call the company before becoming delinquent, Gregory emphasized. "By calling us to discuss a payment plan, we can work with them to help prevent a service disconnection and can help them find energy assistance that might be available," he said.

Approximately \$4 million is available through energy efficiency programs in Texas, Colorado, Missouri and Kentucky. These programs provide funds to weatherize customers' homes to keep warmth in and, in some states, to replace old furnaces and water heaters to lower year-round energy bills. Information about these programs is available at www.atmosenergy.com/efficiency.

Legal Aide...

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of attorney, medical powers of attorney, and physician's directives or living wills. All potential clients must complete an application for assistance and demonstrate financial need. Applications are accepted Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 11am and 1pm to 3pm at 916 Main St., Ste. 103, Lubbock, TX. Interested individuals can also inquire by calling (806) 762-2325.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

POLIO.

As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, along with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease. But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS. Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
aaos.org/75years
AAOS
CELEBRATING HUMAN HEALING
orthoinfo.org



Happy Thanksgiving

10 years ago

November 25, 1999
Curtis Clinesmith, a 1983 graduate of Post High School, formally announced his candidacy for the U.S. Congress at a ceremony appropriately held at the Post High School media center.

In a letter dated Nov. 15, White River Municipal Water District officials formally requested a time extension from the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission for the construction of the Post Dam and Reservoir. According to the letter, which was directed to the TNRCC's Water Rights Permitting and Water Quality Division, the water district is seeking an extension of time for construction of a dam and reservoir to be located on the north fork of the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River.

The Golden Clover 4-H'ers had a monthly meeting at the show barn. Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. E.A. Howard. Mr. Howard gave a program on Parliamentary Procedure teaching us how to officially start, conduct and end a meeting.

Congratulations to the 4-H'ers from Garza County including Rachel Gray, Steffi Norman, Monica Lopez, Lexi Nobles, Timothy Wilson and Blake Nichols, who participated in the District 4-H Food Show in Levelland.

20 years ago

November 29, 1989

"We really don't have a lot of time to think about last week," Post Antelope head coach Dewayne Osborne says about the Area Championship game against the Canyon Eagles, "it's just that these guys don't want to get bet." The Antelopes re preparing this week to meet

District 6-3AAA champions Springtown for the Region I-AAA Regional Championship.

Brandon Bird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bird of Post, and Shelia Haire, daughter of John Haire and Shery Haire, both of Southland, were among the 36 outstanding members of 4-H clubs across the South Plains who were honored Monday night at the 32nd annual District Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock.

Donna Marie Weston and Curtis Delmer Cowdrey exchanged wedding vows in a four o'clock double ring ceremony Saturday, Nov. 18, in the South Plains Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Post High School students in bill Gordon's class recently compete in an anti-drug use poster campaign and the winners were Brad McDonald, Floyd Slay, Josh Bush, Damon Curtis and Rene Armandariz.

Bryan and Terisa Taylor are proud to announce the birth of a son, Riley Bryan, who was born Saturday, Nov. 11, 1989.

30 years ago

November 29, 1979

Post volunteer firemen saved the two-story Joe Perez home after flames got a big start in an upstairs bedroom. Firemen answered the call about 10 p.m. and were at the scene for 90 minutes. The flames and damage were pretty well confined to one upstairs bedroom.

Lance Dun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Dunn, and Tanya Bland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bland, received their plaques for being chosen as the Gold Star Boy and Girl, at the area banquet held in Lubbock. The two Garza youths were honored along with

other youth from 20 South Plains counties.

Susan Diane Claybourn and Robert Preston Craig exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, November 22 at the Grace United Presbyterian Church in Greenville.

Jayne Robinson and J. Ray Basinger were married recently in St. John's United Methodist Church in Santa Fe, N.M. with Rev. Sharp officiating the double ring ceremony.

A 50th wedding reception honored Mr. and Mrs. Oman Ticer Thanksgiving Day in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dickery in Lubbock. The couple was married Nov. 23, 1929, in the Post Methodist church parsonage. The also have 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

40 years ago

November 27, 1969

Two Post women hunting arrowheads recently discovered what is probably the most important late-stage historic Indian burial site ever found in the South Plains. Found within two miles of Post by Mrs. Lil Conner and Mrs. Sue Allison, the site has been excavated under the direction of Frank "Chief" Runkles, Boy Scout camp ranger, and the skeletal remains and a large number of objects found there have been removed and classified.

Scores of objects — thousands, if one includes the more than 28,000 ornamental beads — were found at the burial site. Each of the objects, ranging from personal possessions to saddle and bridle trappings, tells its own story in helping fit together the shadowy outlines of an Indian burial that took place years before the first ranchers came to what is now Garza County.

The skeletal remains, which include the skull, left forearm, ribs and other bones, are those of a female Indian from 23-25 years of age, according to the pathology report.

Some of the objects, especially the beadwork, indicate that the woman was a member of the Comanche tribe, Runkles said. Also, some of the objects were made of German silver are known not to have been available until after 1866, after which year the Comanche's are believed to have been the dominant tribe in this area.

50 years ago

November 26, 1959

State Rep. Renal B. Rosson of Snyder was guest speaker at the annual Garza County 4-H Achievement program, at which awards were presented to outstanding club boys and girls and 4-H adult leaders. Rosson made the presentation of the night's top awards, the Gold Star pins, to Jerry Thuett, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Thuett Jr., and Linda Payton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Payton.

Benny Pryor, vocational agriculture teacher and chapter advisor of the Future Farmers of America chapter at New Home received the banner his team won in the radio contest at the Mesa District FFA leadership contests.

Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Kennedy, pioneer Garza County residents, celebrated their Godlen Wedding anniversary. They were married on November 24, 1909, at the home of Jim Lindsey.

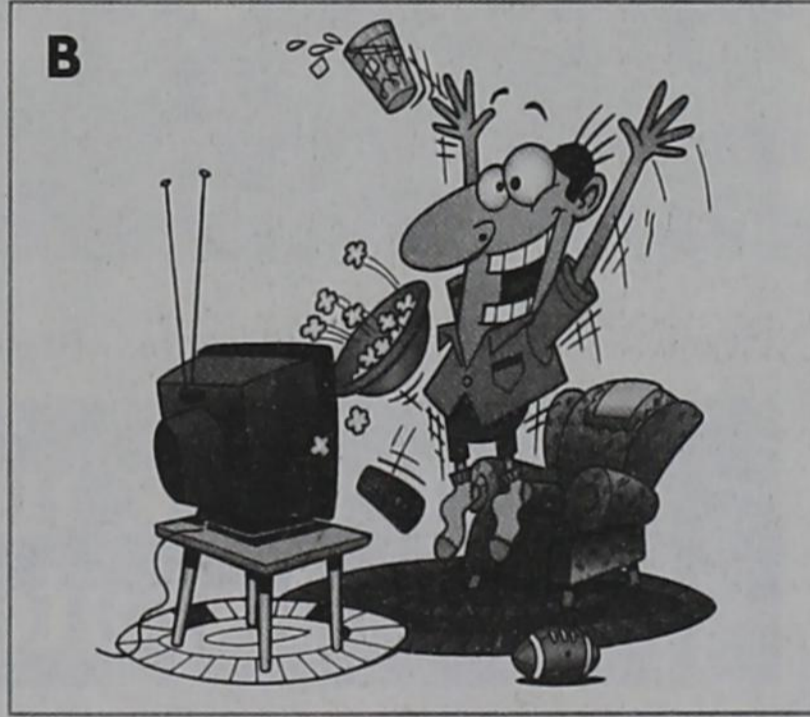
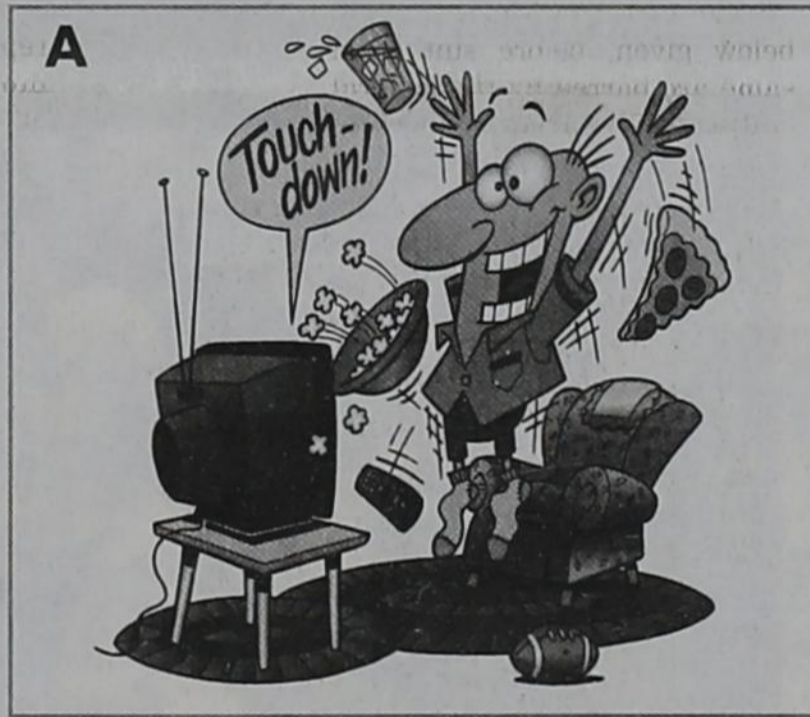
Dennis Popham and Beatrice Kleese have been elected as "Mr. and Miss SHS" at Southland High School.

THIS HASBRO GAME WILL HAVE PLAYERS BENDING AND MOVING THEIR BODIES IN DIFFERENT, FUNNY COMBINATIONS.

ANSWER: TWISTER*

What's the Difference?

There are 5 things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. rug under TV is different 2. man has nostril 3. man has hair 4. pizza missing 5. touch down missing

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1936: THE FIRST ISSUE OF "LIFE" MAGAZINE WAS PUBLISHED.
- 1945: WAR TIME RATIONING OF FOOD ENDED IN THE U.S.
- 2003: GEORGIA PRESIDENT EDUARD SHEVARDNADZE RESIGNED.

New word

LABYRINTH

a maze

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Game
- SPANISH:** Juego
- ITALIAN:** Gioco
- FRENCH:** Jeu
- GERMAN:** Spiel

Did you know?

CROSSWORD PUZZLES CAN BE TRACED BACK TO A 1913 "WORD-CROSS" PUZZLE DEVISED BY ARTHUR WYNNE.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CHECKER BOARD

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To sponsor Kids Corner call 495-2816

Bushland Ends Lopes' Season

By Jim Plummer
Sports Writer

The Post Bold Gold shut down Bushland's high flying offense for more than half the game, but in the second half it reared its ugly head. In the third quarter of the of 2A, Region I, Division II Area playoff game, the Falcons instigated a game changing strategy that was enough to suppress the Lopes' efforts to win the contest at Lubbock's Lowery Field. The Falcons went on to win 44-7.

With the win, Bushland will face Henrietta in a Regional quarterfinal playoff game this weekend.

Post received the opening kickoff and used a little trickery to confuse Bushland in the first quarter. Some worked, some didn't. Both teams were unsuccessful in their first possessions: Post failing on a fourth and three yard for a first attempt and Bushland with three plays and a punt.

The Antelopes game plan was to grind the ball and eat up the clock. It worked in the first half when Post put the first points on the board with 1:04 in the opening quarter. On second and four yards for the first, Clint Windham fired a 22 yard shot to Ernie Saldivar in the end zone for the Lopes only score of the game. Reliable Reed Williams followed with his final extra point of the season.

The Falcons, the second ranked 2A, Division II team in the state, responded immediately with Thomas Cleveland's 90 yard kick-off return for a touchdown tying the score at 7 all.

In the second quarter Bushland put another seven points on the board when Michael Matthews ran it in from the eight yard line followed by Sawyer Cornelius's extra point kick, his first of six PATs on the night.

In their attempt to score again before halftime, the Falcons on a double reverse pass attempt, threw a bomb right to free safety Aaron James who leaped for the pass and came down with an Antelope interception at the Post 23 yard line.

Other than the score of the game, the Antelopes outperformed the Falcons in most of the offensive statistical categories including total yards gained. Post gathered 153 yards to Bushland's 83 but the Birds went into the locker room leading 14-7.

Lope quarterback Clint Windham passed for 81 total yards on three-for nine completions on the night, 61 yards came in the first quarter when hitting James for 39 and the 22 yard TD throw to Saldivar.

The Antelopes tried to catch Bushland off guard with an on sides kick to start the second half. The Falcons handled it and started their three and punt possession at their 45 yard line.

The Lopes took over at the Bushland 47 and on the second play from scrimmage Bushland's Michael Matthews picked off a Windham pass.

With 9:11 remaining in the third quarter, Bushland kicked into high gear with an accelerated hurry-up offense that kept the Lopes' unsettled. The Falcons passed and ran their way 75 yards topped off with a 3 yard Matthews run making the score 21-7.

That series set the tone for the rest of the game.

The Falcons went on to cross the end zone three more times in the fourth quarter and earlier in the third they were given two points on an Antelope miss snap that exited the end zone with the help of punter Reed Williams who deliberately kicked the loose ball out of the end zone preventing a Bird from falling on it for six points.

Fullback Giles Dalby added 97 ground yards on 16 carries to add to his standout senior season

totals of 1343 yards in 11 games for 122 yards a game.

CLASS 2A DIVISION II AREA PLAYOFF

BUSHLAND 44, POST 7
at Lowery Field, Lubbock

Post 7 0 0 0 - 7
Bushland 7 7 9 21 - 44

FIRST QUARTER

POST—Ernie Saldivar 26 pass from Clint Windham (Reed Williams kick); 1:04

BUS—Thomas Cleveland 90 kick return (Sawyer Cornelius kick); 0:50

SECOND QUARTER

BUS—Michael Matthews 7 run (Cornelius kick); 7:37

THIRD QUARTER

BUS—Matthews 2 run (Cornelius kick); 4:44

FOURTH QUARTER

BUS—Tate Rhodes 1 run

(Cornelius kick); 11:58
BUS—Matthews 16 run (Cornelius kick); 7:37

BUS—Rhodes 3 run (Cornelius kick); 1:25

POST BUS

12 19
Rushes-yards 40-155 31-205

Passing yards 81 77

Comp.-att.-int. 3-9-1 7-13-1

Punts-avg. 3-28 2-24

Fumbles-lost 2-1 0-0

Penalties-yards 5-30 3-30

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: Bushland; Caleb

McGuire 3-12, Sawyer Cornelius 7-15, Mason Harris 10-54, Michael Matthews 6-81, Tate Rhodes 4-37,

Thomas Cleveland 1-6; Post, Giles

Dalby 16-97, Ernest Saldivar 7-33,

Trent Babb 3-18, Clint Windham

12-17, Aaron James 1-16.

PASSING: Bushland, Come-

lius 7-11-0—77, Brett Wilhelm

0-1-0—0, Crockett Gilmore 0-1-

1—0; Post, Windham 3-9-1—81

RECEIVING: Bushland,

Gilmore 1-28, Rawley Gomez

2-24, Matthews 2-4, Harris 1-7,

McGuire 1-14; Post, James 2-54,

Saldivar 1-27.

Records: Post 8-4, Bushland

12-0.

Playoff Roundup

District 3-2A foes Post and Littlefield were eliminated from the football playoffs last week.

After defeating the Antelopes, Bushland moves on to a Division II Regional quarterfinal game against Henrietta who beat Comanche, 37-36 to advance. The other Region I quarterfinal game has Crane vs. Cisco.

In the 2A Division I Region I

bracket, Littlefield lost to River

Road of District 1-2A by a touchdown, 34-28. Meanwhile, Brady defeated Merkel 55-33 last Friday. River Road will now play Brady this weekend for the Region I Championship.

Sideline

I respectfully thank the Bold Gold Antelopes, Head Coach Chris Jones, Defensive Coordinator Jay Hellums, Offensive Coordinator Billy Hardin, Coach Toby Allen, the Post Athletic Booster Club leadership, and LoneStarSportsRadio.com co-announcer Allen Grisham for an exciting and fun filled football season of reporting and announcing. I hope the readers and listeners enjoyed it as much as I. God bless you all. Go Lopes!



Senior Giles Dalby gains yardage against the Bushland Falcons in last week's area play off game. Seniors Clint Windham (22) and Aaron James (18) and other Antelopes



Antelopes Tobe Palmer (75) and Josh Rodriguez (52) open the field for Saldivar (2) to gain yardage in the Area Play Off game against Bushland.

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Antelope Reed Williams (74) prepares to kick off for the second half of the area play-off game against the Bushland Falcons. Waiting for the signal are Chase Greathouse (29), Ernie Saldivar (2), Kaven Martinez (64), Trent Babb (25), Jacob Perez (14), Ben Mason (17), Easton Mathis (3), Matthew Soto (5) and M. J. Wynne (10). Post began the second half only one touchdown behind, but Bushland won the contest 44-7.

Photo by Jerry Taylor

Lady Lope Basketball Summaries

Varsity, Acuff Tournament (Summary)

Thursday & Friday, November 12 & 13, 2009

Post 55, Muleshoe 47

Team	1	2	3	4	Final
Post	15	13	18	9	55
Muleshoe	8	10	12	17	47

Scoring: Post – Branda Stevens 23, Amber Wilson 8, Toni Wait 7, Alex Miller 6, Bethany Berry 4, Danica Williams 3, Cheyenne Miller 2, Caitlyn Cravy 2.

Tahoka 41, Post 24

Team	1	2	3	4	Final
Tahoka	9	7	9	16	41
Post	3	5	8	8	24

Scoring: Post – Stevens 8, A. Miller 7, C. Miller 7, Cravy 2.

Snyder 67, Post 60

Team	1	2	3	4	Final
Snyder	18	12	21	16	67
Post	11	13	15	21	60

Scoring – Stevens 20, C. Miller 13, A. Miller 11, D. Williams 5, Tiny Williams 5, Berry 2, Cravy 2, Toni Wait 2.

8th Grade Girls

Monday, November 23, 2009

Antelope Arena

Post 25, Idalou 18

TEAM	1	2	3	4	Final
Idalou	5	6	6	1	18
Post	0	4	10	11	25

Post Scoring: Sara Greer 7, Taylor Osborn 7, Jaycee Johnson 5, Matti Smith 4, Brandy Benavides 2.

Coach Traci Heflin: "The 8th grade girls' team started off slow in the 1st half but played an outstanding 2nd to come away with a victory."



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Bold Gold cheerleaders and mascot lead the Antelope fans before the Area Play Off game against Bushland at Lowery Field in Lubbock last Friday.

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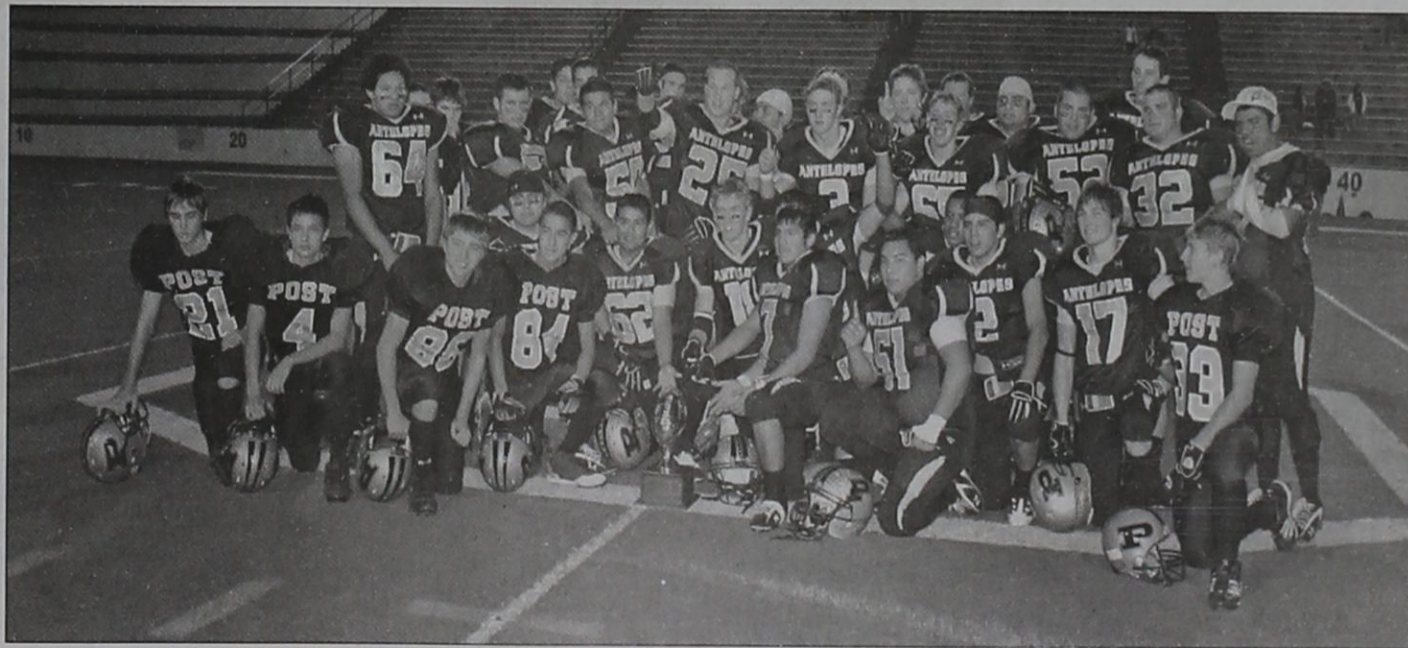
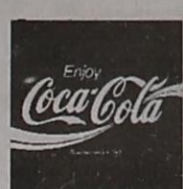
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