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These 7 Pride of Post band members will be competing at the state level later this spring. (from left) Amanda Duran, Taylor Smith, Julie Boren, Kat Villalon, Kambry Mason, Crystal Sanchez, and Darlene Araiza. In order to advance to State, a musician must play a memorized Grade One solo or a Grade One ensemble from a UIL Music Committee list. Flute players Araiza, Sanchez, Smith, Duran, Mason and Boren played a lullaby, "All Through the Night." Kat Villalon, Senior percussionist, played a snare drum piece, "The Winner." Praising the flute ensemble, Band Director Aaron Rathbun said, "We never did get everyone together at one time. These girls are very involved with many activities, but they each learned their part and made it happen when the time came." He continued, "Kat has been working on going to state for two years. I am very proud to say that she did it this time!" Rathbun had praise for all of the band members who competed well at the regional level. "I love these kids. They make our school look good." The director also expressed appreciation to his assistant, Bernie Tackitt "for the computer know-how and evening ensemble and solo work with the students" and thanked Sheri Richards for accompanying the students, "what a blessing!"

Photo by Rosa Latimer.

## MTC recognizes outstanding employees



Recently recognized as outstanding employees for 2009 at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility are from left: Employee of the Year, Courtney Blacklock; Supervisor of the Year, Ricky Hernandez and Security Employee of the Year, Terri Brewer.

Courtesy photo

Annual awards for 2009 were presented in February at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. Warden Kerry Dixon handed out a check and a commemorative plaque to each of the following: Employee of the Year, Courtney Blacklock; Security Employee of the Year, Terri Brewer and Supervisor of the Year, Ricky Hernandez.

These winners were selected by employee vote. The nominees for the annual awards were employees who had been chosen as facility employees of the

month during 2009. The following employees received monthly recognition:

Employee of the Month: Manuel Mendez, Ronnie Riggs, Joel Poe, Pamela Killough, Luis Garcia, Sue Williams, Mindy Short, Angela Ward, Thomas Roland, Raul Gomez, and Steve Mason

Security: David Graves, Joseph Whitfill, Justin Garcia, Glenda McClellan, Magalena Gonzales, Martin Nava, Caleb Vaca, Evan Dickman, Michael Valdez, Aaron Dickman, and

Joseph Alvarez.  
Supervisor: Ruben Flores, Randy Britton, Sgt. Joey Cimental, Renee Gearhart, David Nobles, Lt. Susan Little, John Powell, Nora Ratke, Sara Mackey, Raquel Britton and Lt. Brent Hogan.

Other employees recognized included the facility's Health & Wellness Impact Winners: Freda Harper, Most Weight Lost and William Keith Bell, Most Miles Logged. The award will be  
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## Benham, Sanchez in Run Off

By Rosa Latimer  
News Editor

In the only contested local race in the Primary Election, none of the four Democratic candidates in the Precinct 4 County Commissioners race garnered enough votes to prevent a run-off election.

Jerry Benham with 41 votes (36.29 percent) and incumbent Mike Sanchez with 32 votes (28.32 percent) are heading for a run-off election in April. Gary (Red) Workman received 24 votes (21.24 percent) and Joe Stanley got 16 votes (14.16 percent).

Sanchez had a small lead when early voting ended; however, a surge from supporters on Primary Election Day ensured Benham a place in the runoff election. A total of 705 ballots were cast in Garza County; Democratic Party, 173 and Republican Party, 532.

In the Republican Primary race for State Representative, District 85, Jim Landtroop of Plainview received 383 votes in Garza County. His opponent, David Andrews of Big Spring earned 96 votes. Landtroop will face Democratic incumbent Joe Heflin in the November election.

In the primary contests for governor, Garza County voters cast 288 votes for Republican candidate Rick Perry; 202 for Kay Bailey Hutchison and 38 for Debra

Medina. Of the seven Democratic candidates for governor, Bill White received the most Garza County votes with 69. Other totals were: Farouk Shami, 20; Felix (Rodriguez) Alvarado, 12; Clement E. Glenn, 10; Bill Dear, 7; Alma Ludivina Aguado, 6 and Star Locke, 1.

In the Democratic primary race for Commissioner of Agriculture, Garza County voters gave Richard "Kinky" Friedman the edge over Hank Gilbert, casting 65 votes for Friedman and 59 for Gilbert. Statewide, the unofficial primary election results in this race gave Gilbert 53% of the votes.

Early voting for the runoff election for Precinct 4 County Commissioner will begin April 5 and continue for one week until April 9. Runoff Election Day is April 13.

Only registered voters who live in Voting Precincts (Boxes) 4 and 6 can vote in the runoff election. Since these are Democratic candidates, those in these precincts who voted in the Republican primary, cannot vote in the Democratic runoff election. However, if you didn't vote in either Democratic or Republican Primary Elections and you live in Voting Precincts (Boxes) 4 and 6, you can cast a vote in the Democratic Primary Precinct 4 County Commissioners run off election.

## Local election filing date looms

The Primary for the November General Election may be behind us, but there are still plenty of local elections on the horizon. Filing deadlines for these contests are next week, Monday, March 8. City, School Board, Garza County Health Care District and Garza County Underground Water Conservation District elections will be May 8 with early voting beginning April 26.

Two At Large positions on the Post ISD School Board are up for election. These spots are currently held by Diann Windham and Billy Max Gordon. According to Kay Postell, Early Voting Clerk, at press time three candidates have filed for the two positions: Robbie Williams, Theresa Doggett and Diann Windham for re-election.

The Garza County UWCD

will elect directors for Precinct 2 and 4 and one At Large position on the board. These positions are currently held by Dicky Wallace, Pct. 2; John Boren, Pct. 4 and Ronald Thuett, At-Large.

As reported last week, the City of Post election will fill positions for Ward 3, currently held by Tommy Basquez; Ward 4, held by James Easterling and Ward 5, currently held by Rodney Tidwell in the May 8 election. At press time, City Secretary Deana Watson reported that no candidates have filed for these positions on the City Council.

The Garza County Health Care District has 3 positions open: Precinct 1 currently held by Edna Owen; Precinct 2 currently held by Ray Bagby and an At Large

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## Post Notes

### Holy Cross Fish Fry

The annual Holy Cross fish fry will begin Friday, February 19 in the church hall, serving 5 to 7 p.m. A plate includes potato salad, cole slaw, beans and fish for \$7. The fish fry will continue every Friday through Lent.

### Old Mill Trade Day Downtown March 6

Vendors of all types are invited to participate in Old Mill Trade Day Downtown, Saturday, March 6. Vendors are set up outdoors downtown on East Main. There is a \$25 set up fee per event. For more information or to reserve vendor space, call the Chamber

office, 495-3461. Old Mill Trade Day Downtown is sponsored by Post City Merchants and Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

### Chamber Cash Giveaway

The next Post Area Chamber of Commerce cash giveaway will be Saturday, March 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spend \$25 dollars in Garza County (including Old Mill Trade Day Downtown Vendors) and come by the Chamber office to draw for cash up to \$250 and other prizes.

### Election Returns

For the results of the March 2, 2010 Republican and Democratic Party Primaries, go to [www.garza-county.net](http://www.garza-county.net) and click on "Election Returns."

### VFW Post 6797 Meetings

The VFW Post 6797 Men and Ladies Auxiliary will meet Monday, March 8 at the Post on the Clairmont Highway at 6 p.m. All members are urged to be there. Anyone needing transportation call the commander Chuck Ratliff (495-2026) and he will see that you have a way to the meeting. Ladies, remember to bring a covered dish for pot luck supper.

### Post Little League

There will be a coaches/managers meeting on March 22 at 7 p.m.

at the Fellowship Spring Church. Anyone interested in coaching or managing a team needs to attend. For more information, call 782-6296 or 549-3987.

### PHS Class of 1990 Reunion

Can you believe it has almost been 20 years since we roamed the halls of Post High School? The date for the reunion is July 3, 2010, here in Post. Pay your reunion fee to Susie Barboza (Class Treasurer) at Wells Fargo. The cost is: \$25 per classmate, \$10 with spouse, or \$40 for the family. We also have an "early bird" special of \$20 for the classmates if you pay by April 1, 2010. For more information vis-

it our website, [www.phs90lopelegends.webs.com](http://www.phs90lopelegends.webs.com) or call Cornelio "Corky" Saldivar, 956-281-4058.

### Class of 1980 Reunion

Class of 1980 is looking for all classmates in preparation for our 30 Year class reunion set for Saturday July 3, 2010. Anyone interested in attending or who would like more information contact Leanna Davis on Facebook or email Jenny Thomas Touchstone at [jilhtouchstone@hotmail.com](mailto:jilhtouchstone@hotmail.com) or call her at 361-296-3772. We need all classmates' addresses so we can get information to you. Hope to see everyone there.



# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Hello everyone, sorry I missed last week; made a mad dash to Lubbock with my son last Wednesday and just completely forgot about sending in my column. Because of this I have a lot to report this week.

First of all, congratulations to Eva Gonzales on the birth of her new great-grandbaby; Zackary Michael Gonzales was born on December 17<sup>th</sup> to Mikey and Marisa. Zack is also the grandson of Joni Huffman and Otis Shepherd and the late Michael and Jackie Gonzales and the great-grandson of the late Mike Gonzales.

Raegan and I along with the rest of the "Bush Clan" traveled to Brownwood last weekend to attend the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our

Uncle, Harold Reno. While there we got to visit with him, Aunt Niece, Joe and Kay; Roger and Darla and their families; It was a fun time. Happy Birthday Uncle Harold!

Charles and Sharron Morris traveled to Sweetwater to watch Brooke play softball, when finished they traveled to San Angelo to witness the commissioning of Kayla's fiancé, Dan'l Richardson. Kayla got to pin his marine bars on his shoulder while her parents, Barry and Amy; sister, Brooke; grandparents, Charles and Sharron Morris looked on. Dan'l's family was also there. Kayla and Dan'l are getting married this Saturday.

Congratulations to Russ Morris and Raylea Underwood on a job well done at the

stock show held in San Angelo. Houston is next; I'm not sure who all is going but congratulations to all who do.

I have to send a BIG Ragtown Hello to Kerri Stephens who lives in California. Kerri is a cousin to John Bill Hedrick and John tells me she loves to read "In and Around Close City". Come see us next time you are in Texas, Kerri.

Our next fundraiser for the Close City School Restoration Project will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have a HUGE rummage sale so we are asking for everyone to save your unwanted junk, we want it. Just give us a call and we will come and pick it up or you can drop it off to us. Keep watching the

paper and website for the place and time as it gets closer to April. If anyone would like a report on the progress we have made, do not hesitate to call and ask. Also, if you are not on our email list and would like to be let us know.

Visit our blog at <http://closecitycoopin.blogspot.com>; we have all sorts of info on there as well as some really good recipes and some fun pictures. If any of you Close City people have a picture or a recipe you would like for me to put on the site send it to me, I'd be glad to do so.

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## Weekly Inspirations

### CALM DOWN FREDDIE

By Michael F. Taylor

Several years ago, I was at the local grocery store shopping with my wife and our two young daughters. I believe that Robin was about ten years old and Brittany was seven. And any of you who have young children or have raised children understand some of the issues with kids at the store. Joyce and I were struggling with one grabbing items and saying that she wanted this or that, and the other was on the other side of the aisle doing the same. I can recall that I was very frustrated at the whole situation and just about to say something when an interesting thing happened. I saw another young father with two little boys (probably not more than three and four years old respectively) experiencing the same thing that I was. Only he was dealing with both of these rambunctious boys by himself. As I began to take my attention off of my own problems and watch him, I noticed that he was looking at the older boy and kept saying "You need to calm down, FREDDIE. You need to calm down FREDDIE." The boy continued to get into things and the father would gently take the item from his hands and replace it on the store shelf to which the boy would let out a loud scream and have a tantrum right there in the middle of the store. As we passed by him I couldn't help but try to give him a word of encouragement and to comment on his apparent reserve in the face of adversity, said, "Sir, you should be congratulated on your gentle spirit in encouraging little Freddie to calm down." Without missing a beat he smiled and shot back, "Mr., thanks for the kind words, but I'm FREDDIE!"

When I think on this God seems to remind me of what His Son taught to us in Matthew Chapter 5, "Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. "Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." NIV

Those words spoken so many years ago by the Savior encourage us today about the trouble that we experience in our lives. Blessed are meek, for they will inherit the earth! Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy! Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of GOD! Just writing those words lifts my spirit and lets me know that even when I have a bad or even horrendous day, God is blessing me because I am a son of GOD! I almost want to break out into a course of "MAKES ME WANT TO SHOUT, KICK MY HEELS UP, AND SHOUT". I digress, Sorry! This is such Good News for us today, right here in Post, Texas in 2010. May the God truly bless you this week and never forget when the problems of life begin to pile up; blessed are the peacemakers!

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 6:5

Visit any one of these businesses and churches and you will find wonderful Post City people and those who support Post.



## Post Residents Earn Degrees

Lubbock Christian University held commencement exercises in December and among those that graduated were Kyzandre Ashley and Laurel Helms of Post.

Ashley graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. While at LCU, she was named on the President's list for several semesters. She is the daughter of the late Mike Harper and Freda Harper of Post and is married to Clay Ashley.

Helms graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Communications. While at LCU, she was a member of Chistliche Damen women's social club and served as Chaplain and President. She was also an Orientation Leader for GO! Freshmen orientation, and she was named on the Dean's list for several semesters. She is the daughter of Tim and Leslie Tatum of Post.

## Hanks & Company Entertains Opry Crowd

"Hanks & Company" 17 yrs. old, performing bluegrass music entertained a large crowd at the Graham Ole Opry on Saturday evening. The group also played during the Sunday morning worship service at First United Methodist Church in Post.

The group is composed of Post native, Debbie Ethridge Hanks and her husband, Eddie of Seymour. Debbie plays the stand-up bass and does lead and harmony vocals. Eddie is an accomplished banjo and mandolin player as well as sings lead and harmony. Their accompanists are Danny Milner on lead guitar and vocals and Jasey Davis,

17 yrs. old, performing bluegrass music entertained a large crowd at the Graham Ole Opry on Saturday evening. The group also played during the Sunday morning worship service at First United Methodist Church in Post.

"Hanks & Company" were in Lubbock last week at the Lakeridge Country Club where they released their first CD.

The Opry concession stand and the "passing of the hat" contributions totaled \$373 to help with the upkeep of the center.

The next Graham Ole Opry will be March 27.



## Southland News

By Brad Ellison, Principal

Congratulations to our kids that competed this past week at San Angelo. All of our kids competed very well and worked very hard. Results of the show are as follows: **CTBR Show:**

### Duroc 1

Devin Blanton-4<sup>th</sup>

Showed very well but did not make the first cut.

Jaden Binford

Trevor Metcalf

### Duroc 2

Devin Blanton 4<sup>th</sup>

### Hamp 1

Devin Blanton 3<sup>rd</sup>

### York Class 1

Trevor Metcalf 5<sup>th</sup> in Class

### Spot 1

Jaden Binford and Dallyn Fogerson did not make the first cut but showed great.

### Spot 3

Callie Odom 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class

### Landrace

Devin Blanton- Reserve

### Breed Champion!!!

#### Chester

Tanner Odom did not make it past the first round. Showed well.

#### Cross Light weight

Tanner Odom sifted

#### Medium Weight

Brendon Clanton sifted showed well.

#### Medium Weight

Devin Blanton 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Heavy Weight

Devin Blanton 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> very good.

Corbin Mason sifted but showed very well

#### Heavy

Devin Blanton 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Heavy

Devin Blanton and Corbin Mason sifted but did very well.

#### Junior Breeding Show Results

Devin Blanton- Duroc 1<sup>st</sup> in Class

### Barrow Show

Devin Blanton 7<sup>th</sup>/ 11th York

#### RABBIT SHOW:

**M'Keison Guerrero-** Showmanship Award  
Blue Eye White Netherland Dwarf 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Thrianta 1<sup>st</sup> place and Best of Breed

#### Ashlee Graves-

Netherland Dwarf Senior Buck Ace 1st place  
Netherland Dwarf Junior Buck Bob midnight 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Netherland Dwarf Junior Buck Patton 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Netherland Dwarf Senior Buck Otter 3<sup>rd</sup> place

#### EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK:

High School track at Klondike on Friday.

#### EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Junior High Track at Dawson on Thursday.  
High School Track at Dawson on Friday.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Spring break begins march 15<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>

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## Extension Extras

### Club Meeting

The next club meeting will be March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Extension Office.

### Photography

You can still join the photography project, just contact the office and come to the next meeting!!

### Cookbooks

If you would like to purchase a Hometown Holiday cookbook, please come by the office and get yours today. They are \$10.

### Fund Raiser

The Consumer Decision Making team is selling candy to help fund their trip to the State Competition. We have some in the office or you can buy yours from Reed or Audree Williams, Dakota

McDonald, or Ja D Young. **Community Service Opportunity**

Heads up to all Garza County 4-H members! Donate unwanted items to help with the Close City School Restoration Fund. Call the office for more information. Extension Office: 215 W

## SHOP IN POST

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## Chamber News

The Harlem Ambassador game was last Sunday and everyone had a great time. It was a great event! Our local team, the PACcers, played a tough game and everyone had a great time. We appreciate the fans, the players, the sponsors and all

of our volunteers. It was good to see the community having fun right here in Post. The players for the Ambassadors were very impressed with the Arena and said they have never been treated better than they were in Post.

We want to welcome our newest Chamber member, Rusty's Cottage. Rusty's Cottage, owned by Juanita Dean and Teri Doggett, is a wonderful place accommodation available for overnight rental. Call 495-2555 for details.

This Saturday is Old Mill Trade Day Downtown from 9-6. We will also have our Chamber Cash Giveaway from 9-5. Spend \$25 dollars in Garza County this Saturday, including Old Mill Trade Day Downtown vendors, bring your receipt to the Chamber office and draw for a chance to win cash and prizes. Our grand prize will be \$250.00.

Congratulations to our members of the week: Gold Member, STANDARD ENERGY SERVICE and Silver Member, D & D WINCo2.



MEMBER OF THE WEEK - SILVER MEMBER D & D WINCo2



MEMBER OF THE WEEK - GOLD MEMBER STANDARD ENERGY SERVICE

## QuailMaster Workshops Begin in April

"Understanding the Quail Equation" is the theme for the quail management workshop series that will be co-conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Wildlife Association. Organizers said the workshops are meant for serious students of quail management and stress that participation is required at all four workshops.

The dates are: April 25-27 in Midland; June 6-8 - location to be announced; Aug. 15-17 in Truth or Consequences, N.M. and Oct. 24-26 in Alpine.

The workshops will be coordinated and led by Dr. Dale Rollins, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo. Rollins will be joined by Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at Amarillo, and Karla Welch, an educational consultant with the Texas Wildlife Association.

Rollins said this year's QuailMasters effort includes all four species of Texas quails, but that the scaled quail ("blue quail") will be this year's primary focus. The program will target landowners interested in quail management, quail hunters, Master Naturalists and college students seeking up-to-date quail information. "This year's workshop is an encore performance of sorts," said Rollins. "One of our participants from last year's class challenged

us to hold a class featuring the desert quails, so that's what we are doing."

"Be forewarned though that these workshops aren't meant for the "arm-chair" student of quail. The topics, exercises and homework will be rigorous, thought-provoking and taught at a college senior level."

He said hands-on exercises and a mix of lectures and field trips will round out the curriculum.

"Our goal is to make the students quail experts," he said. "We want graduates to be comfortable in speaking knowledgeably on quail biology, ecology, technology and sociology."

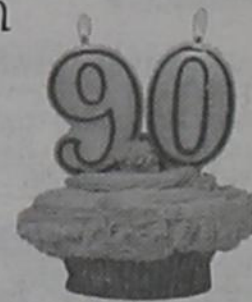
"Students will travel to some of the top quail ranches in the southwestern U.S. to experience firsthand how good management can

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Photo by Lance Dunn

Lady Lopes are shown with their second place trophy after the Sweetwater Tournament last weekend. (back, from left) Chelci Hair, Branda Stevens, Tiny Williams, Hailey Berry, Bethany Berry, Caitlin Cravy, Danica Williams, Kelsey Overton and Kari Dunn; (front, from left) Alex Miller, Brooke Morris, and Miranda Hair.



Photo by Lance Dunn

Miranda Hair (40) beats the throw home to score against Muleshoe.

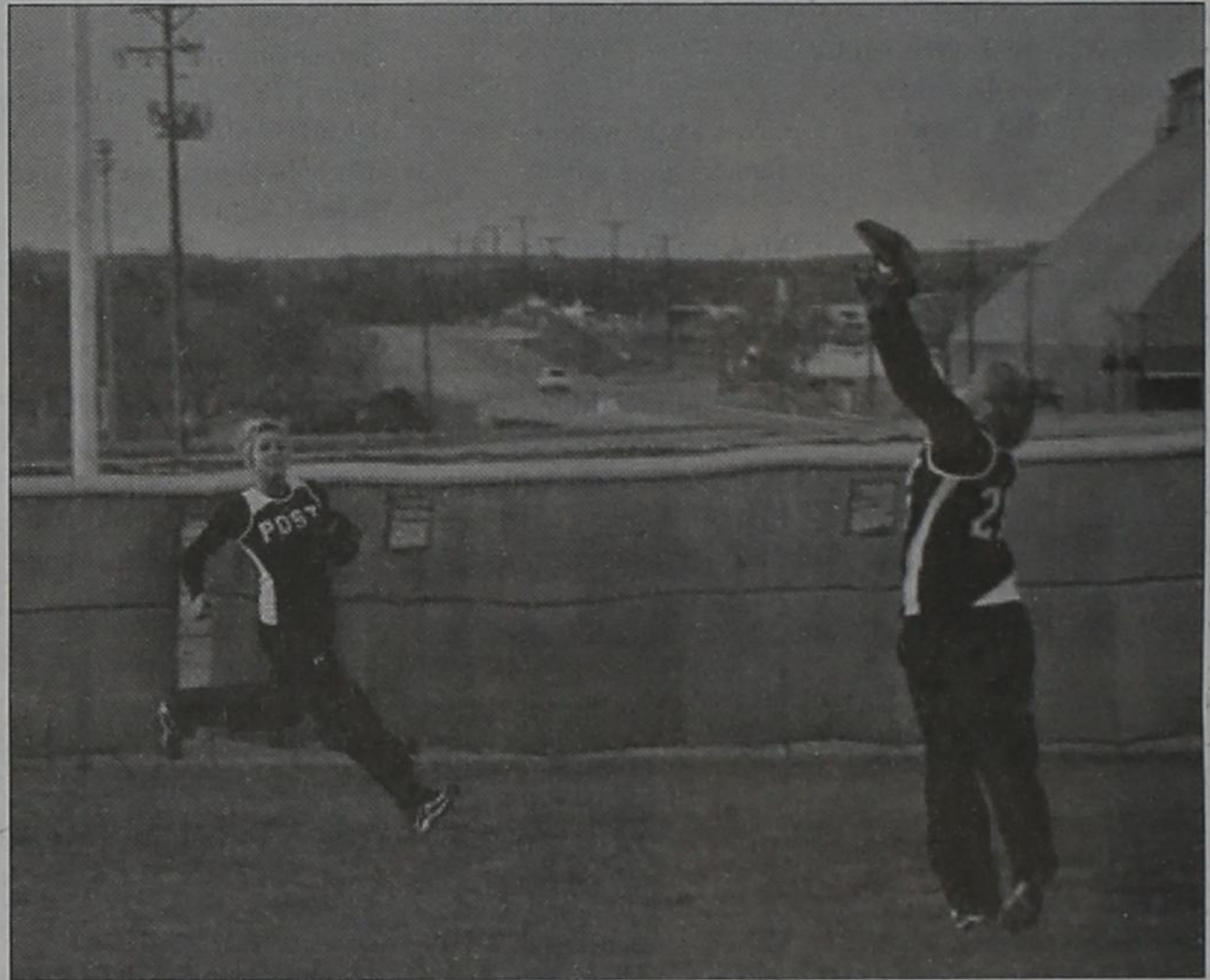


Photo by Lance Dunn

Kari Dunn hauls in a fly ball to the gap in left center field as Branda Stevens closes in to back her up during the Sweetwater Tournament last weekend.

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FEB 2 #	FLOYDADA	V/JV	T	4:30
FEB 6 #	LAMESA	V/JV	H	12:00
FEB 9 #	TBA			
FEB 13	TAHOKA	V/JV	T	11:00
FEB 16	MULESHOE	V/JV	T	4:30
FEB 20	FLOYDADA	V/JV	H	12:00
FEB 23	TAHOKA	V/JV	H	5:00
FEB 25/27	SWEETWATER TOURN	V	T	TBA
MAR 2	MULESHOE	V/JV	H	5:00
MAR 4/6	JV POST TOURNAMENT	V	H	TBA
MAR 4/6	RALLS TOURNAMENT	V	T	TBA
MAR 9	GREENWOOD	V	T	5:00
MAR 11/13	POST TOURNAMENT	V	H	TBA
MAR 18	SNYDER	V/JV	T	5:00
MAR 20	IDALOU	V	T	12:00
MAR 23	DENVER CITY	V/JV	H	5:00
MAR 27	ROOSEVELT	V/JV	T	12:00
MAR 30	SHALLOWATER	V/JV	H	5:00
APR 2	SLATON	V/JV	T	12:00
APR 6	IDALOU	V	H	5:00
APR 10	DENVER CITY	V/JV	T	12:00
APR 13	ROOSEVELT	V/JV	H	5:00
APR 17	SHALLOWATER	V/JV	T	12:00
APR 20	SLATON	V/JV	H	5:00

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### Lady Lopes Find Success at Sweetwater

By Jim Plummer

The Post Lady Lopes softballers made it to the championship game of the Sweetwater Softball Tournament last Saturday, February 27, but lost to Fort Worth Southwest Christian, 6-2, to claim second place. Post got to the final game by defeating Ballinger 5-0 and Tahoka 3-1.

The tournament was highlighted with in-the-park home runs by Bethany Berry and Miranda Hair, exceptional catches by Kari Dunn and Caitlyn Cravy and notable behind the plate performances from Brooke Morris.

The varsity squad plays in the Ralls Tournament Thursday through Saturday while Post junior varsity hosts a tournament at David Nichols Park.



Photo by Lance Dunn

Bethany Berry (4) slides safely into second base in the championship game of the Sweetwater Tournament.

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## POST BOLD GOLD ANTELOPES

Jr. High and High School  
2010 Track and Field Schedule

### HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE - 2010

DATE	SITE
Friday March 5, 2010	Snyder
Friday March 12, 2010	Plains
Friday March 20, 2010	SPRING BREAK - No meet
Friday March 27, 2010	Sundown
Thursday April 1, 2010	Idalou
Friday April 9, 2010	TBA
Friday April 16, 2010	District 3- 2A Meet - Denver City
Friday April 23, 2010	REGIONAL QUALIFIERS MEET
Friday April 30/Sat May 1, 2010	Regional Meet - Odessa
Friday/Saturday May 14/15, 2010	State Track Meet - Austin

### JR HIGH SCHEDULE - 2010

Thursday March 4, 2010	Denver City
Thursday March 11, 2010	Abernathy
Thursday March 18, 2010	SPRING BREAK - No Meet
Thursday March 25, 2010	Slaton
Tuesday March 30, 2010	Idalou
Thursday April 8, 2010	TBA
Monday April 12, 2010	District 3 - 2A Meet Lubbock Roosevelt

## Anson Takes Baseball Clash

By Jim Plummer  
Sports Writer

The Bold Gold hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Norm Cash Clash here at David Nichols Park, last Thursday through Saturday welcoming the varsity baseball teams from Anson, Colorado City and Claude.

Post claimed the consolation trophy by dominating Colorado City 24-0. Anson and Claude made it to the final game with Anson taking the championship.

The Antelopes and Anson wrestled to a seven inning 2-2 tie in the cold blustery Thursday evening. Senior Aaron James pitched the distance and recorded nine strikeouts.

Anson was granted the tie breaker for the number of runners that reached second base.

On Friday, the Lopes met Claude and again played to a tie, 6-6 with Claude winning the tie breaker with more runners reaching third base.

Saturday was a full day of hardball at the Cash diamond as all four teams played two

games.

Post met Colorado City twice. In the first game, Vance Blair pitched the Lopes to a 16-3 victory with the help of a triple each from Ernie Saldivar and Clint Windham and doubles from John Bocko and Dalton Holly.

Windham and Bocko combined for a no hitter in the second game of the day, shutting out Colorado City 24-0. The game ended in the fifth inning due to the 10-run rule. From the plate, Post got extra base action from James, M.J. Wynn and Reed Williams. Windham slugged another triple to contribute to his first pitching win of the season.

Tuesday's scheduled game at Brownfield was cancelled. The varsity Lopes will play in this week's Tournament of Champions at Shallowater. The JV team is playing in a tournament at Lamesa.

Next Monday the JV welcomes Idalou and the varsity take on the Wildcats on Tuesday at Norm Cash Field for both teams' first district game.

## Two March LAH Bass Tournaments

There are two open tournaments scheduled at Lake Alan Henry this month:

**Saturday, March 13th:**

**Friendly Bass Tournaments; contact Erik Atkins, 806-577-2026. Registration is one hour before sunrise at boat ramp; start time is safe light; weigh-in at 3:00 p.m. at crappie dock.**

**Saturday, March 20th:**

**Jackpot Bass Club; contact Prissy Ary, 806-638-8230 or John Price, 806-549-2881. Registration is one hour before sunrise at boat ramp; start time is safe light; weigh-in at 3:00 p.m. at crappie dock.**

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## USDA announces Intent to Conduct General CRP Signup In 2010

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA has approved an additional 300,000 acres for conservation projects under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). These additional areas include 150,000 acres for the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Initiative; 50,000 acres for the Duck Nesting Habitat Initiative; and 100,000 acres for the Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds Initiative. Vilsack made this announcement at the Pheasant Fest annual meeting.

"Increasing acreage caps to meet the demand for these critical programs will help us do more for wildlife on the same number of acres," said Vilsack. "This is part of our efforts to target conservation to give the American taxpayer more bang for the buck in terms of improved water and air quality, reduced erosion, and benefits to the climate."

Secretary Vilsack also announced that USDA would conduct a general CRP signup later this year, with program details and the specific signup start date to be announced upon completion of an Environmental Impact Statement.

"It is my goal to ensure that we maximize CRP enrollment - and holding a general CRP signup is an additional step we can take to enroll acres in this program," said Vilsack.

Currently USDA's SAFE portfolio includes 75 approved projects in 22 states covering up to 500,000 acres. With these additional acres, SAFE projects may now cover up to 650,000 acres. SAFE helps state and regional agencies, non-profit organizations and others address local wildlife objectives by partnering with farmers and ranchers to restore wildlife habitats. SAFE provides conservation partners the flexibility to create projects and install conservation practices that target the specific needs of highly valued wildlife species. By developing SAFE projects, these organizations and their partners enhance the effectiveness of CRP by helping to establish higher quality habitat and healthier ecosystems for species of concern and other wildlife.

Restoring an additional 50,000 acres of wetland ecosystems for the Duck Nesting Habitat Initiative will provide nesting ducks with critical habitat, food and nesting cover as well as security from predators. This habitat encompasses ecosystems in the Prairie Pothole Region, including parts of Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. The initiative also benefits other wildlife species, filters runoff, recharges groundwater supplies, protects drinking water and reduces downstream flooding. With the additional acres, the

initiative is now authorized to cover up to 150,000 acres.

The Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds Initiative was created to provide 250,000 acres of early successional grass buffers along agricultural field borders. With these additional acres, upland bird habitat under the initiative may now total up to 350,000 acres. The initiative partners USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) with landowners, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 32 state fish and wildlife agencies, and numerous conservation and wildlife groups. CRP is the nation's largest private land conservation program with authority to enroll 32 million acres. CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat. For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit your local FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice), or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).

## LAKE ALAN HENRY DATA 2/26/10

Conservation pool elevation: 2220.00 feet  
above mean sea level

Elevation: 2216.16 feet, 3.84 feet low

Water Temperature: 45 to 47 degrees F

2010 cumulative precipitation: 3.15 inches

Provided by Mark A. Record, P.G., City of Lubbock, Lake Alan Henry

## Garza County Underground Water Conservation District News

**The annual check of the water level in irrigation wells has been performed. There have been 24 wells checked in January and February, 2010, all of which were also checked in 2009.**

**Most of the wells checked in 2010 showed a decline in the water level, ranging from 6 inches to 36 inches. Four wells showed a rise in the water level of 6 inches. The average decline of the 24 wells checked was 2.4 feet.**

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### Post Al-Anon

Family Group meeting/meets Monday at 8 p.m., Historic Presbyterian Church, 10th & Ave. K, behind United Supermarket in separate room from AA meeting. For more information call 495-3053.

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at which time and place the Board of Directors of said District will announce their own conclusions as to the exclusions of land or other property from the District and will consider petitions for exclusion of lands and other property from the District. All interested property owners are advised that they have the right to present petitions for exclusion of lands or other property and to offer evidence in support thereof, or to contest any proposed exclusion and to offer evidence in support thereof. All petitions for exclusion shall be filed with the District at least seven (7) days before the hearing and must clearly state the particular grounds on which the exclusion is sought as provided by Section 49.305(b), Texas Water Code, as amended. WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE DISTRICT THIS 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.

Mark Kirkpatrick, President Board of Directors  
ATTEST:  
Jim White, Secretary Board of Directors

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Proposals are to be submitted on or before 4PM, March 24, 2010, as detailed in the RFP.

### Thank You

The VFW Post 6797 and Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who donated items that were taken to Big Spring on February 27. Post always comes through for us and our veterans and we are very blessed to live in a community that cares.

We were able to give each veteran there puzzle books, pens, pencils, soap, shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste and deodorant. We had things left

over and that was given to the nurses at the desk to hand out when needed. Thank you again Post - you never forget a veteran.

## Menu

### Post ISD

#### March 8

Breakfast- Pancake on stick, syrup, fruit, milk  
Lunch- Baked potato, baby carrots, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk

#### March 9

Breakfast- Cinnamon toast, sausage link, fruit, milk  
Lunch- Pizza choice, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk

#### March 10

Breakfast- Malt-O-Meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk  
Lunch- Crispy chicken, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fancy gelatin, milk

#### March 11

Breakfast- Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk  
Lunch- Pizza, nachos grande, lettuce & tomatoes, orange smiles, cornbread, milk

#### March 12

Breakfast- Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk  
Lunch- Corndog, fried potatoes, broccoli, sparkly apple, crispy treat, milk

### Trailblazers

#### March 8

BBQ chicken, ranch potatoes, salad, roll, strawberry cake

#### March 9

Pork Roast, sweet potatoes bites, green beans, biscuit, jello/fruit

#### March 10

Chicken spaghetti, spinach, salad, garlic bread, banana pudding

#### March 11

Hamburger steak, black-eyed peas, cucumber salad, roll, applesauce cake

#### March 12

Smothered chicken macaroni/tomatoes, pea salad, biscuit, peanut butter/chocolate cake

### Southland ISD

#### March 8

Breakfast- Breakfast, juice, milk  
Lunch- Bean & cheese burrito, broccoli & cheese, seasoned corn, French bread stick, dessert, milk

#### March 9

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

#### March 10

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

#### March 11

Breakfast- Breakfast bar, yogurt, juice, milk  
Lunch- chicken fajitas, beans, corn, apricots, salad, milk

#### March 12

Breakfast- Breakfast burrito, juice, milk  
Lunch- Enchiladas, beans, rice, peaches, salad, milk

## The PACCers and Ambassadors Have Fun in Game

By Jim Plummer  
Sports Writer

The Harlem Ambassadors high flying basketball show was an occasion to remember. The fund raising event to benefit the restoration of the historic Santa Fe train depot was fun and exciting for the crowd of close to 600 people last Sunday afternoon at the Antelope Arena.

The undefeated Ambassadors kept their winning streak alive with a 91-79 win against the PACCers which was made up of current and former Post residents/basketball enthusiasts.

The event was sponsored and organized by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) with the intent of providing a fun community event while raising funds for the depot restoration project. According to PACC President Lisa Kirkpatrick the event met both objectives.

The PACCers were led in scoring by 2005 PHS graduate Jerrad Grisham with 16 points including three dunks, two

of which were from alley-oop passes from former Antelope teammate Sterling Smith. Other PACCers adding to the tally were: Cheyenne White 3, Dusty Osborne 2, Melissa Elliot 4, Sterling Smith 5, Jason Powell 2, Erek Mackey 4, Shad Sturgeon 1, Ben Edwards 6, Monty Dissinger 3, Roby Lester 4 and Craig Bigham 2.

At halftime, the PACCers trailed 39-27 and before the third period got started, the Ambassadors offered to spot the Post team 15 points to put them ahead 42-39 to start the second half. The home team and crowd accepted the offer.

The Ambassadors turned up the offense and put 33 points on the board in the third while Post chipped in 25. After the Ambassadors re-took the lead the rest was fun and hijinks that entertained the crowd.

Ambassadors	18	21	31	19 - 91
PACCers	11	16	15	25 - 79

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# The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

## Happy Birthday

My wife had a birthday a couple of days ago. Normally, that is not a topic I would choose to write about. Today, it's all I feel like I can write about.

After her colon ruptured and she underwent emergency surgery on October 6, I wondered what was in store for us. Would she live? If so, what would her quality of life be? What was her long-term prognosis?

Life has been hectic since the fall. We both missed a tremendous amount of work over the final quarter of 2009 and have now spent months trying to catch up.

Sharon has her hands full at the store and I've got the newspapers which have undergone a series of transformations.

Our house is in a shambles as we are having some much needed work done to the 94-year-old structure.

Our boys continue to grow and learn and are the absolute joys of our life.

Currently, we are living with Sharon's parents as the dust from the work on our house forced us out.

Some of you men might be wondering what it would be like living under your in-law's roof. I can honestly say my in-laws have been wonderful. They have been most accommodating and handle the added noise and clutter very well.

My mother-in-law has been keeping up with the laundry and spending too much time preparing food. She could be construed as stubborn, but since she reads this, I digress.

In the days leading up to her birthday, I was very busy and didn't give it much thought. When it finally dawned on me that it was here, a sudden rush of emotion hit me like a punch in the stomach. It's hard to admit that there were points when I doubted this day would come ... at least with her.

There was no big party, no fantastic trip and no fanfare. Just a beautiful wife and mother who was still with us ... teaching us, inspiring us and loving us.

Now I'll probably be in trouble for writing about these things. They should be considered private. But, as I wrote some months ago, when it comes to this column, readers are going to have to take what I can give them and sometimes all I have in my heart to write about is her.

Even though the day came and went quietly, it was obvious Sharon was on all of our minds. And each February 28 will be a very happy birthday for years to come.

*Christopher Blackburn is the president of Blackburn Media Group, owner of this publication.*

# Yesteryears

Compiled by Kristen Odom From The Post Dispatch

### 10 years ago

March 2, 2000

Recently inducted into the Post High School National Honor Society were Meagn Mills, Lauren Webb, Tandi Humble, Laci Williams and Marcus Lopez.

PHS debate team members earning berths at the state competition in Austin were Scotty Gaydos and Kelci Hart, first place; Russell Eaton and Priscilla Gonzalas, third place and first alternate; and Kenda Josey and Colby Miller, fourth place and second alternate.

A safety rail was installed at the PHS football stadium thanks to the efforts of Post High School Ag Metal Fabrication students. Helping with the project were Kurt Moore, Steve Martinez, Gene Bell, Ross Babb, Randy Moore, John Eilenberger and Brian Ellison. Students worked under the supervision of Ag Science teacher Perry Smith.

PHS Ag Mechanics class students Randy Moore, Hector Reyna, Matt Norman, Adrian Gonzales, Frank Shultz and instructor Perry Smith designed and manufactured a special 8 ft. basketball backboard and net for first and second grade little dribblers.

### 20 years ago

March 7, 1990

To mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Green Thumb Program in Texas, Garza County Judge E.A. Howard, Jr., issued a proclamation designating the week of March 11-17 as "Hire the Older Worker Week". County Commissioner Ted Aten joined Judge Howard in honoring the more than 1,000 Green Thumb members in Texas, including six in Garza County.

PHS Band Division I rated members are Anthony Cruse, Michael Voss, Ruth Ann Gutierrez, Josh Bush, Rene Armendariz, Darren Wood, Krishna Bush, Laura Norman, Tyra Hart and Lou Ann Ammons.

Participating in the STTA, Division I meet in Post were High Rollers Stace Norman, Tye Mason, Ronnie Jay Parris, Chris Massey, Eric Garza, Paul Garza and Barrett Scrivner.

Earning Division I and II honors in U.I.L. competition were Post High School choir students Jana Hudman, Angela Bailey, Lannie Lee, Kristy Hodges and Mary Ann Cooper.

The Post Varsity boys' track team placed second at Whirlwind Relays at Floydada, earning 125 points.

### 30 years ago

March 6, 1990

Jess Knight, the Justiceburg cowboy who is back to riding saddle broncs on the pro rodeo circuit after recovering from a leg broken two years ago, scored his biggest win ever when he became champion saddle bronc rider of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in the Astrodome.

Innis Thuett celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with her children, grandchildren and

great-grandchildren in her home.

Home Box Office (HBO), the nation's largest cable TV network, was offered viewers in Post a free trial from March 15-31.

The Post Parent-Teachers Association treated teachers, staff, administration and school board members to an appreciation salad luncheon in the school cafeteria. Approximately 80 guests from the schools attended. Special guests were Mrs. Marilyn Brown, Mrs. Alice Temple and Mrs. Elsie Smith, PTA officials from Lubbock.

### 40 years ago

March 5, 1970

Three sisters with the same birthday, but none the same age, celebrated at their birthday party in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.K. Pierce. They include Mrs. Janice Grape and Mrs. Patsy White, both of Austin, and Mrs. Sharla Wells of Post.

Approximately 125 Cub Scouts, parents and other guests attended the Cubs' annual Blue and Gold banquet in the school lunchroom, with the announcement of the "Genius Kit" contest winners as one of the program highlights. The over-all first prize went to Daniel Morrow who, with the assistance of his father, Charles Morrow, built a circus with their Genius kit.

The district championship Post Does had seven who were named All-District. The Windham twins, Karon and Sharon were named the district's outstanding forwards, with the Does' other forward Sherry Bird, making the all-loop team. Making the all-district at guard position were Kay Altman, Kay Herron, Nancy Hart and Pam Petty.

Boyd Noble, the Post Antelope 6-11 pivot man, averaged 21 points this season - his final one in high school basketball.

### 50 years ago

March 3, 1960

Sammie Maddox, secretary at Garza Memorial Hospital and Sybil Mayberry look over the new portable X-ray machine recently purchased by the hospital.

Bad weather failed to completely halt open house activities at Post Elementary School during observance of Texas Public Schools Week.

Victor Hudman, Jr., freshman student from Post, was named o the honor roll at McMurry College for the fall semester.

The cast was selected for the junior class play, "Cracked Nuts". The cast will be as follows: Peggy- Carolyn Martin; Billy-Gary Simpson; Ginger- Billie Lou Hill; Pete-Jimmy Minor; Delicious- Frankie Howell; Confusion- Charles Gordon; Professor Beamish- Joel Morris; Mrs. DeWeese-Virginia Young; Adelbert- Forrest Claborn; and Mrs. Garfinkle- Janene Haynie.

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## Were the Founding Fathers Media Socialists?

By Don Watkins

The Federal Communications Commission's Chief Diversity Officer, Mark Lloyd, wants government to socialize the media. In his 2006 book *Prologue to a Farce*, Lloyd calls for a far-reaching government program that would straitjacket private media companies and funnel tens of billions of dollars into a tax-supported "public" media - an agenda shared by many of his associates. A massive nonprofit media run by the state would better inform Americans, Lloyd claims, although, feeling generous, he allows that "there should be a place for private communications services in a republic.

You might think this radical call for government control of the media is at odds with the First Amendment and the ideals of its authors. Not according to Lloyd and his fellow travelers, who portray their vision of a government-funded press as a continuation of the American tradition. The Founders, they say, weren't committed to protecting a profit-seeking press from government control. Instead, their primary concern was making sure the press could effectively educate and inform Americans, and they obsessively sought to subsidize the press in order to achieve that goal.

Let's review the facts. During the founding era, America was buzzing with newspapers - all of them privately owned and for-profit. Profit-seeking was so much a part of the American press that, as Professor Paul Starr notes, "The word 'advertiser' appeared in the title of 5 of 8 dailies published in 1790 and 20 of 24 dailies in 1800." The Founders did not curtail this profit-seeking press or supplement it with a government press. Instead they created a limited, rights-protecting government that secured freedom of speech and of the press. They were keenly aware that a free country depended on the free communication of ideas; indeed, it was America's burgeoning press that had helped transform the colonists from loyal subjects into intransigent rebels, something that would have been impossible had the British government controlled or restricted the press.

Lloyd's plan is point for point a repudiation of the Founders' ideals.

Lloyd advocates billions in new taxes on the private media, while the Founders reviled the 1765 Stamp Act, which sparked the chain of events climaxing in the Revolution, in large measure because it taxed the press.

Lloyd calls for "federal regulations over commercial broadcast and cable programs regarding political advertising and commentary, educational programs for children" and even "the number of commercials" they can run, while the Founders solemnly declared that "Congress shall make no law" abridging the

freedom of speech.

Lloyd advocates a government-run "public" media that would force you to support through taxes ideas you may oppose, while the Founders recognized the individual's freedom of conscience, which includes the right *not* to support views you object to.

The most Lloyd can dig up to substantiate his claim that a sprawling "public" press and crippling restrictions on the private press are consistent with the Founders' ideals is an obscure 1792 act that reduced postal shipping rates for newspapers. According to Lloyd, the Founders' "advocacy of the Postal Act of 1792 put communication service and a subsidy for political discourse at the center of our republic."

It was not a subsidy but *freedom* that the Founders put at the center of our republic. Even if we grant Lloyd that the Founders supported the Postal Act because they saw

a modest role for government in promoting the spread of news, an objective assessment of such support would have to conclude that it *contradicts* their fundamental commitment to a free press. The reporting of news must be left to the voluntary actions of private individuals - any news subsidy inevitably sets the stage for government control of the press (just observe Washington's intrusion into the affairs of today's bailout recipients).

At the deepest level, Lloyd's is an act of moral embezzlement. He is using what is at most a minor inconsistency on the part of the Founders to smash their achievement and destroy America's free press. The FCC's adoption of his proposals would not continue the American tradition. It would end it.

*Don Watkins is an analyst with the Ayn Rand Center for Individual Rights.*



### Good Time at Basketball Game

Our family had a really good time at the basketball game Sunday afternoon. The show was fun and we liked having a place to go right here in Post. Thank you.

### Thank You

I was impressed by how many sponsors were listed on banners at the Harlem Ambassador game. Thank you for making this event possible for our community. I can only imagine how much work and money it took to bring this team to Post. Thank you to the Chamber, the Sponsors and anyone else who helped.

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# Harlem Ambassadors In Post



Photo by Jim Plummer  
Members of the Harlem Ambassadors entertain the large crowd who attended the game in Antelope Arena Sunday afternoon. Proceeds from the event will be used in the restoration project at the historical Santa Fe depot in Post.



Photo by Jim Plummer  
Dr. Ben Edwards shoots 2 points for the home team as Charles Elmore watches the ball go into the basket. Two members of the Harlem Ambassadors team try to defend.

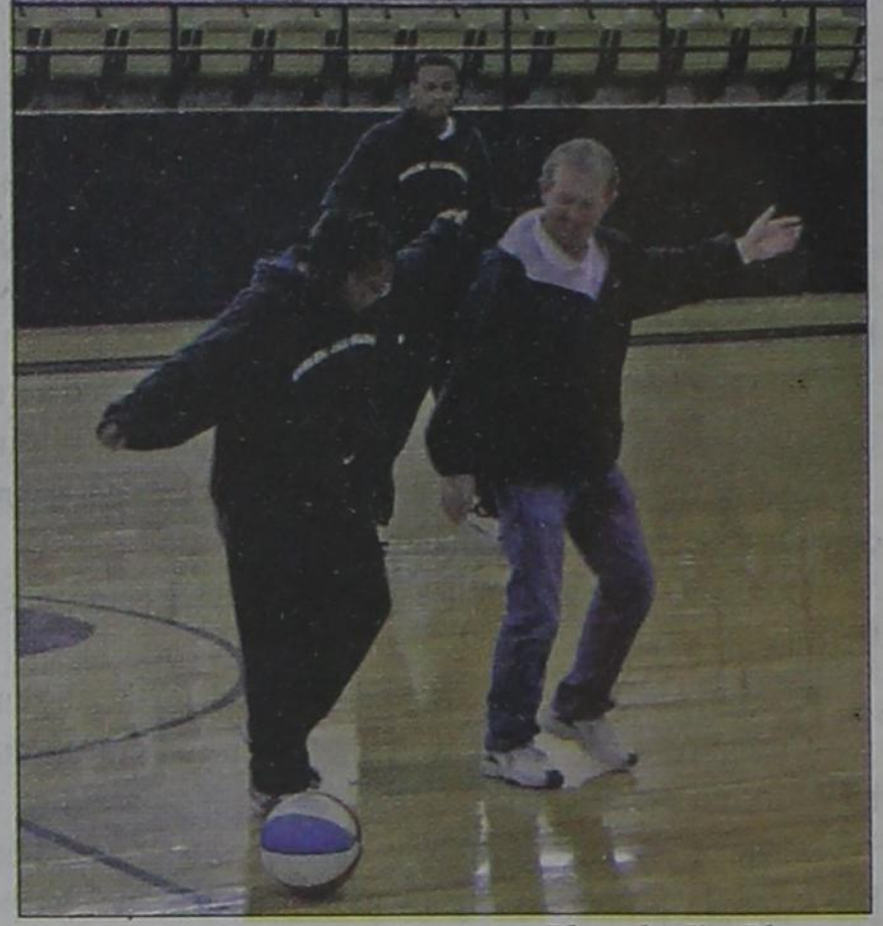


Photo by Jim Plummer  
Coach Kevin James joins members of the Harlem Ambassadors in a dance routine during an assembly for Post ISD students last Friday. In addition to having fun with teachers and students, the Harlem Ambassadors demonstrated their basketball skills to the students and spoke about the importance of getting an education and making smart choices.



Photo by Rosa Latimer  
Katie Colvin, Post 7<sup>th</sup> grader, tries to defend against a Harlem Ambassador during an assembly held for students Friday morning. Students chosen to scrimmage against the Ambassadors during the assembly were given special seats courtside during the game Sunday afternoon.

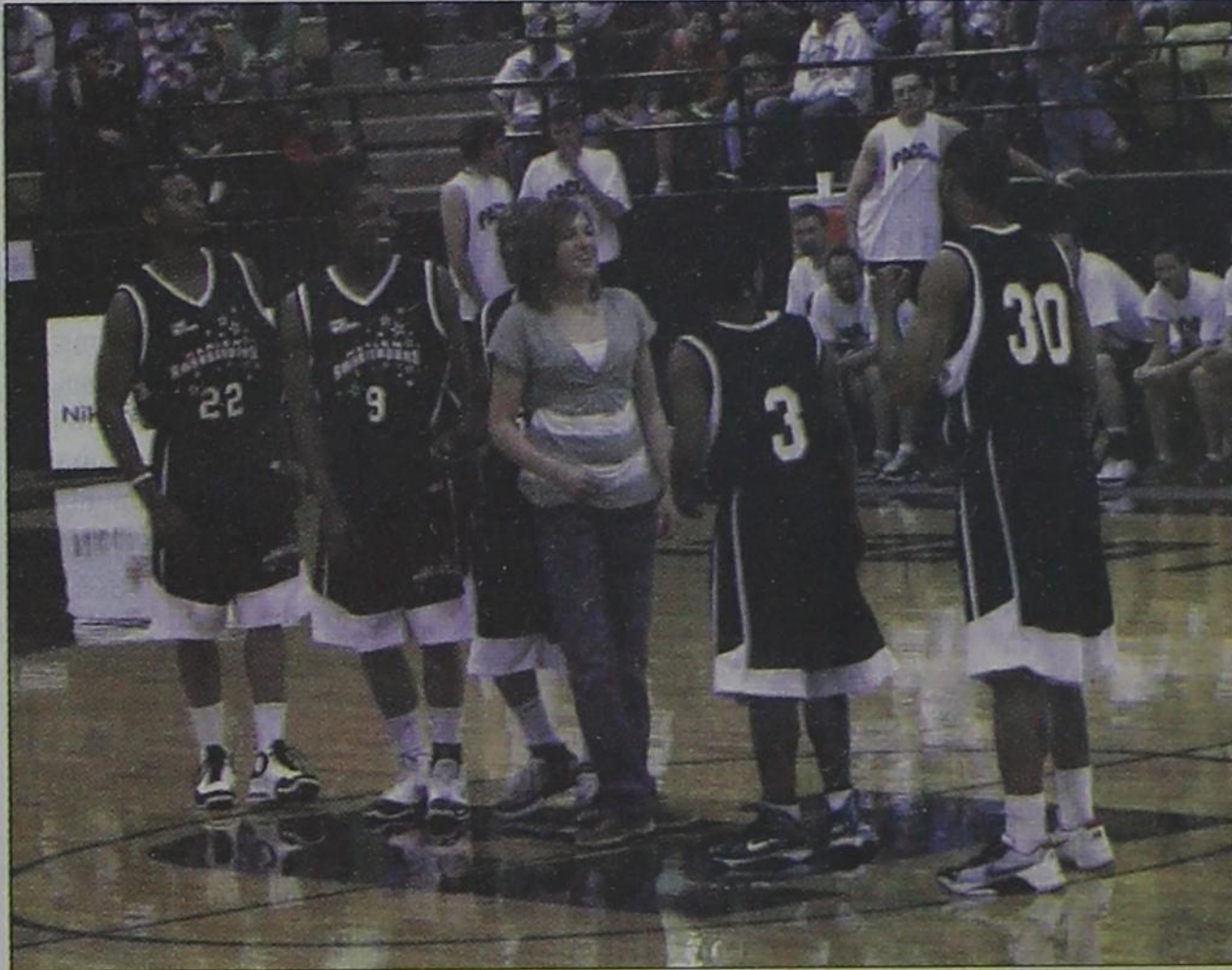


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Post 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Taylor Osborn won a special half-time competition and was invited to stay on the court with the Harlem Ambassadors for more fun.



Photo by Jim Plummer  
Craig Bigham puts up a long shot while fellow team members show good defensive form: (from left) Colin Verba, Melissa Elliot and Shea House.



Photo by Jim Plummer  
A representative from the Harlem Ambassadors presents Harry Record (center), Chamber PR/Membership Director with special plaque expressing appreciation for sponsoring the special basketball game. Also pictured are local participants: (from left) Roby Lester, Jason Powell, Dawn Guererro, referee and Charles Elmore.



Photo by Jim Plummer  
Jason Powell shoots over Ambassador players to score two more points for the home team during the game at Antelope Arena Sunday. The Ambassadors came out on top 91 to 79, but the game was more about fun, sportsmanship and entertainment than the final score.



Photo by Jim Plummer  
Jerrad Grisham goes up against a Harlem Ambassador for the tip off of a fun filled, exciting game played before a crowd of 600 in the Antelope Arena. PACcer teammate Cheyenne White waits to take the ball down court. The PACcers, named for the Post Area Chamber of Commerce who sponsored the game, were the home team.

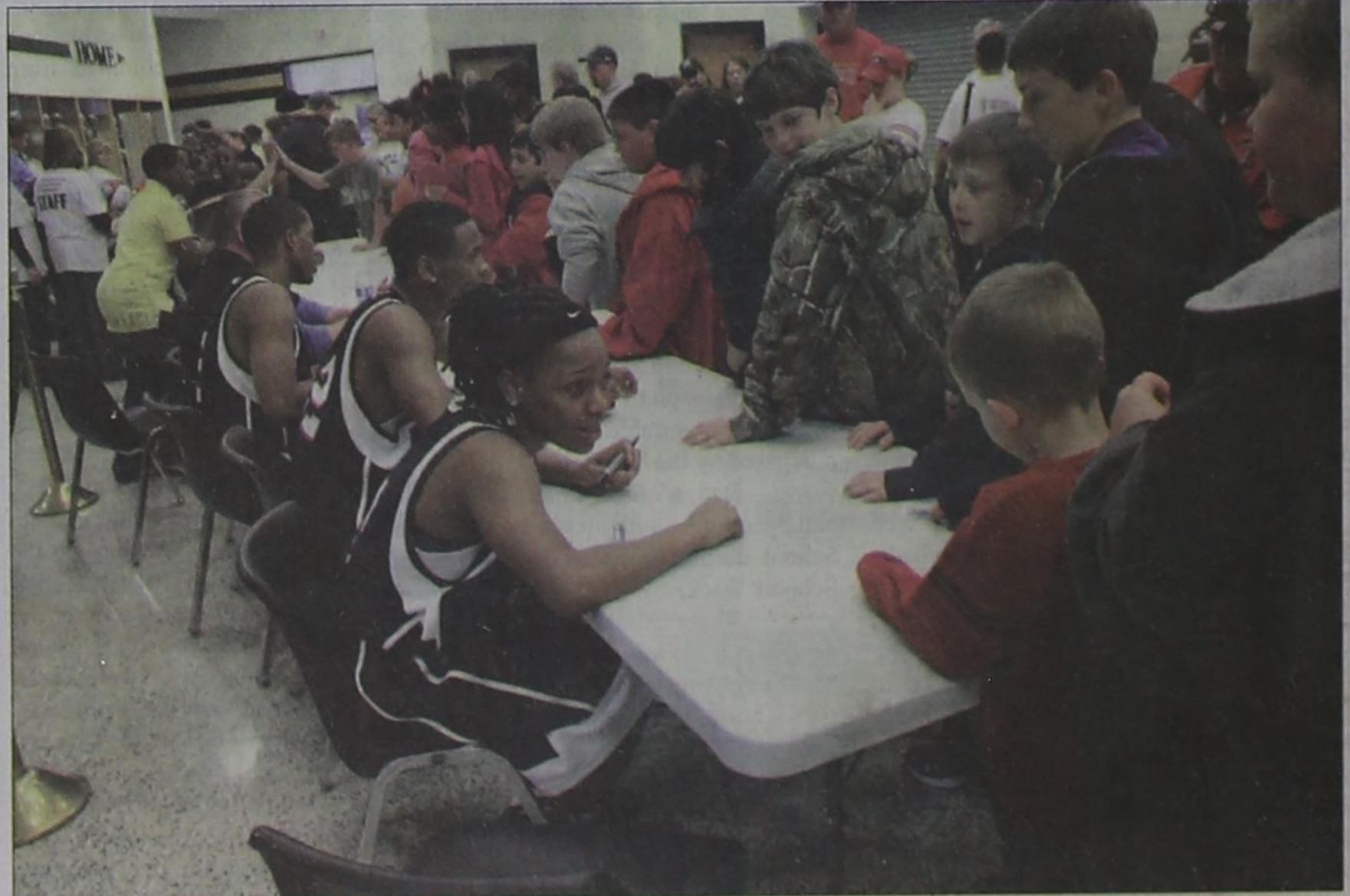


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After the game pitting the Harlem Ambassadors against a Post home team, the PACcers, fans lined up to get autographs from the Ambassador team members.

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**Cookbooks**

We still have some cookbooks left, if you want one you can pick yours up at Cocara's or LaPosta. Or you can come to the gin, we have several here.

**Visitors**

The last two weeks we've had several out to visit; AJ and Judy McAlister, Bobby Terry, Daniel Morrow, Ronnie Gradinge and Addi, Gene King, Grant Bright, Robby Gossett. Remember..... we always welcome visitors, we always have hot coffee and the cheapest drinks and snacks 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 in Tahoka; Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock; Lula Jo Stuart also in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

**Birthdays for the last two weeks-**

- February 26<sup>th</sup> - Jose Julian Esparza
- February 27<sup>th</sup> - Shelia Melton
- February 28<sup>th</sup> - Kaylyn Dean
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jody Thuett, Diane Graves
- March 7<sup>th</sup> - Glen Norman
- March 9<sup>th</sup> - Rylan Morris, Cody Nowlin
- March 10<sup>th</sup> - Patty Lopez

**QuailMaster...**

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enhance quail numbers."

Rollins said the intervals between workshops will give students time to conduct the various required homework assignments.

The series is limited to 35 participants, so early sign-up is advised.

Individual tuition for the workshops is \$450, which includes several meals and educational support materials. Three hours of graduate college credit is available for an additional charge through Sul Ross State University.

For more information, contact Rollins at 325-653-4576 or e-mail: d-rollins@tam.u.edu. Registration forms are available at:

**Garza County Court Report**

Grand Jury List, January 15, 2010:

Todd Lane Knight, charged with tampering with/or fabricating physical evidence, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony; \$25,000 bond.

Sally Ann Sandoval, charged with possession with intent to deliver controlled substance, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felony; possession of controlled substance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Felony; tampering with/or fabricating physical evidence, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony; \$150,000 bond.

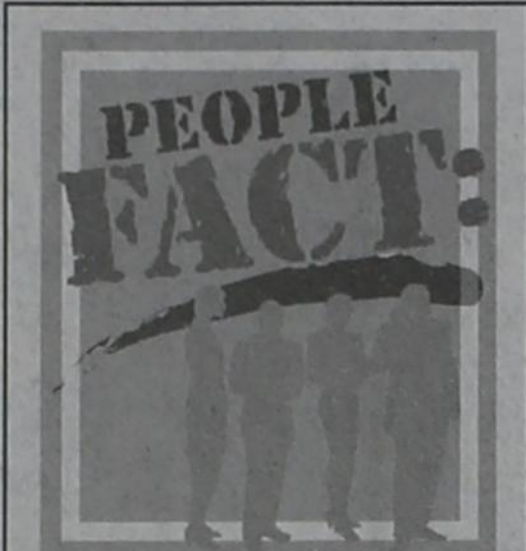
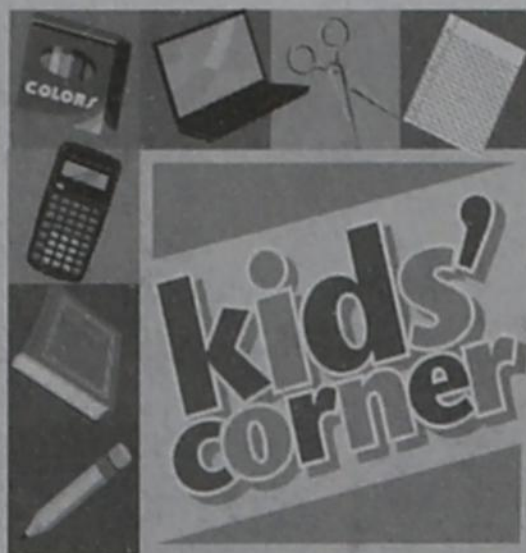
Court Report, February 22, 2010:

Justin Peter Hannan, guilty of possession of marijuana, Class B Misdemeanor; time served, \$598 fine, \$262 court cost, \$140 restitution.

Gilbert Lee Soto, guilty of DWLI, Class B Misdemeanor; 3 months county jail, \$430 fine, \$320 court cost. Also guilty of evading arrest, Class A Misdemeanor; 3 months county jail, \$430 fine, \$320 court cost.

Timothy Joe Garza, guilty of striking unattended vehicle, Class B Misdemeanor; 12 months probation, \$300 fine, \$320 court cost.

Marissa Ann Knighten, guilty of theft, Class A Misdemeanor; 12 months probation, \$500 fine, \$320 court cost.



THIS IS THE SECTION OF A MARCHING BAND THAT WAVES FLAGS TO MUSIC AND CHOREOGRAPHY.

ANSWER: COLOR GUARD

*How they SAY that in...*

- ENGLISH:** Music
- SPANISH:** Música
- ITALIAN:** Musica
- FRENCH:** Musique
- GERMAN:** Musik

**Music Word Find**

Just in time for Music in Our Schools Month, see how many related words you can find and circle in the puzzle.

BAND	INSTRUMENT	PRACTICE
CHOIR	MUSIC	SCHOOL
CHORUS	NOTE	SONG
CONDUCTOR	PLAY	TUNE

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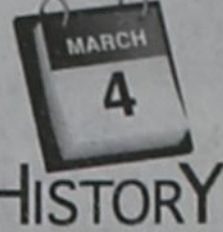
**Music Scramble**

Unscramble the words to complete the sentences.

1. Many students are in the C R M G A H N I band.
2. Can you sing the M Y D E L O?
3. It is important to S E R E A R H E to play well.
4. Drummers must keep the E T B A.

Answers: 1. marching 2. melody 3. rehearsal 4. beat

**THIS DAY IN...**

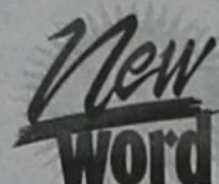


**HISTORY**

• 1789: THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION WENT INTO EFFECT.

• 1861: ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

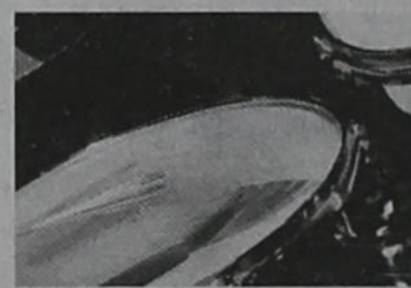
• 1994: FOUR MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALISTS WERE FOUND GUILTY IN THE WORLD TRADE CENTER BOMBING.



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The casts of "Christmas Belles" (from left) Zoe Kirkpatrick, Joe Bass, Karen Dolter, Micki Klafka and Beth Bass are shown during a performance in December, 2009. Joe Bass was recently honored for his portrayal of the character Raynerd Chisum.

Courtesy photo

## Garza Actor Chosen as Best 'Raynerd'

Audiences at the Garza Theatre have enjoyed two hilarious productions, "Dearly Beloved" and "Christmas Belles," both directed by Stan Tucker, that take you into the heart of life in Fayro, Texas. One character, Raynerd Chisum, appears in both plays and brings a delicious mix of humor and compassion to the hilarious "doins" amongst the Futrelles and their neighbors.

The playwrights of these two plays recently held an "Everybody Loves Raynerd" contest and asked theaters to submit pictures

of their "Raynerd." The original Raynerd, Frank Salvo, judged the contest.

And the winner was: Joe Bass of Lubbock who played Raynerd at the Garza Theatre.

This honor has brought much attention to the local theater with a picture of a scene from "Christmas Belles" posted on the Jones Hope Wooten Playwrights web site, joneshopewooten.com.

Let's hope the Garza will bring Raynerd and the other delightful Fayro residents back to Post soon.

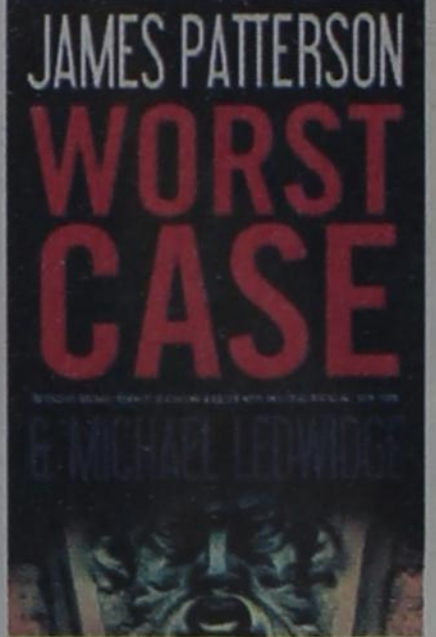
Bailey Odom Guthrie, Education major at Wayland Baptist University, Lubbock campus, was named to the Dean's list. Bailey, a 2007 graduate of Post High School, lives in Post with her husband, Brant Guthrie and is employed by Standard Energy in Post. She is the daughter of Dick and Shellee Odom.

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## Book Review



By Marita Jackson

*Worst Case*, by James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge is the fictional story of the most ingenious killer in New York history. He kidnaps young people (college students) from the wealthiest families.

He then questions them. If they answer correctly they live, if not, they die. Needless to say, most are killed.

New York Detective Michael Bennett leads the investigation along with FBI agent, Emily Parker.

Together they track this killer trying to find a connection between the victims.

It is not until almost the end of the book that a connection is made. The last hostage taken and the drama that unfolds are enthralling.

If you like mysteries, you will like this book. I recommend it.

## Local shoppers look forward to double treat

By Rosa Latimer  
News Editor

Local shoppers can look forward to double treat tomorrow (March 6).

Old Mill Trade Day Downtown will offer the opportunity to shop with local shops as well as vendors who are bringing a variety of merchandise to sell as well as some good food.

In addition, the Post Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Cash Giveaway in the Chamber office, 131 E. Main St., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Anyone who spends \$25 or more at any Garza County business or any OMTD Downtown vendor is eligible to draw for up to \$250 in cash. Simply bring your receipt or proof of purchase to the Chamber office and draw for cash and prizes.

In addition to the big cash prize of \$250 another \$250 in smaller cash prizes has been donated by the chamber. Local businesses have also added gift certificates and merchandise to the drawing.

"The Chamber wants to continue to encourage folks to show at home," Janice Plummer, Chamber Manager explained.

"Everyone who draws will win something and your receipts can be from the grocery store, gas station - any business in Garza County."

Old Mill Trade Day Downtown is sponsored by the Post City Merchants and the Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

Vendors will be set up on E. Main Street between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Vendors who haven't already reserved space, can call the Chamber office until 5 p.m. Friday or go to the Chamber office beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday. "We have plenty of space to fill with vendors and with the weather turning warmer, we expect a good crowd of shoppers," Plummer continued.

For more information about the Cash Giveaway or Old Mill Trade Day Downtown, call the Chamber, 495-3461.

Division I Pride of Post Band winners (top): (back, from left) Rebecca Fannon, Audree Williams, Amanda Durn, Kaleb Tanner, Kat Villalon, John Bocko, Kameron Strivens; (middle, from left) Torie Whisenhunt, Taylor Smith, Julie Boren, Cambry Mason, Crystal Sanchez, Isaac Stern (front, from left) Kalyn Villalon, Monica Ziska, Jackie Milton, Samantha Espinoza, and Darlene Araiza. PHS band members were also named to the Region 16 All-Region Band (above): (back, from left) Monica Ziska, Kaylann Villalon, Kat Villalon, Kaleb Tanner, John Bocko, Kameron Strivens. (front, from left) Jonathan Trevino, Nicole Ramirez, Evette Rodriguez, Darlene Araiza, and Courtney Bosquez.

Photos by Rosa Latimer

## Drug Money Will Assist Garza County Sheriff's Office

On Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, Deputy Marcus Lively conducted a traffic stop on South Broadway in Post. The traffic stop soon became an investigation concerning illegal drug activity. Deputy Lively located a quantity of hashish and a quantity of marijuana in the vehicle. There was also \$2,419.00 in cash. The driver, Max Collin Myers was subsequently arrested on the drug charges and the cash was seized.

Mr. Myers pled guilty on the drug charges on December 1, 2009. The \$2,419.00 was forfeited to the State of Texas as proceeds from illegal drug activity.

Pursuant to an agreement between the 106<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office and the Garza County Sheriff's Office, \$1,693.30 will be sent to Garza County Sheriff Cliff Laws to be used for law enforcement purposes.

"The District Attorney's Office would like to commend Deputy Lively and the entire Garza County Sheriff's Office for a job well done," said Greg Conner, First Assistant District Attorney, 106th Judicial District.

The 106<sup>th</sup> District Attorney's office has an agreement with the district law enforcement agencies. The seizing agency receives 70% of the proceeds from drug related convictions and the District Attorney's Office receives 30%. Proceeds can be used by the county sheriff for any law enforcement purpose.

pose. In December 2009 and January 2010, there were forfeitures awarded totaling \$12,295.00 in Dawson, Gaines, and Garza County.

## DALBY, continued from page 1

Wellness Impact was an innovation the facility conducted for the year 2009 to encourage employees to become healthier overall. The overall team winners, Inmate Services, won as a group and shared their winnings.

Inmate Services team members are: Alex Moreno, Charles Martinez, Erik Mackey, Ronnie Gradine, David Robles, Grady Shytles, Adolfo Medrano, Fierro, Angela Ward, Margie Gill, Channa Jones, Sherry Kimberlin and Norma Garza.

The Dalby facility is leased from Garza County by Management Training Corporation (MTC), a private corporation that contracts with the Federal Bureau of Prisons to house prisoners in the unit. When fully staffed, the Dalby Unit employees over 300.

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tion held by Brandt Taylor. According to Brandy Fannon, GCHCD Administrator, to date no one has filed for these positions.