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## Audit Reveals County in Good Financial Condition

By Rosa Latimer  
News Editor

Among other business during a regular meeting April 12, the Garza County Commissioners' Court, independent auditor Joe F. Hays, CPA, presented the Annual Reports of Audit of Garza County, the Operations of the Dalby Correctional Facility and the Dalby Correctional Facility Inmate Trust Funds.

Total county revenue for year ending 9/30/09 was \$4,751,512; total expenditures were \$3,652,004 leaving net revenue in excess of expenditures of \$1,099,508. Total net assets for the county were \$4,639,941. A breakout of revenue and expenditures for the county jail facilities revealed that, according to Hays, "the jail has paid its way." He further stated that the county is in "excellent financial condition and operating very efficiently."

"The commissioners court is excited to hear that the new jail is paying its way, according to the audit report," Judge Lee Norman said following the commissioner's meeting. "We have many years of payments ahead of us but this is a very good first-year report." Norman also emphasized "as to the complete county audit, it stated that collectively all of the departments of Garza County came in under budget for the 2009 year. I contribute this to the unified and constant effort by the commissioner's court to monitor the spending within the county. This could not be done without the full support of the Treasurer's office."

Jayta Cravy, Garza County Victim's Advocate spoke to the court concerning the Victims Assistance Program Grant. Cravy explained that each year for the past 11 years Garza

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## Lady Lopes Secure Post Season Game

By Jim Plummer  
Sports Writer

By beating Slaton here Monday, the Post Lady Lopes softball team clinched a playoff spot as one of the three teams from District 3-2A. The 8-4 win over the Tigerettes sends the girls to take on Crane in the first round on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Seminole.

Earlier last week on Tuesday, April 13, the girls defeated Roosevelt 15-2.

The game scheduled for last Saturday against Shallowater was rained out. That match-up was rescheduled for this past Wednesday. Results were not available at press time. Win or lose, Post is guaranteed second place in district behind the Fillies.

See next week's Dispatch for the latest on Lady Lope's softball.



## Conservation Day to be Observed this Month

In honor of the 75th anniversary of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Garza County Commissioners Court declared April 27, 2010 as Conservation Day. Born out of the days of anguish and adversity of the Dust Bowl, NRCS, formerly Soil Conservation Service (SCS) has a long and distinguished place in Texas history of helping people help the land. The dust storms, eroded fields and overused rangelands of seven decades ago, have given way to a land of plenty providing benefits enjoyed by all Texans. Pictured (back) Glen Killough, District Conservationist; Tom Middleton and Donny Windham, Garza Soil & Water Conservation District Directors; (front) Commissioner Pct. 3 Ted Brannon, County Judge Lee Norman, and Commissioner Pct. 2 Charles Morris. Also present for the declaration, but not pictured, Commissioner Pct. 1 Gary McDaniel and Commissioner Pct. 4 Mike Sanchez.

Courtesy photo.

## Early Voting Begins Monday

Early voting for the city and school elections begins Monday morning; Election Day is May 8.

City election early voting is at City Hall, 105 E. Main, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 26 through May 4. Extended early voting hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., will be effective Monday, April 26 and Monday, May 3.

Candidates for City Council are Ward 4, O. L. (Ferg) Ferguson and Mark Short; Ward 5, Brant Guthrie, Terri Morris and Anita Morris.

School board early vot-

ing will be at the Post ISD business office, 501 So. Avenue K, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 26 through May 4 except on Friday when the hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Candidates for Post ISD School Board two at-large positions are Theresa Doggett, Drew Kirkpatrick, Robbie Williams and Dianne Windham.

Both city and school voting on Election Day, May 8 will be at the Community Center, 113 W. Main, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Sheriff's Office Will Take Case to DA this Week

By Rosa Latimer  
News Editor

Garza County Sheriff's Department was called to the scene of a family disturbance that escalated to a stabbing on Sunday, April 18 at 11:14 p.m. in Post.

The victim and the suspect are both male in their early 20's. The victim was taken to UMC in Lubbock with, according to the Garza County Sheriff's Office, non-life threatening injuries.

The suspect also sustained injuries during the altercation. He left the scene but then voluntarily went to the Sheriff's Office to make a state-

ment. After spending several hours taking the suspect's statement, the Sheriff's Office released him pending presentation of the case to the District Attorney's office.

"We are going to conduct this investigation in a manner that does not taint this case or risk jeopardizing it," said Lt. Mike Taylor of the Garza County Sheriff's Department. Lt. Taylor expects to take the case to the DA this week.

The DA will then make a determination of whether to issue a warrant for the suspect's arrest or present the evidence to the Garza County Grand Jury.



## Good People in Post

I am writing this to let the community know there are so many good people in this town. It shows in the many spirit-filled churches and groups, like First Baptist, CRC, Unchained Life Ministries, Family Harvest and the House of David, etc. just to name a few. People here will do anything to help someone in need. Let's all continue to grow in unity, a unity that comes from Jesus alone. My prayer is that through this unit, God will turn Post into a hub of healing and humanity. Praise God!

"Speak Up" is a way for readers to send their opin-

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

## Holy Cross Fish Fry

Holy Cross will have a fish fry Friday, April 23 in the church hall, serving 5 to 7 p.m. A plate includes potato salad, cole slaw, beans and fish for \$7.

## Post vs Big Spring Alumni Game

Relive the rivalry! Post vs. Big Spring, Sunday April 25, 2:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Memorial Stadium. Tickets available at the gate: \$8/adults; \$6/Seniors 65+; \$6/Youth 7-17; kids 6 & under free. For more information contact Tim Bishop, 512-771-5561.

## Post Elementary TASK Test Next Week

Post Elementary will be TAKS testing the week of April 26th through 30th. If you have a 3rd, 4th or 5th grader, please make sure they get a good night's sleep and a healthy, balanced breakfast before coming in to test!

## Testing of Emergency Sirens

Thursday April 29, 2010 beginning at 1:30 p.m. Garza County Emergency Management will be testing the emergency sirens weather permitting. The sirens in Post and Southland will sound on and off for several minutes. If you have any questions please contact Emergency Management t 806-990-2773. Remember this test will occur WEATHER PERMITTING.

## Old Mill Trade Day Downtown May 1

Vendors of all types are invited to participate in Old Mill Trade Day Downtown, Saturday, May 1. Vendors are set up outdoors downtown on East min. 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.

## Graham Chapel Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

A Gospel Meeting, April 25-28 will feature lessons from the Letter to the Hebrew Saints by Ted Kell of Brownwood with congregational singing led by students from Lubbock Christian University. Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.; worship at 11 a.m. followed by a Pot Luck Lunch and evening service 5 p.m.; Monday - Wednesday evening services at 7 p.m.; Wednesday's service will be followed by Homemade Ice Cream and Desserts.

Graham Chapel Church of Christ, 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue S in Post. Everyone welcome!

## GCJLA Annual Meeting

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday April 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Garza County extension office

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Participants in the Voter's Form held Tuesday night for upcoming city and school elections are shown from left: Drew Kirkpatrick, School Board at-large candidate; Brant Guthrie, City Council Ward 5 candidate; Diann Windham, School Board at-large candidate; District Judge Carter Schildknecht, facilitator; Mark Short, City Council Ward 4 candidate and Anita Moris, City Council Ward 5 candidate. O. L. (Ferg) Ferguson, City Council Ward 4 candidate was unable to attend due to illness. Other candidates who did not participate in the event were: Post ISD School Board candidates Theresa Doggett and Robbie Williams; City Council Ward 5 candidate Terri Howard Morris. The Voter's Forum, sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. Early voting in city and school elections begins Monday, April 26 and continues through May; Election Day is Saturday, May 8.

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## Chamber News

We had a very interesting Voter's Forum this week with approximately 50 attending. We heard from two school board candidates and three city council candidates.



Photo by Harry Record

MEMBER OF THE WEEK - SILVER MEMBER GARZA COUNTY HEALTH CLINIC

# WHITE RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

MEMBER OF THE WEEK - SILVER MEMBER WHITE RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Early voting begins April 26 and the election will be May 8. Thanks to Judge Carter Schildknecht for moderating this event and everyone who participated.

Wells Fargo Bank is looking for people to play on a volleyball team in a "Peace, Love & Mud" tournament. If you are interested in being part of this event, call Carol Short at 495-2804. The tournament benefits Communities in School.

"Peter the Rock" will be performed at Ragtown Gospel Theater on Friday at 7:30 and Saturday at 3:00 p.m. A special event is being offered at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday - The LeFevre Quartet will be performing. There will be no admission charge, just a love offering.

Employers start planning now to participate in the Chamber Job Fair, May 18, Noon to 3 p.m. This is a good opportunity to meet potential employees. There is no charge for Chamber members; \$25 for non-members. Call the office to reserve your space, 495-3461.

Congratulations to our members of the week: Silver Members GARZA COUNTY HEALTH CLINIC and WHITE RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT.

# Obituaries

## James A. "Buddy" Hutto

James A. (Buddy) Hutto, age 75 of Post Texas passed away of natural causes on April 17, 2010 in the Round Rock Hospital. He is survived by his four children, Toni Albrecht, Kim Salinas, Lisa French and John Hutto. Buddy left behind four grandchildren Zeke Rankin, Kyle Albrecht, Mitchell Albrecht and Saeger Bohm. All of his children and grandchildren were by his side in the last days of his life and will miss him dearly.

she moved to Midland.

Alylene loved to work with her hands and over the years she made many quilts, and continued to crochet afghans until her death. She gave away literally hundreds of them over the years. Alylene was also a gifted writer. She wrote two books: "Treasures of the Heart," a collection of humorous and inspirational sayings, published in 2005 and "Life, a Daily Adventure: 93 Years of Life and History," which was published in 2008. She was a housewife, mother and loving friend. Known by many as Maw-Maw, she was also known as a great encourager, always seeing things in a positive way. Her wit and wisdom will be missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank A. "Chief" Runkles; her sister, Susie Mae Guest and three of her children: Wayne Runkles, Donald Runkles and Ramona Ross. She is survived by two daughters, Wanda Moore of Midland and Delores Patty and husband Bill of Yukon, OK. She is also survived by two daughters-in-law: Mary Runkles and Linda Runkles both of Midland. In addition she has 10 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday, April 11 from 3-6 PM at Hudman Funeral Home in Post. Memorials may be directed to In-Focus Ministries at 1006 Cactus Drive, Levelland, Texas 793367.

## Bernice Weeks

Bernice Weeks, 94 of Comanche, passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2010, in the local medical facility. Funeral services, under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home of Comanche, were held 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 16th at the Heartland Funeral Chapel of Comanche with Bros. Jackie Auvenshine and Harold Higginbotham officiating. Interment was in graveside services at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 17 at the Southland Cemetery, Southland, TX in Garza County.

Interment was in graveside services at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 17 at the Southland Cemetery, Southland, TX in Garza County.

Bernice was born March 17, 1916, to Albert and Lola (Neely) Hedrick in Sulphur Bluff, TX. Because she was born on St. Patrick's Day her granddad wanted to name her Pat but her mother named her Bernice. He said he couldn't remember that so he would call her Bill and the name stuck. Bernice said she could never remember her parents calling her Bernice except when was in serious trouble. To all her grandchildren, she was Grandma Bill. She was married to Charlie McCurdy on Jan 20, 1994. She was a homemaker and member of St. Joe Baptist Church.

Bernice is survived by her husband Charlie McCurdy of Comanche; sons, Allyn Kemp and wife Emma Lee of Destin, FL., Harold Mack Kemp and wife Zuella of Lubbock, TX; stepson, Rogers McCurdy and wife Betty of Blanket, TX.; 8 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren; several step grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Eula Mae Hedrick of Lubbock, TX; brother-in-law, Everett Windham and wife Mary of Post, TX. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and two sisters.



## Alylene Runkles

Services for Alylene Runkles, 95, of Midland were at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 12, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Post. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

Alylene passed away on April 8, 2010. She was born January 31, 1915 in Fort Worth, TX to Bev and Maudé (Walker) Byrd. She attended school in Dublin, TX. On January 19, 1929 she married Frank A. Runkles at the First United Methodist Church in Stephenville, TX. They had five children together.

The family moved to Lubbock, TX in 1938. In July of 1949, they moved to C. W. Post Memorial Scout Camp, 3 miles west of Post. They lived at Camp Post and later in town over 53 years, during which Alylene was active in First Baptist Church and the Mystic Sewing Club. When her husband of 73 years passed away in 2002

**Thanks for Reading!**

## Still Time to Submit Census Info by Phone

To clarify misquoted information, there's still time for individuals to submit 2010 Census information by phone via the Census Bureau's toll-free Telephone Questionnaire Assistance Center. Households can submit information to the Census Bureau via telephone through July 30. The Questionnaire Assistance Centers are open daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. local time. Those who phone in their information can probably expect a visit from a Census worker to verify the address and physical location. One of the main avenues

for information about the form is the 2010 Census Web site, [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov). It contains a host of information about the 10-question census, including the uses and history of the questions. It also includes form-filling instructions in 59 languages other than English, as well as in-language instructional videos and updates on the latest census news. People may call one of the questionnaire assistance hotlines for further help — English: 1-866-872-6868, Spanish: 1-866-928-2010, TDD (hearing impaired): 1-866-783-2010.

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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Well we did get the rain didn't we.....We measured anywhere from 5 to 7 inches out here. It will be a while now before they can get back into the fields, but we are not complaining.

It's baseball time again.....ya'll be sure and go out and support our young ones! I know there are several from Ragtown playing. Those that I know of are, Russ Morris, Jake Morris, Dylan Morris, Kale Yarbrow, Will Yarbrow, Aaron Lopez, Rhaeden Bland, Devon McClain, Andrew Quintana. Good luck to all of ya'll.

Don't forget to check out our blog at <http://closecitycoopgin.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.

### 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

Emilee Ellis came to visit us Monday, she came in with her granddad, Jim; Bobby Terry also came out. Ya'll come see us, we always welcome visitors, we always have hot coffee and the cheapest drinks and snacks in the county.....

### Get Wells

Ken Young, Chan Thomas.....Ken is recovering from a "banged" up leg and Chan is recovering from surgery. Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember

are.....W.C. and Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; George Miller in Lubbock; 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

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Kristi Morris, Jane Terry  
April 27<sup>th</sup> - Lois Childs  
April 28<sup>th</sup> - Jerry Bush

### Anniversaries

April 27<sup>th</sup> - Trevor and Jody Thuett

## Weekly Inspirations

### Seek Shelter

By Lauren Vásquez

*Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.*

-Psalm 62:8 (NIV)

I grew up in an area where tornadoes strike often and hard. I remember my parents waking me in the middle of the night and leading me to our basement where we waited out the storm. My family huddled together while we heard the tornado siren wailing, the wind whistling around our house, and the hail beating against our walls. It scared me to listen to the power of the storm that pounded overhead. The basement was a relatively safe place, but I knew that tornadoes could topple houses in minutes.

Our basement sheltered my family from the tornado, and it gave us some sense of protection. But as the psalmist teaches, my true refuge is the Lord. God offers security far superior to any earthly shelter's. No matter what problem we may face, we can seek refuge in God by praying honestly about our fears. Just as God listened to the psalmist's cries for help, God listens to ours. We can rest assured that our Creator will prove trustworthy. Just as my family ran to our basement when a tornado threatened, in times of trouble, we can run to God.

*"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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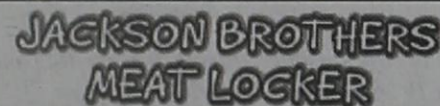


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Calvary Baptist Church	210 E. 6th, 990-2342	<u>Disciples of Christ</u>	
First Baptist Church, Post	402 W. Main St. 495-3554	First Christian Church	812 W. 13th, 495-3716
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Southland Baptist Church	Southland	Post Church of the Nazarene	202 W. 10th, 495-3044
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<u>Catholic</u>		Family Harvest Church	111 N. Avenue I, 495-1400
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<u>Church of Christ</u>		<u>Presbyterian</u>	
Church of Christ	108 N. Ave. M, 495-2326	First Presbyterian Church	910 W. 10th, 495-2135

*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

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## Varsity Baseball Roundup

April 13: Post 17, Denver City 8

April 19: Post 10, Slaton 1

April 20: Littlefield 11, Post 1

See details in next week's Dispatch.

## JV Baseball Roundup

April 10, 2010

Game 1

TEAM	1	2	3	4	R
Post	0	0	0	0	0
Shallowater	12	2	4	-	18

Game 2

TEAM	1	2	3	4	R
Post	1	0	0	0	1
Shallowater	6	0	4	-	10

April 12, 2010

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R
Post	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	9
Denver City	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7

April 19, 2010

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R
Post	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	5
Littlefield	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4



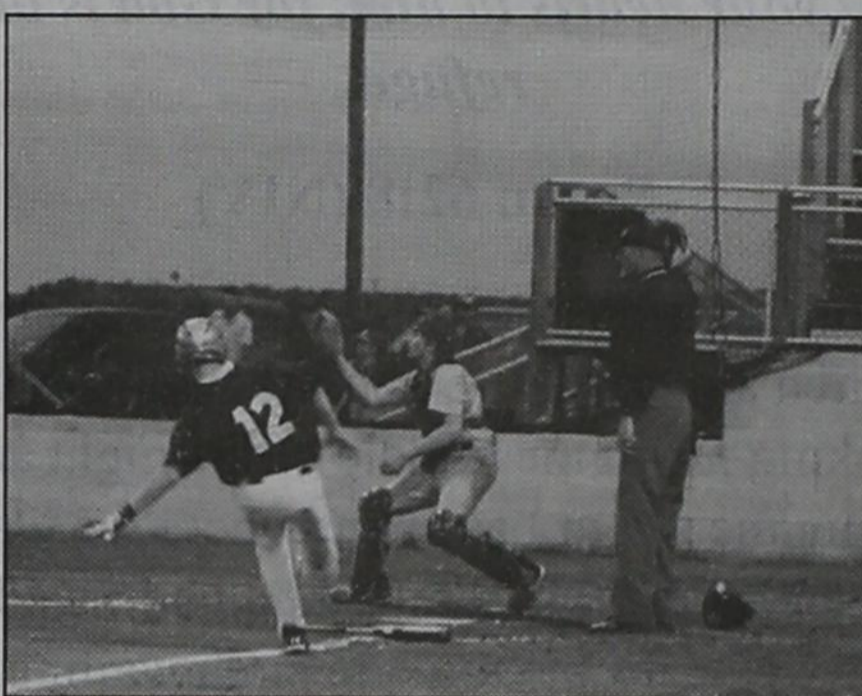
The Bold Gold JV baseball team celebrates their victory over Littlefield Monday night. The final score was Post 5, Littlefield 4.

Photo by Jerry Taylor

### VARSITY BOYS DISTRICT 3-2A BASEBALL STANDINGS (as of 4/17/10)

TEAM	DISTRICT	OVERALL
Abernathy	9-1	14-6
Shallowater	9-1	16-5-1
Littlefield	6-4	13-6
Post	5-5	8-8-2
Idalou	5-5	6-7
Roosevelt	4-6	9-13
Slaton	1-9	2-15
Denver City	1-9	7-15

Courtesy of TerrysSportsPage.com



Chris Yarborough scores the winning run of the Post vs. Littlefield game.

Photo by Jerry Taylor



Caden Dean is safe on third during the exciting matchup between Post JV and Littlefield earlier this week.

Photo by Jerry Taylor

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls, District Champs

By Jim Plummer  
Sports Writer

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Post Lady Lopes ran, jumped and threw their way to the championship of the District 3-2A, South Zone track and field event at Lubbock Roosevelt on Monday, April 12.

All of the junior high teams competed well at the meet featuring a four-school meet which included Slaton, Denver City and the host team Roosevelt.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys placed second, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls finished third and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys fourth in their respective divisions.

The girls were coached by Traci Heflin and the boys by Chris Lackey. Junior High Lady Lopes and Antelopes individual event results:

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

**TEAM: First**  
Shot put: Sara Greer, Fifth  
Discuss: Sara Greer, Second

Triple jump: Jaycee Johnson, First; Matti Smith, Fourth  
High Jump: Taylor Osborn, Fifth; Bethany Curtis, Sixth  
Long Jump: Cheyenne Gill, Third; Matti Smith, Fourth  
100 M: Jaycee Johnson, Second  
200 M: Matti Smith, Second; Jaycee Johnson, Third

### District Champs....

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Courtesy photo The Lady Lopes Eighth Grade Track Team were the Districts Champs at the District 3-2A, South Zone Track and Field event at Lubbock Roosevelt last week.

Courtesy photo

## Golfers Close-out Season

By Jim Plummer  
Sports Writer

After the third and final round of the District 3-2A Golf Tournament held at the Yoakum County Golf Course, Chess Postell led the boy's team by shooting a 91 while Madison Cash led the girl's team with a 111.

Following Postell for the boys was Luis Duran-93, Aaron Macy-95, Aaron James-98, John Bocko-112, Travis Emeyabbi-112 and Ja D Young-115.

The only other Lady Lope

golfer competing was Skylar Jones who shot 114.

Out of eleven boys' teams, the Antelopes finished seventh overall after three rounds of play. A total of 61 golfers competed in the three rounds. Out of those, Macy ranked 20<sup>th</sup>, Duran 24<sup>th</sup>, Postell 33<sup>rd</sup>, James 36<sup>th</sup>, Bocko 43<sup>rd</sup>, Emeyabbi 51<sup>st</sup>, and Young 56<sup>th</sup>.

In the girls' standings: Jones was 12<sup>th</sup> and Cash 19<sup>th</sup> out of 41 lady golfers who completed in the three district rounds.

## James and Windham on South Plains Hoops Team

By Jim Plummer  
Sports Writer

Two Post Antelopes made the list on the recently announced Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's 2A All-South Plains basketball team.

Senior guard Aaron James who averaged 18.7 points and 5.7 rebounds per game was placed on the first team.

Clint Windham, the 6'3" senior center received second team honors.

The two Antelope leaders were previously positioned on the District 3-2A team that was announced in March.

Also last month, James was recognized by the Texas Basketball Coaches Association by being placed on the organizations all-region team.

Avalanche-Journal 2A All-South Plains: Coach of the Year, Tyler Helms, Idalou; Player of the Year, Barrick Hodge, F, 6-2, Sr., Littlefield.

First Team: C.J. Parkhill, F, 6-4, Sr., Idalou; Tyson Turnbow, G, 6-0, Jr., Muleshoe; Aaron James, G, 6-1, Sr., Post; Desmond Wright, C, 6-3, Sr., Shallowater; Zack White, C, 6-3, Jr., Littlefield.

Second Team: Bryce Teal, C, 6-6, Sr., Abernathy;

Riley Payne, F, 6-3, Soph., Idalou; Cooper Washington, C, 6-5, Jr., Muleshoe; Clint Windham, C, 6-3, Sr., Post; Jacob Johnson, G, 5-10, Sr., Idalou.

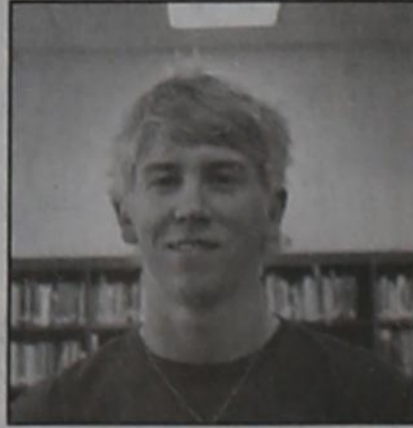


Photo by Jim Plummer Post Antelope Senior Aaron James was recently chosen for the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal 2A All-South Plains Basketball First Team.



Photo by Jim Plummer Clint Windham, PHS Senior, was chosen to the Avalanche-Journal 2A All-South Plains Second Team.

### VARSITY GIRLS DISTRICT 3-2A SOFTBALL STANDINGS (as of 4/17/10)

TEAM	DISTRICT	OVERALL
Shallowater*	7-1	22-3
Post	5-3	14-7
Slaton	5-3	14-12
Roosevelt	3-5	15-17
Idalou	3-5	11-10
Denver City	1-7	n/a

Courtesy of TerrysSportsPage.com

\*Clinched Playoff Spot



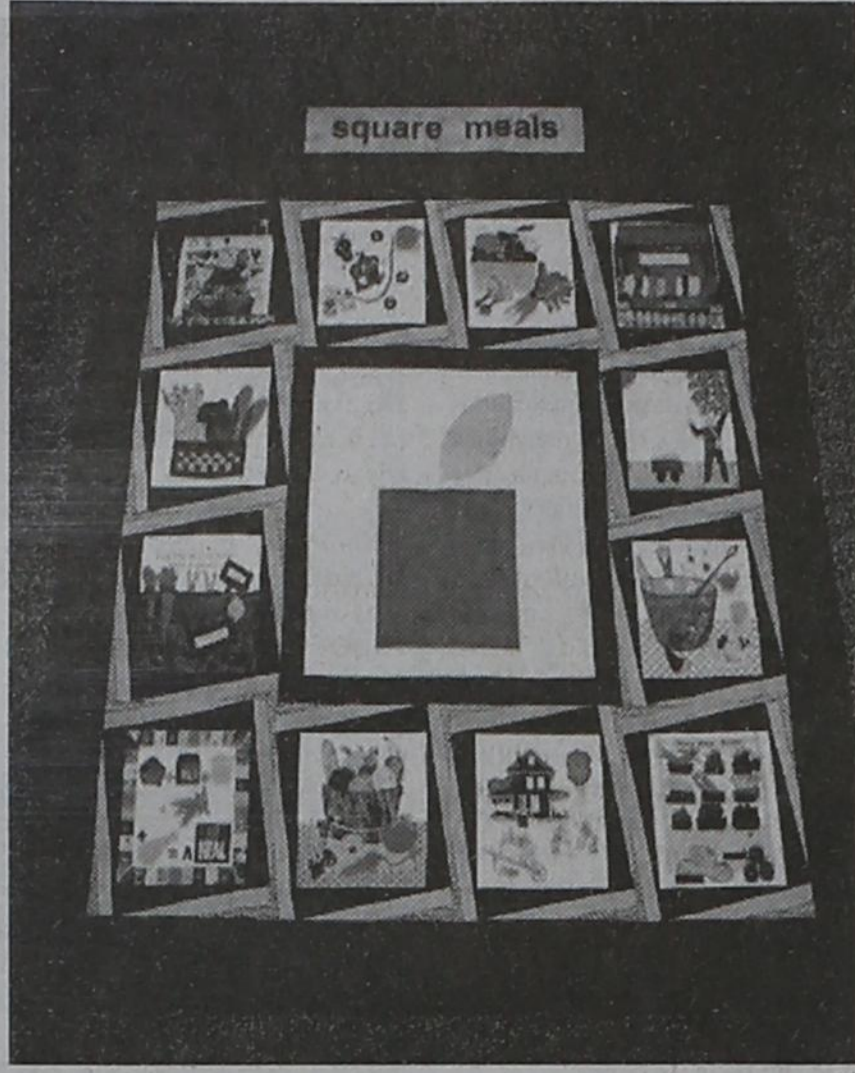
Courtesy photo Lady Lopes Seventh Grade 800 Meter Relay team displays their Fourth Place District meet ribbons (from left): Anahica Duran, Chelby Morris, Kelsey Griffin, Dakota Greer. The Seventh Grade Mile Relay team also placed fourth and the 100 Meter Seventh Grade team placed third.

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Using the theme "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids," the quilt shown focuses on nutritious and delicious food choices, including fresh Texas-grown fruits and vegetables, other healthy Texas-produced food choices, sensible school meals or other nutrition-related concepts. This quilt is one of seven that will be displayed at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Terry County Quilt Show in Brownfield next week. The Texas Department of Agriculture's Traveling Quilts are used to promote Texas natural fibers and the these of the quilts highlight various aspects of Texas agriculture.

## Terry County Quilt Show Set for April 23-24

The 4th Annual Terry County Quilt Show will be held in Brownfield April 23 - 24. Contemporary and antique quilts will be on display at 305 S. 5th St.

All seven of the Texas Department of Agriculture's Traveling Quilts will be on display. These quilts highlight Texas agriculture and promote the tradition of quilting in Texas. During the Quilt Show hand quilting demonstrations will be given by the Cotton Quilters Guild of Terry County. The quilters will be available to answer questions and provide limited one-on-one instruction.

The Quilt Show will be held from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday and

from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday. There is no admission fee for the event and there is no entry fee for quilts. To submit a quilt for the show, call 806-637-4060 or visit [www.terrycountyquilts.com](http://www.terrycountyquilts.com). This quilt event is a show, not a competition. Mary Collier, Terry County AgriLIFE Extension Agent said, "This show is strictly for the enjoyment. I want people to come and enjoy the art. Quilts are art."

Last year more than 500 people came to view 179 quilts on display. Additional antique quilts can be viewed at the Terry County Heritage Museum, 600 E. Cardwell in Brownfield. A map of the Museum will be available at the Quilt Show.

## TxDOT Begins Work on Ramps Monday

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will begin a \$771,313 project next week to add curb ramps along several state roadways in the city of Post. Work to add or upgrade ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards at several intersections in Post along US 380, FM 669, Loop 46 and US 84 is scheduled to start Monday, April 26.

Traffic, for the most part, should be unaffected by the project, said James Combes, P.E., TxDOT's Brownfield Area engineer, heading up the project. "Brief single-lane closures, no longer than a few hours, are possible throughout the duration of the project as crews break out sections of curb and replace them with concrete and paving brick

## Kirkpatrick Announces School Board Candidacy

My name is Drew Kirkpatrick and I am seeking a seat on the Post ISD School Board and would like to remind each of you to vote during early voting beginning Monday, April 26 through May 4 or on May 8 in the PHS Administration Building. I grew up in Post and graduated from Post High School. I earned an Agricultural Economics degree from Texas Tech University with a minor in Finance. Tonya and I have two boys, Campbell an eighth grader and Carson a seventh grader, both at Post Middle School. I continue to ranch and currently serve on the Post-Garza County Airport Board, Garza County Soil and Water Conservation Board and Post ISD School Health Advisory Board. I am past president of Post Little League Baseball and the Post-Gar County Airport Board. Tonya and I have been very active at the First United Methodist Church for many years and have enjoyed being Jr. High Community Youth Leaders for the past three years on Wednesday evenings. We also like teaching Jr. High Sunday School. I served as lay leader for four years attending all pas-

tor-staff relations, finance, trustee, and administrative board meetings. In the past two years I have been Bible study leader on a weekly basis for our coaches through Coaches Outreach.

I feel we have a great school with many dedicated teachers, coaches and administrators, who not only educate our youth but love, mentor, and discipline them as the need arises. I feel we, as parents need to do a better job of supporting our teachers and ensuring that our children are teachable and respectful of authority from day one. This will enhance our teacher's ability to teach at a high level and increase our children's desire and ability to learn. I feel each student at some point in life will be seeking a different career in order to find fulfillment and satisfy the needs of their own family. Therefore, it is crucial for our school to provide a broad and diverse educational experience that exposes our young people to the career opportunities in our ever-changing world. College is very demanding and half the battle of success for a PHS graduate is knowing what gifts, skills and aptitudes

they possess, what career goal they want to pursue, and having encouragement from family and friends that this goal can be attained. I realize that college is not a desire of all PHS graduates and that is a good thing since our town, country and world would grind to a halt if all we had were college graduates in the work force. Consequently, we need to do a better job of preparing our students who want to learn one of the many trades available, and where to go to get this training.

I love athletics and the many lessons they teach, but many times I find myself wondering what would be possible for our young people to achieve later in life, if we put half the time and effort into athletics and the other half back into UIL academics, art, business, speech, etc. What kind of impact would that have on the lives of our children?

If elected, I vow to educate myself on the policies and regulations of Post ISD and will make decisions based on providing the best overall education for our young people as a whole. I would be honored to receive your vote.

## Yesteryears

Compiled by Kristen Odum From The Post Dispatch archives

### 10 years ago- April 20, 2000

Post golfers completing a successful season included Camie Payne, Yvonne Lopez, Marcus Lopez, Justin Gorman and Justin Norman. Yvonne Lopez won the District Medalist Championship. All District honors were given to all the golfers representing Post High School.

Jeremy and Briann Knox were proud to announce the birth of their son, Tristen Lochlan Knox, born on April 13, 2000.

The Post High School varsity girls captured the district championship in Seagraves, with several qualifying for the regional competition.

LaRinda Ledbetter earned second place in discus and sixth in shot put.

Dianna Williams took first in the high jump, followed by teammate Manuela Hernandez who took fifth. Hernandez took third in triple jump followed by Kelly Moore who finished in sixth. Vondi Gradine finished fourth in the long jump.

In the 3200, DeeDee Jarrett finished in first place. The 400-relay team of Diana Williams, Yvonne Lopez, Meagan Mills and Manuela Hernandez took first place. In 100 hurdles, Post swept the top three places with Diana Williams in first, Kelly Moore in second and Kenda Looney, third.

Yvonne Lopez took fourth in the 100 meter race and Mills, Williams, Looney and Lopez teamed up for a third place win in the 800 meter relay.

Kelly Moore finished first in the 300-meter hurdles.

### 20 years ago- April 25, 1990

Mini Miss and Mini Mr. Post winners were Courtney D'Lynn Short and Colton Valdez. Runners-up were Jamie Burtch and Colt Bland

Vernon. Little Miss and Mr. Post winners were Dawn Massey and Shannon Cowley. Runners-up were Jerica Tyler and Justin Norman

Cast for "The Happy Time" included Will McCrary, Jeffrey Redman, Shelly Wells, Troy Timms, Charlie Redman, Charles Somerville, Emily Hataway, Randy Sutherland, James Bell, Jon Steel and Alison Hoeffer.

Post High School FFA Wool Judging team members include Thomas Albert, Tamera Gerner, Mike McClelland and Jason Johnson. They received first in Wool Judging in the Mesa District.

The Post FFA Livestock Judging team included Brent McDonald, Lance Bagby, Ronald Mathis and Lance Bland. They placed third in

### 30 years ago- April 24, 1980

Little Mr. and Miss Post were named to Brandon Bird and Kim Rieter. Runners-up were Jami Stitche and Suzanne Gordon.

Mini Mr. and Miss Post were Chad Hart and Charity Williams. Runners-up were Summer Darling and Shane Daughtery.

Ten students were presented with Band letter jackets by Steve Clary, band director, at the spring concert. They included Lisa Holly, Carla Stelzer, Tammie Echols, Jimmy Ticer, Cindy Basquez, Rhonda Rogers, Cheryl Anderson, Rachele Smith, Bill Short and Mario Reyna. Jarita Lynne Norman and Jeffrey Lee Greene exchanged

### Yesteryears...

Continued on Page 9

## Community Takes Care of Boy Scouts

By Michael D. Isbell  
Garza County and City of Post Emergency Management

I would like everyone to know again how great the community of Post is! Friday night, April 16, during the "100-yr" rain, there were 84 Boy Scouts and Scout leaders trying to make their way to the Boy Scout Camp just outside of Post on FM 669. They had been traveling all day and were unable to make it to the camp because of the weather conditions.

Garza County Emergency Management and the Garza County Sheriff's Department began working immediately to get them some help. With joined efforts we were able to get them sheltered in the Post Community Center. The group was very happy that we were able to get them a place to stay so fast. Sheltering them was just the beginning. We then had to feed them, all 84 of them. That's when this community stepped up. We

had calls by the dozen asking what we needed in our efforts. T. K. Thompson with Thompson Wrecker Service donated drinks and Garza County provided two hot meals.

This community always seems to come together in the time of need. As the Emergency Management Coordinator I would like to thank the following who played a key role in this incident. Deputy Brent Meyer helped register the Scouts and their Leaders and provided security during the activation of the shelter. Deputy Bruce Flounoy helped in the registration process and also provided security during the incident. Paul Perez, City of Post Public Works Director, and his son Allen opened the Community Center and helped the scouts unload their gear. These two also helped the shelter staff unload cots and blankets for those who needed them. Paul stayed until all were registered and

then was back first thing Saturday morning to help with anything the shelter staff needed. Without them this entire operation would not have been possible.

I know this is part of it, but the feeling you get when you help someone whether it be a neighbor, a local citizen or someone you have never met before is a great feeling. As citizens of this community you should be proud that we were able to make such an impact on these scouts and their leaders.

*Editor's Note: The group housed in the Community Center was from Louisiana and East Texas. There was also a group of 250 scouts and leaders who were stranded at the Boy Scout Camp facility. Members of the community also pitched in and helped pull vehicles out of the mud and whatever else was necessary to enable that group to leave the camp facility.*

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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### Beneficial indeed

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Nothing like the look on a farmer's face after a couple of days of timely rain.

Sunday at church I thought I was at a political convention with all of the glad-handing and back-slapping going on by happy farmers and rightfully so.

We needed the rain, and we were blessed to receive it. And talk about a wide reach! When it rains from the middle of New Mexico to the far side of Oklahoma, it's a big storm system.

Every once in awhile - and several times recently, we are reminded that we are at the mercy of forces beyond our control.

Regardless if it's a massive rain storm, ice storm, rogue wave or a volcano, sometimes nature has to take its course.

After all, we're just lucky to be here, aren't we?

Caution: this next part is gross.

Speaking of things occurring naturally, our family has really been under the weather here recently. Believe it or not, I'm going to be driving the porcelain bus here pretty soon.

(That's slang for throw up.)

Once upon a time, the sight or sound of someone becoming ill would cause me to join in with them. I'm proud to say that I have come a long way since my youth. I was appointed chief cleaner-upper of all ills and spills.

It's not a job that I like, but I have the stomach for it I suppose. (Pun intended) My nose doesn't work very well which makes me real handy when it comes to nature's dirtiest jobs.

Do you social network? If not and you own a business, you may want to check it out.

If you have regular access to the Internet, no doubt you've heard of facebook.com or myspace.com. These social networking sites can be used to enhance your business presence.

I had avoided using them until this past weekend when I registered and began using facebook.com. After researching other businesses on it, I determined that it can indeed help get the word out about a great number of things.

Be warned however, it can become time consuming. You don't want your online social networking to become the focus of your day. It has its place, but it's sure not as important as

human-to-human contact.

By the way, here are a few online social networks and their number of members:

classmates.com - 50,000,000

facebook - 350,000,000

myspace.com - 130,000,000

flxter.com - 60,000,000

That's right, there are more members of facebook.com than live in the United States. That is an amazing statistic.

Currently I'm working on networking our newspapers websites with facebook.com and twitter.com. Should be an excellent way to inform a portion of the public about anything from cancellations of t-ball practice to a special we have running.

If you check it out, remember, don't rush to judge. This project is in its infancy.

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## Other Opinions

### Gates' (not so) Secret Memo to the President

By DAVE LEFCOURT

Here we go again. A secret memo from Defense Secretary Robert Gates to President Obama became known over the weekend revealing Gates' concerns that "the United States does not have an effective long-range policy for dealing with Iran's steady progress toward nuclear capability."

The memo, written last January, was described "as a wake up call" that among Gates' worries were "Iran could assemble all the major parts it needs for a nuclear weapon fuel, designs and detonators - but stop just short of assembling a fully operational weapon."

An administration official confided anonymously, "There was a line Iran would not be permitted to cross" that the United States would ensure that Iran would not acquire a nuclear capability."

Admiral Mike Mullen, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff wrote in December "that a military attack (on Iran) would have limited results."

The administration has placed "patriot missiles" in several allied Persian gulf states of late to counter (one supposes) Iran's ballistic missiles that are capable of reaching Israel but significantly, carry only conventional warheads.

So what is one to make of Gates' memo? It could have been leaked intentionally (by the administration) to the press as a

new warning to Iran that the U.S. is determined to prevent it from acquiring a nuclear weapon and despite Obama's diplomatic overtures to Iran, the military option is still very much on the table.

But really, is there anything new here; or just some renewed bombast by us

Admiral Mullen's take of "limited results" occurring if we attacked Iran comes closest to reality but even his conclusion runs well short of the mark

Attacking Iran (by us or the Israeli's) would be catastrophic. And it would not completely destroy Iran's nuclear capability (which is located in various locations throughout the country and placed deeply underground impervious to conventional weapons' strikes) but would in all likelihood, ramp up its efforts to actually develop a nuclear weapon.

Israel would surely be retaliated against with Iranian conventional missile strikes.

Iraq would likely explode into renewed attacks against the American presence there.

The Strait of Hormuz would likely be bombed and blocked by Iran, crippling oil supplies from reaching the open sea and creating (unnecessarily) a world oil shortage crisis and quite probably a new world financial crisis.

The "green" freedom movement that erupted from Iran's fraudulent reelection of President Ahmadinejad last summer

would likely collapse and a renewed nationalism by most Iranians would coalesce around the defense of the Iranian nation and further solidify the power of Iatollah Khamenei.

Lastly, terrorism would likely explode in the West Bank, southern Lebanon (Hezbollah), in Israel proper and probably Europe and the U.S.

And all for what purpose and to what end; to prevent a "potential" Iranian nuclear weapon? Sanctions, demonization, seizing of Iranian assets haven't worked. Preemptive wars in Afghanistan and particularly Iraq; just what has that accomplished besides instituting a Shiite regime in that country now closely allied and strongly influenced by Iran. A nuclear North Korea that didn't have a bomb (but when it was absurdly linked to Iraq and Iran by Bush in his "Axis of evil" speech in January 2002) rapidly developed its own nuclear capability).

What seems all too apparent is we have embarked on a strategy of endless war and hegemony throughout the world. We are the lone super power and we reign supreme, an empire in reality and a Republic in name only.

Is this what the signers of our "Declaration" had in mind in 1776? What Lincoln was determined to preserve? What Roosevelt and Truman did to defeat the imperialism of Germany and Japan?

## Other Views

### Why the Tea Party Matters

The tea party is not going away. More than a year after CNBC commentator Rick Santelli inspired the movement on the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the American people have once again taken to the streets nationwide to protest the unprecedented expansion of centralized government in Washington.

Like patriots of generations past, today's freedom fighters wish to restore their rights under a constitutional limited government guided by the rule of law. They have watched in two short years as government engaged in bailouts to delinquent borrowers who could not pay back their debts. They have seen their purchasing power decline under a regime of easy money, loose credit, and deficit-spending that first blew up housing and energy bubbles to unaffordable levels, and now threatens to collapse the government under the sheer weight of a national debt that cannot possibly be paid. They

have witnessed government make moves to seize and take over the auto industry, housing, health care, the energy sector, and now the financial system.

And they have had enough. Today's regime is the not founded upon the charter of liberty they learned of in grade school. Rather, what the American people have seen rise is a tyranny of government dependency — one that seeks to enslave future generations of the hard-working, the innovative, and the successful to subsidize failure today.

The American people see the future slipping away, and rather than watch what remains of their liberty diminish and what is left of their property seized, they are taking action.

Already, the tea party movement has had an indelible impact upon American politics. It has changed the conversation, and it was not done in Washington. It was done by real people in the real world. Wilson said that the tea parties are a leav-

ing their mark, pronouncing they have "already reshaped the political landscape."

What remains to be seen is if their far-reaching political program will ever be implemented. Yesterday, tea party activists unveiled their Contract from America, which includes the following planks: a return to constitutional limited government, a balanced budget coupled with a spending cap, fundamental tax reform to a low, single-rate system, a restoration of fiscal responsibility, and an "all-of-the-above" energy policy. Also included is the repeal of ObamaCare, the rejection of cap-and-trade, "stop the pork," and an end to tax hikes.

These are the legitimate concerns of the American people, and now it is up to a few courageous politicians to take that mantle and run with it. The American people know what needs to be done. But, they need representation. They need leaders who will do it. Because time is running out.

### The Bum's Rush

By BILL WILSON

On December 15th, 2010, the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission is due to deliver its report to Barack Obama on the principal causes of the financial meltdown of 2007 and 2008.

Of course, there's a bit of a problem with this timeframe. Namely, the Senate is already fully prepared to begin debate on Senator Chris Dodd's financial takeover this week, as reported by CNN.com.

It is "a bill that Democrats say will prevent another Wall Street meltdown like the one that precipitated the U.S. recession."

Except, that's what the Commission — which Congress voted to create — is supposed to be doing in presenting its report. According to the Commission's website, it is tasked to "examine the causes of major financial institutions which failed, or were likely to have failed, had they not received exceptional government assistance."

Unfortunately, Congress is not waiting for these critical findings prior to passing

sweeping changes to the way the financial system operates. Instead, this is another example of the bum's rush by a Congress that wants nothing more than to shove another government takeover down the throats of the American people.

Chief among the institutions the Commission is examining are the failures caused by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The now-nationalized mortgage giants bought some \$4.7 trillion of mortgages and sold them all over the world as securities, all the while overstating the quality of the underlying mortgage investments, as revealed by former Chief Credit Officer of Fannie Mae, Ed Pinto, in a recent article by Commissioner Peter Wallison of the American Enterprise Institute.

Writes Wallison, "By the end of 2008, Fannie and Freddie held or guaranteed approximately 10 million subprime and Alt-A mortgages and mortgage-backed securities (MBS)—risky loans with a total principal balance of \$1.6 trillion." That's more than one-third of all the securities Fannie and Freddie guarantee.

Sadly, credit rating agencies missed this mislabeling. In fact, they had little to no role in rating the Fannie and Freddie securities. Instead, securities issued by the Government Sponsored Enterprises' (GSE's) were automatically given AAA ratings simply because of their implicit backing by taxpayers.

Most certainly, Fannie and Freddie's deception caused purchasers of the securities to wildly miscalculate the true delinquency and default rates of the underlying mortgages. This inherent feature is what made the assets "toxic," for purchasing them in large quantity was much riskier than was advertised by the GSE's.

Commissioner Wallison has already called this a "principal cause of the financial crisis."

That being the case, one might think the Senate would turn its attention to Fannie and Freddie, or wait for the critical findings of the Commission before reshaping the entire financial system. Regrettably, the Dodd bill does neither. Instead, the GSE's are startlingly omitted from the new legislation.

Although, this is not surprising when one considers the fact that Dodd was the top recipient of campaign donations from GSE employees and Political Action Committees, as revealed by OpenSecrets.org.

In fact, the Dodd bill does nothing to rein in Fannie and Freddie now or in the future. Nor does it seek to begin unwinding government control of the mortgage industry. Instead, Dodd is rushing ahead with legislation that gives government the power to seize any firm it deems "too risky," all the while perpetuating the crisis by leaving the ultimate fate of the GSE's in limbo.

In December the Treasury arbitrarily lifted the \$400 billion cap on the GSE bailout, and so far taxpayers have dumped \$129 billion into these two agencies. By rushing ahead with legislation that does not begin to unwind them now, the Senate is increasing the likelihood that the government will be unable or unwilling to unwind them later, even if that is what the Commission concludes is the proper course of action.

# Menus

- Post ISD**  
**April 26**  
Breakfast- French toast sticks, syrup, fruit, milk  
Lunch- Baked potatoes, baby carrots, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk
- April 27**  
Breakfast- Quesadilla, fruit, milk  
Lunch- Pizza choice, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk
- April 28**  
Breakfast- Malt-O-Meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk  
Lunch- Oven fried chicken, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, gravy, fancy gelatin, milk
- April 29**  
Breakfast-Breakfast muffin sandwich, fruit, milk  
Lunch- Pizza & nacho grande, lettuce & tomatoes, orange smiles, combread, milk
- April 30**  
Breakfast- Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk  
Lunch- Corn dog, oven potatoes, broccoli/ranch, sparkly apple, crispy treat, milk
- Southland ISD**  
**April 26**  
Breakfast- French toast, yogurt, juice, milk  
Lunch- Hot dog, oven fried potatoes, apples/oranges, sherbet cup, milk
- April 27**  
Breakfast- Cereal, fruit, juice, milk  
Lunch- Enchiladas, refried beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk
- April 28**  
Breakfast-Donuts, fruit, juice, milk  
Lunch- Chicken nuggets, rice pilaf, English peas, hot roll, pineapple tidbits, milk
- April 29**  
Breakfast- Donuts, fruit, juice, milk  
Lunch- Taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk
- April 30**  
Breakfast- Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk  
Lunch- Hamburger, fixings, baked beans, carrots with ranch, crispy cereal treat, milk
- Trailblazers**  
**April 26**  
H.B. steak, copper pennies, brussel sprouts, biscuit, dry jello salad
- April 27**  
Green chili chicken salad, Mexican corn, salsa & chips, cobler
- April 28**  
Roast beef, potatoes, English peas, roll, quick cherry delight
- April 29**  
Pork tenderloin, navy beans, broccoli/cauliflower salad, cornbread, chocolate cake
- April 30**  
Fried fish, beans, coleslaw, ranch potatoes, hushpuppies, fruit

## Extension Extras

**Horse Validation**  
The deadline to validate horses for district and state shows is Wednesday, April 28, 2010.

**Playdays**  
May 1<sup>st</sup> will be the first playday. They will be every Saturday in May at 9:00 at the Post Stampede Rodeo Grounds. If you want to start selling tickets now, please come by the office and get yours.

**Private Applicator Training and Testing**  
There will be a class on May 4, 2010 at the Swisher County Extension Meeting Room at 310 W. Broadway in Tulia, Texas. The training will begin at 9:00 am.

**Fundraiser**  
We still have candy available at the Extension Office. Our state bound Consumer Decision Making team is selling this to help cover expenses.

Extension Office: 215 W Main (806) 495-4400  
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## White River Municipal Water District April 12, 2010 Report

Gauge Reading:	2347.30
Feet below spillway:	25' 2"
Rise:	1' 8"
Rainfall past week:	4.26"
Rain 2010 to date:	9.92"
Rainfall 2007:	24.19"
Rainfall 2008:	33.16"
Rainfall 2009:	12.70"

White River Lake has 1,835,192,832 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 16% capacity or 5,632 acre feet. Subtract 30,412,760 MG for evaporation this week in April that leaves 1,804,780,072 BG available as of today. White River's daily average demand for 2008 was 1.23 million gallons per day for all White River Customers and 1.36 million gallons per day for 2009. The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the Lake level raises. White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

Mickey Rogers, GM  
White River

## Lake Alan Henry Report April 19, 2010

Conservation pool elevation: 2220.00 feet above mean sea level  
Elevation as of April 19, 2010: 2222.40 feet, 2.40 feet over the spillway  
3. Water Temperature April 19: 59 degrees F.  
4. 2010 cumulative precipitation as of April 19: 9.51 inches  
Four inches of precipitation was recorded at the dam during the recent rain event, with larger amounts being recorded over the lake's drainage basin. This resulted in the lake level rising approximately 6 feet.  
Spotted bass and largemouth bass fishing slowed down with the lake level rise. Crappie fishing was excellent prior to the rise, with no reports of crappie fishing post rise. Catfish are being caught in the river section of the lake.

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



So where's a good breadboard when you need one? I need one.

It's not like I want to roll out a piecrust. I'd just like to walk up to the kitchen counter, pull out a breadboard, pull up a stool and eat a simple snack off the makeshift table.

It goes back to my childhood. Mine was happy. Mother let me eat off the breadboard. I can't believe I married a man without one. That's what happens when love prevails. Only later do you realize what you've gotten into - like no breadboard.

Maybe I should pause and ask for a show of hands to see how many of you have never heard of a breadboard.

PAUSE.  
OK, readers under 30, all six of you, here's the deal:

In kitchen design, breadboards are dinosaurs. My architect husband is suggesting they became an endangered species in the 1950s when the mass production of houses didn't allow time for the extra touches that had characterized the bungalow era. (I threw in that bungalow part myself. He's working the crossword, and I didn't want to push my luck at getting him to expound on breadboards.) Anyway, breadboards are as

rare now as their cousins in the realm of office furniture - those nifty little boards that slide out from under the top of the desk, usually over the drawers on the right. Or maybe it's the left. Presto! A nice uncluttered working surface, a bit lower than the top of the desk and therefore better for a typewriter.

If you're counting, we've named three dinosaurs so far: Breadboardosaurus kitchena, Deskboardosaurus officiana and Typewritersaurus rex.

In the evolution of office desks, the under-the-desktop slide-out designed for a computer keyboard is today's version of the old pullout boards. Pity. We've lost that space where the nice shallow central drawer used to be, not to mention the chance to magically pull a nice clean working surface seemingly out of nowhere, whether left or right - an immeasurably valuable feature for clutterers. Hmmm. Neither my spellchecker nor my computer dictionary recognizes the word "clutterer." But I can assure you there's such a species. I am one.

In these taxing times, that's why I need a breadboard -- not to have another surface to clutter but because my husband (not a clutterer) and I have been calculating taxes, and I the clutterer, not having been able to find all my tax documents amid my clutter, need the solace of a breadboard to repair my psyche. If I could sit down at one and eat a simple bowl of oatmeal or Rice Krispies, I'd imagine my late mother standing close by - she who always helped me with my clutter. Indeed, the first time I ever heard the word "clutterer" was from my Mother, who used it to describe both my father and me. Daddy nevertheless somehow managed to be organized enough to work as an income tax consultant.

How'd he manage? His desk had those magic pullout boards, left and right. How else?

## Russell Graves Outdoors BOIS D'ARC GOODBYE



**Part 1**  
If I close my eyes, I can almost hear the old country songs drifting through the dilapidated farmhouse near the tiny Texas community of Edhube. Thirty years ago my family lived in this old dwelling. It came complete with well water, a barn with a loft, and a screened back porch, where I would sleep when the weather was mild. Out in the country, there wasn't much to do except roam the pastures and creek bottoms at the northern edge of the Blackland Prairie. This is a story about how a creek, muddy and I suppose insignificant to most, transforms. The transformation affects not only the landscape, but people as well. This is a story about a creek's cultural, natural and historic importance to a rural part of Texas. This is a story about an attempt by me and my brother Bubba to record the creek in film, still images, writing and any other way we can before a lake project floods 16,000 acres of old-growth bottomland hardwoods and permanently alters the flow of the creek that helped shape who I am today.  
This is my story of Bois d'Arc Creek.

**Early Days**  
As creeks go, Bois d'Arc is a big one. With headwaters around the soft, white-rock washes east of Whitewright, Bois d'Arc meanders quietly through deep, black dirt and cuts an impressively wide valley northeast through Fannin County before it empties into the Red River just northwest of Paris. The upper and lower parts of the creek have places where the water runs relatively clear because of its rocky bottom and steeper flow. Along the creek's long midsection, the topography flattens, the current slows, the bottom muddies, and so does the water.  
Virtually no one lives along the creek's edge because of its propensity for occasional flooding. Therefore, most people identify the creek only where the highways intersect it. While I can't say I know the creek better than anyone else, I can say that I know it well. For the past 30-some-odd years, my brother and I have floated, fished, hunted and explored most of Bois d'Arc.  
"Supper's ready!" Mama's voice resonated through the old-growth oaks and the giant ragweed, signaling it was time for Bubba and me to climb the hill and head back home. We were never too far away, but that didn't matter. As long as we couldn't see the house, we may as well have been out in the wilderness. Boys like us could imagine high adventure even though we remained within earshot of our mother.  
We were and still are bona fide country kids. While I haven't thought about it much, I suppose a great deal of my wanderlust formed as a boy in that old farmhouse near Edhube.  
On one occasion, I can remember walking to the creek with Bubba. While he was checking some steel traps he'd laid to catch raccoons so he could sell their pelts, I stayed on the bank and looked for cool stuff. What I found was a big bur oak tree. Scattered underneath were huge, golf-ball-sized acorns. I can't remember what fascinated me more - the sheer size of the acorns or their perfectly formed caps, which looked to me like ornate, basket-weaved cups. Whatever attracted me to those acorns didn't really matter as I filled every pocket with them and took them home to smash them with a hammer to see what was inside.  
Those acorns, small and insignificant to most, I suppose, are one of the things that attracted me to the outdoors. Things like that still do.

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## District Champs....

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400 M: Taylor Osborn, First; Bethany Curtis, Fifth  
800 M: Andi Soliz, Second  
2400 M: Rocio Montoya, Sixth  
100 M Hurdles: Miranda Solorzano, First; Sierra Isbell, Sixth  
300 M Hurdles: Miranda Solorzano, First  
400 M Relay: Post, First: Miranda Solorzano, Taylor Osborn, Bethany Curtis, Jaycee Johnson  
1600 M Relay: Post, First: Bethany Curtis, Andi Soliz, Matti Smith, Taylor Osborn  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

TEAM: Second  
Long Jump: Trystan Hilger, Fifth  
Triple jump: D.J. Brown, First; Christian Pena, Second  
High jump: Taylor Soto, Fifth; Alan Alaniz, Sixth  
Pole Vault: Paden Babb, Third  
Shot put: Mondo Martinez, Second; Francisco Gonzalez, Third  
Discuss: Trystan Hilger, First, Marco Erives, Fourth  
110 Hurdles: Taylor Soto, Second; Campbell Kirkpatrick, Fourth  
300 Hurdles: Campbell Kirkpatrick, First; Taylor Soto, Third

100 M: D. J. Brown, First; David Hernandez, Fifth  
200 M: D. J. Brown, First; Christian Pena, Fourth  
400 M: Chris Rivera, Third; Pake Jones, Fifth; Christian Pena, Sixth  
800 M: Tyler Jones, First; Paden Babb, Sixth  
1600 M: Tyler Jones, First  
400 M Relay: Post, Third: Pake Jones, Josh Curtis, Alan Alaniz, Taylor Soto  
800 M Relay: Post, Fourth: Pake Jones, Josh Curtis, Alan Alaniz, Chris Rivera  
1600 Relay: Post, Third: Campbell Kirkpatrick, D. J. Brown, Alan Alaniz, Chris Rivera

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls  
TEAM: Third  
High Jump: Kelbie Oden, Second  
Long Jump: Kelbie Oden, First  
Triple Jump: Rebecca Perez, Second  
Discuss: Anahica Duran, Third; Tamara Moore, Fourth  
100 M: Kelbie Oden, First; Anahica Duran, Second  
200 M: Kelbie Oden, First  
400 M: Rebecca Perez, First  
800 M: Fatima Trinidad, Fifth  
100M Relay: Post, Third: Chelby Morris, Rebecca Perez, Anahica Duran, Kelbie Oden  
800 M Relay: Post, Fourth: Dakota Greer, Kelsey Griffin, Chelby Morris, Anahica Duran  
1600 M Relay: Post, Fourth: Rebecca Perez, Evelin Alaniz, Dakota Greer, Chelby Morris

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys  
TEAM: Fourth  
High Jump: Ethan Self, Third; Dillon Pearson, Fifth  
Shot put: Jason Walden, Third; Blake Boren, Sixth  
100 M: Colton Stamey, Sixth  
200 M: Dillon Pearson, Fifth  
400 M: Ethan Self, Third  
400 M Relay: Post, Second: Colton Stamey, Blake Boren, Alan Perez, Dillon Pearson  
800 M Relay: Post, Fourth: Alan Perez, Blake Boren, Eric Gomez, Ethan Self  
1600 M Relay: Post, Third: Ethan Self, Alan Perez, Dillon Pearson, Blake Boren

## POST NOTES....

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Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame

We are trying to complete information in tribute to past recipients of Cowboy Hall of Fame honors. If you know who received this honor in the following years, please contact The Post Dispatch: 2002, 2004, and 2007. We have this information for these years: George Duckworth, 2001; Carl Rains, 2003; Ralph & Riley Miller, 2005; Jack Kirkpatrick, 2006, Bill Long, 2008. Call 495-2816 or email postcitydispatch@yahoo.com.

## Golden Plains Care Center

Golden Plains Care Center is planning two big events, one in May for National Nursing Home Week and another at the end of the summer. We are having a fundraiser to raise money for these events and we need your help! Classic Color Photography will be taking family portraits April 24 at Trailblazers, 205 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. in Post. We will sell certificates for \$10 each that will give you a 10x13 photo and you will be able to purchase the packet of photos of your choice. Certificates are on sale now. If you have any questions, please contact Christy Rutherford or Joel Warren t 806-495-2848. Thank you for your support!

## Panhandle Professional Writers Conference

On June 25 and June 26 at the Amarillo College Union Building, Panhandle Professional Writers will hold their annual

Frontiers in Writing Conference. This year's conference is called From Inspiration to Publication. The Keynote Speaker, Joy Jordan-Lake will address the conference theme with her speech, "From Hobby to High Calling." Other speakers include publishers, agents, writers and technical people discussing all aspects of writing and publishing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. For further information including registration forms and costs, please go to: panhandleprowriters.org and click on the link "FiW 2010 Conference Brochure."

## OS Museum Spring Exhibit

It's time for an exhibit change and the winds blew in "Spring" at the OS Museum. Spring and Easter art and artifacts are on display from the McCrary's travels around the world. Viewing hours: 10 a.m. to 12 and 1-5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Closed most major holidays. OS Museum, 201 E. Main Street and Avenue I in Post. Upstairs - elevator for your convenience.

## Class of 1965 Plans Reunion

The class of 1965, the largest PHS graduating class, and of course the best class will have it's 45th reunion on Friday June 18th and Saturday June 19th. Class dues are \$25.00 per classmate. Please contact Larry Osman larryosman@att.net 806-445-3359, or Dan Johnson djohnson65@consolidated.net for details.

## PHS Class of 1990 Reunion

Can you believe it has

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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 visit our website, 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 Jendy Thomas Touchstone at jlltouchstone@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.

## Yesteryears...

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wedding vows in a double ring ceremony in the Graham Chapel United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Lucile McBride was honored with a retirement reception Sunday, April 20, in the bank community room. The apple theme was carried out in the decorations where mementoes and pictures were placed on two large apple cutouts.

## 40 years ago- April 23, 1970

New officers for the Women's Auxiliary of Garza Memorial Hospital at the group's annual awards banquet were Mrs. Jewel Long, second vice president; Mrs. M.J. Malouf, president; Mrs. F.R. Adams, secretary; and Mrs.

Kent Magness, first vice president. Also at the banquet was Rev. George L. Miller who was the guest speaker and Mrs. L.G. Thuet Sr. who received a 1,000-hour pin.

Officers were elected and committee chairman appointed at the meeting of Gamma Mu chapter of Epsilon Alpha sorority. Thelma Mason was elected president; Loveta Norman, vice president; Louise Greene, secretary; Johnnie Norman, treasurer; educational director, Sybil White; and Genay Bertran, reporter.

Six Post High School athletes are headed to the Region I track and field meet. They included Larry Scrivner, Pay Ayala, Arthur Torres, Steve Newby, Butch Heaton and Randy Hudman.

## 50 years ago- April 21, 1960

Dean Johnston and Judy Clary were named sophomore class favorites for the 1959-1960 school year.

Scotty Pierce, Post High School student, signed a letter of intent at West Texas State College in Canyon. The 6-foot, 6-inch Post athlete made the all-district 3-AA basketball team the past two seasons and received honorable mention on this season's all-state team. He set a new basketball scoring record this season at Post High School.

Darrell Jones, Southland High School track star, was the District 7-B meet's high point man with 45 points, winning first place in the 100, 220, discus and shot put and running a leg on the winning mile relay team.

Thanks For Reading The Post Dispatch

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County had applied for and received a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to help fund the program locally. This year the grant was submitted by the March 5 deadline; however, a required certification was not submitted until Monday after the deadline. Cravy explained that this is the manner in which grants and certifications have been submitted in the past. This year, due to changes at the state level, 33 grant applications statewide and seven in the region were rejected because the certification was submitted after the due date. Cravy recently received an email from the state notifying her that Garza County is ineligible for this funding this year. The current VOCA Grant will fund the Garza/Dickens County Victims Advocate program through August 2010.

By law a victim's liaison is required and the Sheriff's Department can handle these services. The Victims Advocate in Garza County handles an average of 250 victims each year.

Cravy suggested three possible solutions: 1) Disband the program altogether; 2) the county fund the program for a year and re-apply for the grant next year; 3) the county totally fund the program instead of relying on the VOCA grant. Judge Norman added that he believes this is the first of more state cut-backs intended to shift the

funding burden to counties. No action was taken.

The court approved co-presiding and co-alternate Election Judges for the primary run-off elections on April 13 as well as a list of nominated poll workers for the two polling places.

Glen Killough, District Conservationist with NRCS announced to the court that the Natural Resources Conservation Service, formerly known as the Soil Conversation Service, is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> year of service. The court issued a proclamation declaring April 27, 2010 as Conservation Day in honor of this anniversary.

Traci Bush Freeman presented information to the court concerning the restoration project of the Close City School. The building is the oldest standing school building in Garza County. Freeman and Nancy Morris explained that the organization has established 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status. The group has raised approximately \$8,000 through fundraisers such as a rummage sales and ice cream socials. They have also submitted grant applications to various charitable foundations. Freeman asked the court to consider paying for the survey of the land where the Close City School is located. The Commissioners voted to pay up to \$1500 for this survey, taking the amount from the Special Projects

line item. During the Public Comment item on the agenda, long-time Garza County resident Jimmy Bird expressed concern over the status of the Verbena Road that leads to his property. He was under the understanding that this was a county road; however, his neighbor, Paul Beach, recently put up a sign stating that the road was private which limits who can use the road. Bird requested the county help with taking down the signs and perform maintenance on the road. County Attorney Munk concluded through his research that the road is a county road according to a resolution dated March, 2008 pertaining to Section 258 of the Texas transportation code. No action was taken. Minutes from the March 22, 2010 regular meeting were approved as well as the following written reports: Treasurer; Budget Usage Analysis; Senior Transportation; District/County Clerk; Tax Collector/Assessor; Justice of the Peace, No. 1; Justice of the Peace, No. 2; AgriLife Extension-Jones; Garza County Certificates of Obligation Bond Fund, 2008. Precinct and countywide accounts payable for March 23 through April 12, 2010 were approved. Three line item transfers were submitted and approved.

## ORDER OF ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 8, 2010 to elect:

Councilman, Ward 3  
Councilman, Ward 4  
Councilman, Ward 5

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

105 E Main (City Hall)

Beginning April 26 through May 4, 2010 with extended hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26 and Monday, May 3, 2010.

Election Day voting will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 129 W Main (Post Community Center)

Applications for Ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Deana Watson  
105 E Main  
Post, Texas 79356

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 30, 2010

Issued this February 18, 2010.

*Sherron Sharp*  
Signature of Mayor

*Maria Amador*  
Signature of Councilperson

*Robert*  
Signature of Councilperson

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Councilperson

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Councilperson

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Councilperson

## ORDEN DE ELECCION PARA MUNICIPIOS

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el May 8th, 2010 con el proposito de:

Councilman, Ward 3  
Councilman, Ward 4  
Councilman, Ward 5

La Votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en

105 E Main  
(título)

Entre las 7 de la mañana y las 7 de la tarde empezando el April 26, 2010 y terminando el May 4, 2010 (fecha)

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

Deana Watson  
(Nombre del Secretario(a) de Votacion Adelantada)  
105 E Main St  
(Direccion)  
Post Tx 79356  
(Ciudad) (Zona Postal)

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de las horas de negocio el April 30, 2010 (fecha)

## PHS Students Receive Welding Certifications



Post High School Ag students who recently received American Welding Society Certificates are (from left): Kegan Soto, Colt Dean, Kaleb Tanner, Justin Boren, Trent Babb, Tobe Palmer, Chase Odom, Mario Ceja, Klint Fluitt, Travis Emeyabbi. Photo by Lance Dunn.

On Wednesday, April 14, ten Post High School Ag students traveled to the Byron Martin Center in Lubbock to take their American Welding Society Certification tests. Mr. Ed Fahsholtz of the Byron Martin Center inspected the students' welds. All ten of these students received one or more certifications.

Fillet welds were done on a 3/8" plate with E6011 electrodes in flat, horizontal, and vertical positions. All ten students were certified in flat position (F1); eight of the ten students were certified both in flat (F1) and horizontal position (F2);

and two students successfully certified in all three positions-flat (F1), horizontal (F2) and vertical up (F3).

In 2006, there were 52,750 jobs related to welding. It is projected that in 2016 there will be 65,750 jobs in this field, which is an increase of 13,000 jobs (25%). Currently in Texas, there are 2,418 welding related job openings. An average salary for welding/cutting occupations in Texas is \$35,445.00 a year or \$18.50 an hour.

Welding instructors at Post High School are Perry Smith and Lance Dunn.



Kyna Hudman of Post, age 6, (above center) participated in the Southwest Tumbling and Trampoline Association State Meet held in Levelland Saturday, April 17. She placed first in her age group and level in all three events that included tumbling, trampoline and double mini trampoline. Kyna's parents are Richard and Lichele Hudman; her grandparents are Curtis and Julie Hudman and Richard and Keitha Hopson. Courtesy photo.

## Nationally Acclaimed Quartet to Perform at Ragtown

The Ragtown Gospel Theater is offering an "admission free" concert by The LeFevre Quartet Sunday, April 25 at 3 p.m. A love offering will be taken. The gospel music group has won many awards in-

cluding Breakout Artist of the Year in 2007 and their single, "Big Mighty God" was nominated for a 2009 Dove Award.

"No group has come more highly recommended than The LeFevre Quartet," said Chip

Polk of Ragtown Gospel Theater. "Performers and fans alike continue to be thrilled by the music of Mike LeFevre and his extraordinary group."

For more information call 1-877-RAGTOWN or visit Ragtown.com.



Audree Williams, a freshman (left) placed Third in Literary Criticism at District UIL competition. Amber Wilson, a junior, (right) placed First in Headlines and Third in Computer Applications at the District level.

The two PHS students are headed to the Regional UIL contest in Odessa this weekend.

Courtesy photo.



Chloe Mason, a senior at Post High School, received one of 14 medals awarded at the state level out of the 32 pieces that Region 17 entered in the state Texas Art Education Association Visual Arts Scholastic Event this year. Mason scored an 18 out of a possible 20 points qualifying her for the medal. Her winning entry was a linoleum block print with an abstract design layered with a variety of colored inks over black ink. Only academically eligible high school students are can participate in this art event. Courtesy photo.

## SUDOKU

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### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

### Here's How It Works:

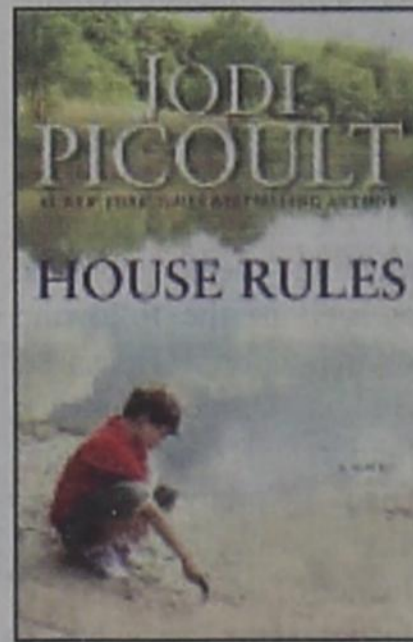
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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8	5	1	9	2	4	3	7	6
9	3	2	6	7	1	4	5	8
7	9	5	4	8	2	1	6	3
1	6	3	7	9	5	2	8	4
2	8	4	3	1	6	7	9	5

ANSWER:

**United**  
Supermarkets

## Book Review



By Marita Jackson

*House Rules*, a novel by Jodi Picoult is about Jacob an eighteen year old boy with Asperger's (a form of Autism) whose family is being torn apart by an accusation of murder. Jacob is highly intelligent with an IQ of 162. However, he cannot relate to emotions, social interaction or cues nor can he express himself well to others.

Jacob is the center of his universe that lives by strict schedules and rules. His fixation is forensic science. A police scanner alerts him to murders and he shows up at crime scenes to help police discover clues and tell them what to do. He is often right. So he is already on

the radar of the local detective when he becomes the prime murder suspect in the death of his tutor.

His mother has seen the brutal intolerance and misunderstanding of Jacob's illness and wonders how a jury will interpret his strange and unusual behavior, such as, not looking someone in the eye, stimulatory tics and twitches, and flat affect.

The story is told from the perspective of Jacob, his younger brother, mother, the arresting detective, and his lawyer. This is a captivating and moving story of a family caught in the world of Asperger's. I recommend it.

