

Commissioners approve **U.S. Marshall contract**

By Rosa Latimer News Editor

Michael O'Brian of dent. the Garza County Law Enforcement Center presented a three-year contract with the United States Marshall Service to house inmates in in the Cedar Hills Addition, the Garza County jail at a rate of \$47 per day per inmate. O'Brian explained that this contract is a "standard" contract and would allow up of Brandt Engineers presentto 66 inmates, male and fe- ed information indicating male from the U.S. Marshall Service. The Commissioners voted to approve the contract. O'Brian also reported that the average population of the Garza County jail stays "between the mid-70s and low-80s" and that Garza County continues to house a weekly average of 40 inmates from Lubbock County. Mary Crites of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Engineers discussed a contract with the county for the courthouse elevator project. Crites said the contract would be very similar to a previous agreement regarding the elevator. She feels it would be best for the Commissioners to decide on a couple of location options from the four already established. Her firm will develop those options with cost estimates and present the information to the state historical commission for their input. The Commissioners voted to approve Parkhill, Smith and Cooper for this phase of the elevator project and for the firm to represent Garza County before the Texas Historical Commission and through this first project phase for a fee between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The Commissioners also considered and approved the renewal of an Interlocal Agreement between the Bureau of Prisons and the Garza County Regional Juvenile Detention Center.

This is a three-year contract for \$275 per day per resi-

A permit application to cross Garza County roads for the City of Post water system improvement project the Caprock Addition and along Ragtown Road was also considered by the Commissioners. Oscar Ostos that the project would require crossing seven county roads and the project is expected to begin within a month. Ostos also assured the court that pipeline markers would be provided in the county road right-of-ways. The court voted to approve the permit. Applicable permit fees had been paid by the City of Post. The agenda included By Eleysa Richards consideration of a bid for Staff Writer county property located at 513 N. Avenue F (Lot 9-11 seeing about fifty high school Block 26) in the original students wandering around town site of Post. However, town with cameras a couple Tax Collector/Assessor Judy of weeks ago. These students Bush requested the item be were not just wandering; they tabled until a policy can be were taking pictures of hiswritten outlining a proce- toric sites in Garza County. dure for awarding bids. The The art students at Post High Commissioners voted to table School participated in a digithe item. The Certification TxDOT's of Garza County Annual from a local foundation, in Maintained Road Mileage which they were given digital and reduced the total by three cameras and the aid of a promiles from the 2009 mile- fessional photographer, Jane age count. This reduction was because of the closing of White Road) in Precinct 4.



26 regular meeting were approved and these written reports were presented and approved: Treasurer;

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Post Notes

New Post City Council members were sworn in by Mayor Thressa Harp (center) during the City Council meeting held at Noon, May 13, 2010: (from left) Les Looney, Ward 3; Mark Short, Ward 4 and Anita Morris, Ward 5.

Photography workshop held in high school art class

Perhaps you remember tal photography workshop, court reviewed funded by a grant to the Caprock Cultural Association Lindsay.

graduate school at Arizona State University in the fall. Her goal is to teach at the college level. When asked about Budget Usage Analysis; her experience with this proj-Senior Transportation; Tax ect, she said, "I have learned Collector/Assessor; Justice many things from the expeof the Peace, No. 2; Garza rience. All in all I am very continued on page 11



Photos by Jane Lindsay Lindsay, who currently has Macy Blair, PHS Junior (from left), Anthony County Road 225 (known as some of her work showing at Soto, Sophomore and Jordan Aguilar, Cooper Grand Hall in New Sophomore are shown photographing inside Minutes from the April York City, will be attending the historical Close City School building. These students participated in a Photography Workshop for the high school art classes and some of their work will be on display at a reception Saturday, May 22, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Heritage House. M. J. Wynne (right), a senior at Post High School was one of the participants in the Photography Workshop sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association. M. J. is shown photographing in the Terrace Cemetery, one of the local historical sites visited by the students.



Photo by Rosa Latimer

Lions Club Fundraiser

The Post Lions Club will sponsor a fundraiser for Brynne Bigham May 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Post Stampede Rodeo Grounds. The event will include a crawfish boil, games for the kids, a silent auction and a dance. Tickets are \$30/couple; \$20/ individual; \$10 children under 12. Contact Jason Porter, 806-787-4153 to purchase

May 27th in the elementary school auditorium. The public is encouraged to attend.

Raffle Tickets

The Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce is selling raffle tickets for a 6-piece patio set. Tickets are \$1/ each or \$5 for six. The patio set will be given away at Old Mill Trade Day Downtown July 3. To purchase raffle tickets contact JoAnn Stelzer, 495-3393 or Betty Posey, 495-2067.



your tickets or for more information.

Retirement Reception

After 34 years in education, 29 at Post ISD, Patsy Byrd is retiring. We would like to honor Mrs. Byrd and all her years of service with a retirement reception on the 25th of May. Please join us in the elementary lounge on the 25th between 3:45 and 5:30 as we celebrate Mrs. Byrd's many years of service both to children and to Post ISD.

Elementary Awards Assembly

Post Elementary will hold its Awards Assembly Wednesday, May 26 for the 2009/2010 school year. The assembly will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Post Elementary auditorium. The public is welcome.

Kindergarten Graduation Post Elementary Kindergarten graduation will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday,

Summer Food Service Program

The Post Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program to be held Monday through Friday beginning June 1, 2010 and continuing through June 30, 2010. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the school cafeteria, 211 South Avenue K, Post, Texas. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. with lunch being served from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. Children 18 years of age and younger are eligible to participate in the program and in accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture Policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex age or discontinued on page 11

Mr. Thank you,

Marcum leaves our school

to give credit where credit

is due. Mr. Marcum has

done more to raise the

academic standards of our

school than many before

him. We will miss his

administrative skills and

dedication to excellence.

Thank you, Mr. Marcum,

for your contribution to

PISD. Go with God!

Marcum

Suggestion

Before Superintendent Why does Post ISD and community, we need hire two full-time cops for the school? Is it that bad? Also, I think the city code enforcer should send out letters to everyone that has junk in their yards and old vehicles and fine them after 30 days. You have to follow through, don't just threaten. I bet they would clean up. In Lubbock if there are old cars or even

if its messy by the dump-A Question and A ster you have so many days to clean up or a big fine. Let's try it here and clean up our town.

Love Speak Up

I just love the "Speak Up" section in your newspaper. I find it very enlightening to see the different opinions expressed in this section of The Post Dispatch. Most of the people that I spend my continued on page 11

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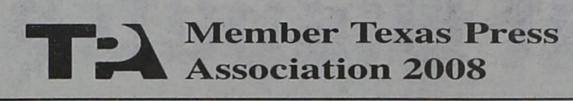
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The Post Lions Club is sponsoring a Ca- It was a great event. jun dinner and dance at the Rodeo Arena this Saturday at 6:00 p.m. benefiting Brynne Bigham. Call Jason Porter for ticket information at 806-787-4153.

"Peter the Rock" will have its last weekend of performances at Ragtown Gospel Theater Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Post Area Job Fair on Tuesday. We had 8 employers present to pass out applications to job seekers. We also want to thank everyone who participated in the Texas Plains Trail Postage Cancellation Project on Wednesday.

A special "thank you" goes out to the Post Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors: Lisa Kirkpatrick, Thressa Harp, Marsha Norman, Rosa Latimer, Kerry Dixon, Jay Young, Gregg Tidmore, Brandy Fannon and JoAnn Stelzer. This Board consists of people from all walks of life who come together once a month to discuss projects and make decisions that continue to benefit the businesses of Post and the surrounding area.

Congratulations to our members of the week: Gold Member- BOOE ROOFING and Silver Member - POST-MONTGOM-ERY

Obituary

Jack Hoover

USAF, (Ret), age 88, died Asiatic Pacific Campaign March 8, 2010 at home in San Medal with 4 battle stars. He Antonio after a short illness. was a director of the 5th Air He was born in Grandfield, Force Memorial foundation, Tillman Co., OK February and a member of the order of 6, 1922 to Orville Huston Dandelions. Colonel Hoover Hoover and Myrtie Varner was a 32-degree Scottish Rite Hoover.

Colonel Hoover grew up in Garza County, TX. He ceded in death by his parents, graduated from Post High Mr.& Mrs. O.H. Hoover; a School in 1939. He attended sister, Nina Belle Chapman Texas Tech University from and four brothers: Houston, 1940-1941 and completed Herbert, Jerry and Bill. Coloextension work from the Uni- nel Hoover is survived by versity of California as well his wife of 50 years, and the

as the University of Mary- mother of his children, Jean land. He was a Sergeant Pilot, graduating at Luck Field as a member of 42F West Coast class. Colonel Hoover served in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam during his 35 1/2 years in the United States Air Force. Among his decorations and commendations are the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, The Air Colonel Jack D. Hoover, Medal with four oak clusters, for 53 years.

Colonel Hoover was pre-

Hoover: son, Mark Lionel & wife, Judy of Abilene, TX; daughters, Janice Rue & husband, Robert Kucharyski of San Antonio, TX; Deborah Ann & husband, Howard J. McCoy III of Ridley Park, PA; Nancy Lee Hoover & husband, Archie McVea of San Antonio, TX; four grandchildren: Jaden & wife, Sarrah Kucharyski of Tulsa, OK; Courtney Kucharyski of San Antonio, TX; Alyssa Hoover of Abilene, TX; Tracey Erin Kennon of Peoria, AZ; four great-grandchildren, Elyot, Judah, Olivia, and Rayna; as well as numerous nieces & nephews. Visitation was Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Sunset Funeral Home. Graveside services were held on Friday, March 12, 2010 at 9:45 a.m. at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your

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Photo by JoAnn Stelzer

The Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored several fundraising events at last month's Old Mill Trade Day Downtown. (from left) members Donna Degan, Sue Ann Davis, Linda Puckett and Olive Shaw are shown selling home-baked goods; commemorative Post Christmas ornaments and raffle tickets for a 6-piece patio that will be given away at the July 3 Trade Day event.

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Kenneth Williams 10/09/1942 - 5/25/2009

Our precious husband, loving daddy, papa and great-grandpa has been gone one year. Oh, how we love you and have had a very lonely year without you, but we can always know and remember, "When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!!!"

We love you,

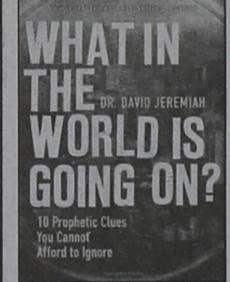
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By Marita Jackson

What In The World Is Going On? by Dr. David Jeremiah is an intriguing book that makes Bible prophecy and the warning signs of the final days of earth's history abundantly clear. One can look around at all that is occurring in the world and have peace knowing what to expect. Dr. Jeremiah gives "10 Prophetic Clues You Cannot Afford to Ignore". He states that there is one reliable source of information about



Book Review

the future-one that has an astounding record of accuracy. The Bible! In this book, Dr. Jeremiah conveys crucial Biblical information for interpreting the signs of the last days.

The book is divided into 10 chapters that apply these clues and point out these signs, viewing current events from the prospective of the Bible. His purpose is not to make one fearful, but to make one aware so as to be prepared.

There is no way to give an adequate review of this book in a few paragraphs. Therefore, I will be giving a review over each chapter in the following weeks. Below is the title of each chapter: Chapter One: The Israel Connection

Chapter Two: The Crude (Oil) Awakening Chapter Three: Modern Europe....Ancient Rome Chapter Four: Islamic Terrorism

Chapter Five: Vanished Without a Trace Chapter Six: Does America

Have a Role in Prophecy? Chapter Seven: When One Man Rules the World Chapter Eight: The New Axis of Evil Chapter Nine: Arming for Armageddon Chapter Ten: The Return of

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This book's purpose is to put together the pieces of the puzzle, that one will recognize the clues that God has given us to find peace and help one understand what in the world is going on.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather With this last spell of moisture we received about and inch and a half here at the gin; that will sure help with the planting. Some have already started putting seed in the ground and the rest will get started as soon as it dries up enough to get in the fields.

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News

Jake Morris, grandson of Jack and Jean graduated Thursday night from kindergarten from the FBC

School. Way to go Jake!!! I that we have qualified for; the one you can pick yours up at know we have some seniors from out here graduating as well; be sure to let me know so that I can recognize them next week.

Clarice Mike and Johnson have a new greatgranddaughter. Emily Naomi Tanner was born on May 11th in Lubbock; she is the sweet daughter of Dakota and Matt. Congrats ya'll!

The School Project is coming along nicely, Nancy and I are working on Grants

property has been surveyed and the building cleared out. Hopefully we will be able to start on the roof in the near future. If you would like more information or would like to help in anyway let me know. Our next major fundraiser is the ice cream social on July 31st so mark your calendars.

Cookbooks

We still have some cookbooks left, if you want

Cocara's or LaPosta. Or you can come to the gin, we have several here.

Visitors

We've had a few visitors this past week, those out were..... Ronnie Gradine and Addi; Travis Lancaster; Bobby Terry. Ya'll come see us, 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 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.

Close City Birthdays-, May 24th – Kale Yarbro May 25th - Marsha Norman

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. Everyone have a great week!

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THE OTHER NINE Julia Jefimtsuk (Harjumaa, Estonia) Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Weekly Inspirations

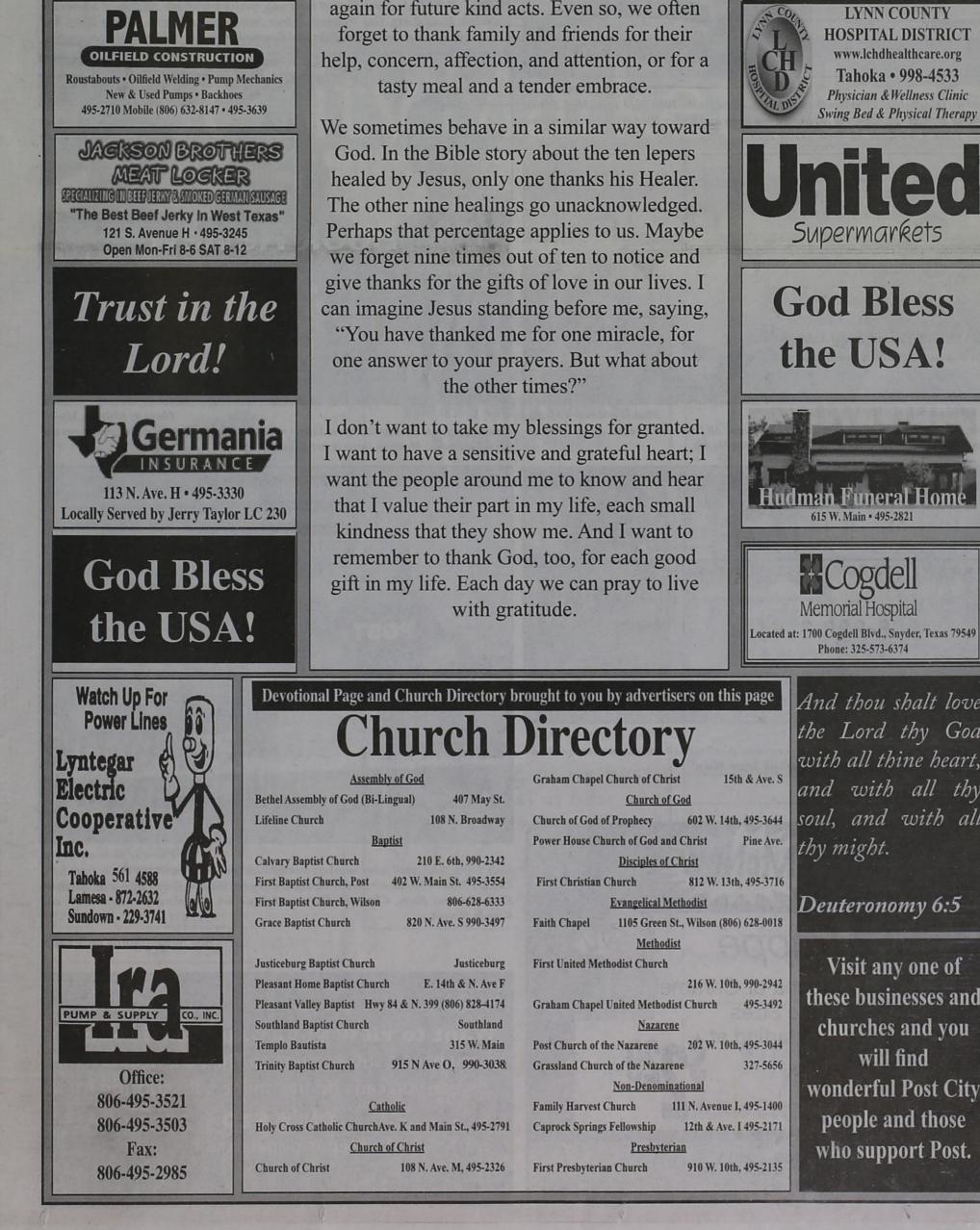
-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NRSV)

WE are taught from childhood to say thank you when we are given something or helped in some way. Yet having thanked someone once for a kindness shown us does not release us from responsibility to express our gratitude again for future kind acts. Even so, we often forget to thank family and friends for their

God. In the Bible story about the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one thanks his Healer.

"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."

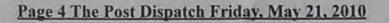
2 Timothy 3:16-17



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

these businesses and churches and you wonderful Post City people and those who support Post.





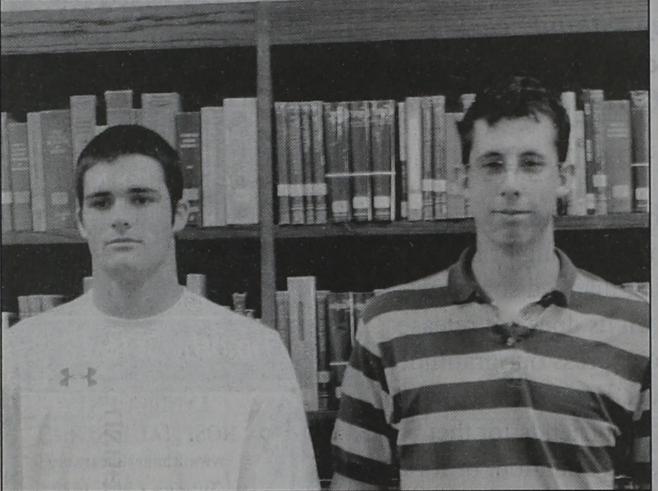




Photo by Melvena Moore. PHS students receiving Post Academic All District Football honors are back, from left:, Cheree Conner, Manager; Ben Mason; Cody Dean; John Bocko; Trent Babb; Giles Dalby and Tiny Williams, Manager. Front, from left: Alissa Morrow, Manager; Luis Duran; Reed Williams; Clint Windham; Easton Mathis; Sydnee Manager. Not Jones, pictured: Nick Rodriquez.

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Photo by Melvena Moore.

Antelope Quarterback Clint Windham (left) was named to the 2009-2010 Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State First Team and Kicker Reed Williams was named to the THSCA Academic All-State Second Team.



Photo by Melvena Moore. Duran, Reed Williams, Clint Windham and Easton Mathis.

Photo by Melvena Moore. Members of the Lady Lopes Softball team who received Academic All District honors are (from left) Haily Berry, Tiny Williams, Sydnee Jones, Brooke Morris, Bethany Berry, and Kari Dunn. Not pictured: Alex Miller and Branda Stevens.

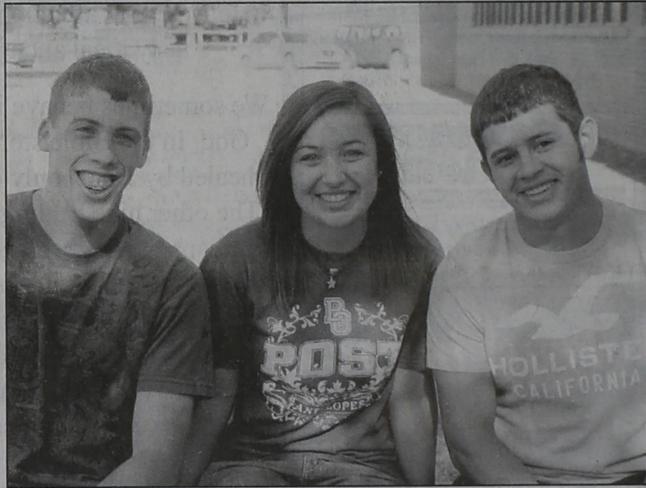


Photo by Melvena Moore. Four Antelope Basketball seniors received Academic All District accolades: (from left) Luis Named Academic All District Power Lifters were (from left): Cody Dean, Sydnee Jones and Nick Rodriguez. Madison Davis is not pictured.

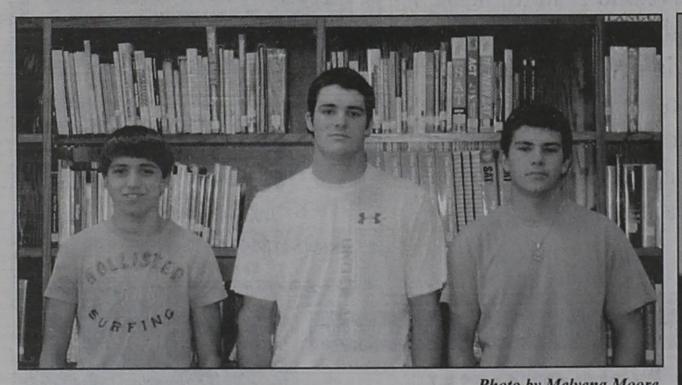


Photo by Melvena Moore. Bold Gold Baseball team members who received Academic All District honors are shown from left: Dalton Holly, Clint Windham and Aaron Macy.





Photo by Melvena Moore. Lady Lopes Basketball team members named Academic All District are (back, from left): Kambry Mason, Manager; Tiny Williams, and Amber Wilson. (from, from left) Katelynn Short, Bethany Berry, Cheyenne Miller and Toni Wait. Not pictured: Alex Miller and Branda Stevens.

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Personal

Post Group Alcoholics Anonymous 10th and Avenue K, behind United Supermarket, Tuesday night, 8 p.m. Book Study Thursday night, Cement work, slabs, driveways \$1.25 8 p.m. Closed Meetings. For more info: 806-781-1156 or 806-495-5371. Monday, 8 p.m., Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Ave. C. For more information about the Monday NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING meeting, call 495-3173.

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Family Group meeting meets Monday at 8 p.m., Historic Presbyterian Church, 10th & Ave. K, behind United Supermarket in the operations of Public Housing. A pre-Bid Conference is not separate room from AA meeting. For more information call 495-3053

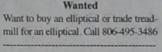
Help Wanted

Burnham Country Store & Grill under new ownership at LAH is hiring part-time/full-time help. Call 629-4061 or come by and ask for Jaymie.

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Public Notice

ON AGENCY PLANS The Quality Housing and Work documents: including plans and Responsibility Act of 1998 requires the Housing Authority of the City of available for inspection at the office Post, Texas to prepare an Annual PHA of the Housing Authority of the City Plan and Five Year Plan covering of Post The Board of Commissioners for the Post Housing Authority will conduct at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the office of Housing Authority, 709 Caprock Drive, Post, Texas. The PHA Plan is available to the

Delores Redman Executive Director Post Housing Authority

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Invitation For Bids

The Housing Authority of the City of Post; 709 Caprock Drive, Post, Texas 79336, will receive sealed bids for the replacement of 56 exterior metal doors. As per plans and specifications in accordance

Post Classifieds

with all work specified and/or shown on the drawings. Bids will be received until: TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010 AT

3:00PM **CITY OF POST**

709 Caprock Drive, Post, TX. Immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Proposed forms of contract specifications are on file and

required but a visit to each job site is suggested. A certified check or bank a public meeting on June 29th, 2010 draft, payable to the Local Housing Authority, U.S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety (the BID BOND shall be from a public for viewing at the office of company which is on the U.S. Housing Authority. Plans will be Treasury Department List, as an available for public comments for 45 approved Surety Company) in an days. Comments will be received on amount equal to five (5%) percent the documents during office hours, of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds, workers

compensation and automobile liability. The bonds shall be from a Company, which is on the U.S. Treasury Department List.

Attention is called to the provisions for Equal Employment Opportunity as set forth in these documents. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications must be paid on this project.

The Local Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the Local Authority. Proposed forms of contract documents; including plans and specifications are on file and available for inspection at the office of the Housing Authority of The City of Post.

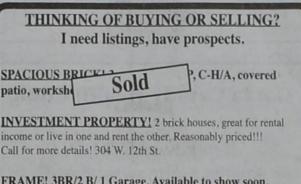
Scope of work for each site and its respective bid is as follows:

Bids shall include removal and replacement of the unit's existing exterior doors, hardware and thresholds followed by disposing of used materials. Existing door frames will remain intact. Date: May 04, 2010



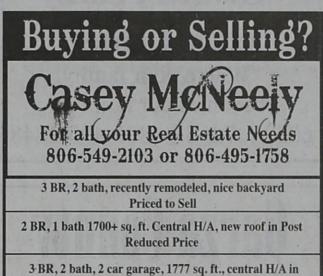
Invitation For Bids

The Housing Authority of the City of Post; 709 Caprock Drive, Post. Texas 79336, will receive sealed bids for the replacement of 24 roofs, Phase One and 25 roofs, Phase Two. **Classifieds Continued Page 8**



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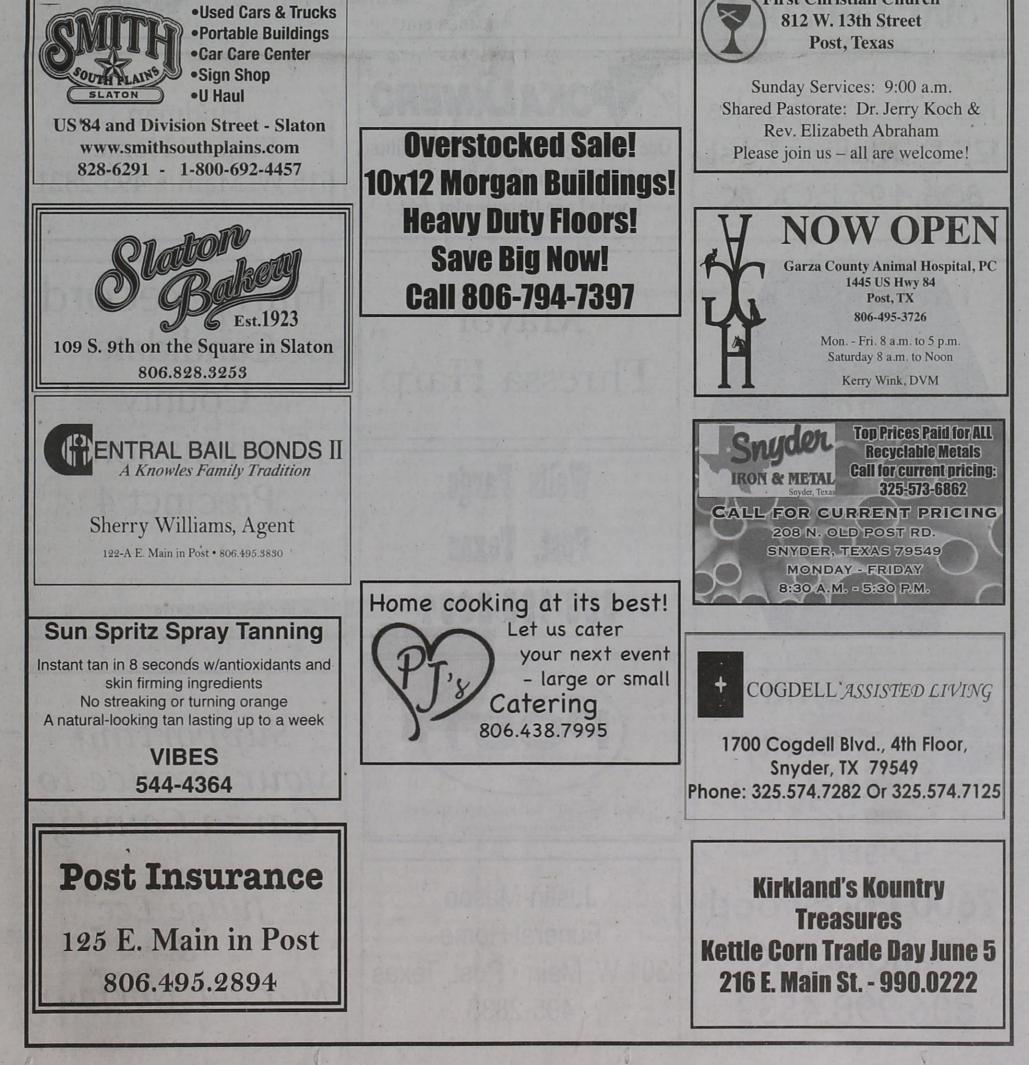
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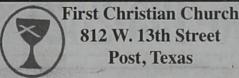
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OPINION

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Rural American Advantage

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

When my college friends come to visit, they are struck by the ease of rural living.

The beauty of our way of life include little-to-no traffic and low cost of living. A quick trip to the grocery store for necessities is a stark contrast to the 45-minute trip in the city for the same items.

Many times our city friends are awestruck by the freedom we have out in the "boondocks." The ability to go from work to a deer blind or an ATV is quick in these parts.

We've heard for years the negatives associated with rural America. I'm proud to say there are just as many or more positives.

These are selling points my friends. Selling points which we take for granted daily.

We live in a time where you can communicate with anyone in world instantly because of technology. What that should mean to those interested in rural development is that some firms which had to be located in metropolitan centers no longer have to be.

Engineers, designers, architects, brokers, etc., - higherwage earners who can do their jobs from great distances. There are firms world-wide with the ability to perform work around the globe right from their computers.

When you throw into the mix our relatively low cost of real estate - commercial and personal - and perhaps some incentives, an enterprise zone and/or an economic development corporation, and these poor rural towns can suddenly compete for business.

Every small town and city I know of has had several successful graduates. Some of these men and women have always wanted to move home, but their profession prohibited such a move. Is that still the case?

We know by history that small towns can vanish. In every county you have had great towns which simply could not survive. They never had the numbers to replace what they once had. It takes organization and hard work, but the bleeding can be stopped.

There are networks established which could be used for rural development. Lists for school classes and family reunions could easily be converted into valuable marketing and outreach tools.

Now more then ever, we are witnessing a time where many people in large cities feel somewhat imprisoned, They battle traffic, crowds and crime and it gets old. If we are committed to security and education, our small towns

Other Opinions

can position themselves much stronger. And if we can cater a little more to the soon-to-be retiring baby boomers, some rejuvenation could begin to take place.

Oil, natural gas, wind, cattle, cotton, wheat and on and on - there is growth potential out here. We also have the benefit of living in an area which is very beneficial to grapes. I can't think of anything which would add money, culture and prestige to a small town any quicker than a vineyard and a winery.

Some of you may be sitting there saying to yourselves, "There goes Blackburn again thinking he can turn Lockney, Texas, into Las Vegas, Nevada." If that's the case, than you've misunderstood this message. What we can do is attempt to live. We can stick out our chest and say, "Move here!" "Come visit!" "Come help us put this place on the map!"

I love small towns. I like the serenity and I love seeing the stars at night. It's not a curse living in rural America, it's an opportunity. And with the proper organization and motivation, it could be a great opportunity.

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The We're-Not-Europe Party

By DANEIL HENNINGER

One of the constant criticisms of Barack Obama's first year is that he's making us "more like Europe." But that's hard to define and lacks broad political appeal. Until now.

Any U.S. politician purporting to run the presidency of the United States should be asked why the economic policies he or she is proposing won't take us where Europe arrived this week.

In an astounding moment, to avoid the failure of little, indulgent, profligate Greece, the European Union this week pledged nearly \$1 trillion to inject green blood into Europe's economic vampires.

For Americans, this has been a two-week cram course in what not to be if you hope to have a vibrant future. What was once an unfocused criticism of Mr. Obama and the Democrats, that they are nudging America toward a European-style social-market economy, came to awful life in the panicked, stricken faces of Europe's leadership: Merkel, Sarkozy, Brown, Papandreou. They look like that because Europe has just seen the bond-market devil.

Daniel Henninger discusses Europe's economic stagnation, noting that President Obama's health-care and energy policies will surely make us more like Europe.

The bond market is a good bargain—if you live more or less within your means. The Europeans, however, pushed a good bargain into a Faustian bargain, which the world calls a sovereign debt crisis.

In the German legend, Faust was a scholar who sold his soul to the devil many years hence in return for a life now of intellectual brilliance and physical comfort. In our version of the legend, Europe's governments told the devil that, more than anything, they wanted a life of social protection and income fairness no matter the cost. Life was good. A fortnight ago, the bond devil arrived and asked for his money.

In the U.S., the Obama White House and the Democrats have decided to wage politics into November by positioning the Republicans as the party of obstruction, which won't vote for things the nation "needs," such as ObamaCare. Some Republicans voting against these proposals seem to understand, as do their most ardent supporters, that they are opposing such ideas and policies because the Democrats have pushed far beyond the traditional centrist comfort zone of most Americans. A Democratic Party whose current budget takes U.S. spending from a recent average of about 21% of GDP up to 25% is outside that comfort zone. It's headed toward the euro zone.

After Europe's abject humiliation, the chance is at hand for the Republicans to do some useful self-definition. They should make clear to the American people that the GOP is "The We're Not Europe Party." Their Democratic opposition could not attempt such a claim because they do not wish to.

The state of Europe can be summed up in one word: stagnation. Jean-Claude Trichet, the European Central Bank president who just agreed to monetize the debt that Europeans can't or won't pay, noted in a 2006 speech that "over the period from 1996 to 2005, euro area output grew on average 1.3 percentage points less than in the U.S., and the gap appears to be persistent."

Angus Maddison, the eminent European historian of world economic development who died days before Europe's debt crisis, wrote in 2001: "The most disturbing aspect of West European performance since 1973 has been the staggering rise in unemployment. In 1994-8 the average level was nearly 11% of the labor force. This is higher than the depressed years of the 1930s."

Stagnation isn't death. Economies don't die. Greece proves that. They slow down. Europe's low growth rates allow its populations to pretend that real, productive work is being done somewhere by someone. But new jobs are created slowly, if at all. Younger workers lose heart.

Economic stagnation is a kind of purgatory. Once there, it's not clear how you get out. The economist Douglass North, in his 1993 Nobel Prize acceptance speech, said that one of the vexing problems of his discipline is, "Why do economies once on a path of growth or stagnation.tend to persist?" Japan also seems unable to free itself from stagnation.

The antidote to stagnation is economic growth. Not just growth, but strong growth. A 4% growth rate, which Europe will never see again, pays social dividends innumerably greater than 2.5% growth. Which path are we on?

Barack Obama would never say it is his intention to make the U.S. go stagnant by suppressing wealth creation in return for a Faustian deal on social equity. But his health system required an astonishing array of new taxes on growth industries. He is raising taxes on incomes, dividends, capital gains and interest. His energy reform requires massive taxes. His government revels in "keeping a boot on the neck" of a struggling private firm. Wall Street's business is being criminalized.

Economic stagnation arrives like a slow poison. Look at the floundering United Kingdom, whose failed prime minister, Gordon Brown, said on leaving, "I tried to make the country fairer." Maybe there's a more important goal. A We're-Not-Europe Party would promise the American people to avoid and oppose any policy that makes us more like them and less like us.

A War on Dissent?

By RICK MANNING

Are we witnessing the opening salvos in a war against political dissent and the First Amendment?

Read carefully what the President said last Sunday at Hampton University, "the era of iPads and Xboxes had turned information into a diversion that was imposing new strains on democracy. You're coming of age in a 24/7 media environment that bombards us with all kinds of content and exposes us to all kinds of arguments, some of which don't always rank that high on the truth meter."

Is Obama really telling American students pay less attention to what his Adminis-

vocated shuttering First Amendment political speech rights that were afforded corporations in the Citizens United Supreme Court decision — in his State of the Union Address with the very justices who rendered the decision in attendance. This is really the heart of stopping political dissent, can a corporation pay for and distribute a political book, pamphlet, or movie.

This President's nominee to the Supreme Court actually gave the Orwellian argument that the First Amendment should be used to prohibit this very type of political speech.

Chief Justice John Roberts directly rejected Kagan's argument writing, "The Government urges us in this case to uphold a direct prohibition on political speech. It asks us to embrace a theory of the First Amendment that would allow censorship not only of television and radio broadcasts, but of pamphlets, posters, the Internet, and virtually any other medium that corporations and unions might find useful in expressing their views on matters of public concern. Supreme Court however, as the organized attacks on the Tea Party movement by the power brokers who control the White House, Congress and the media have shown.

The revelation in liberal columnist Jonathan Alter's book that Obama, who has repeatedly called for civility in his many national lectures, had used the sexual pejorative term preferred by the Left to describe these Americans who are exercising their First Amendment rights to redress Congress is hardly surprising. What is surprising is that the slur was deemed acceptable by the intelligentsia as there was no resulting uproar or demands for apology.

Imagine the uproar by this Administra-

nance reform legislation being considered by Congress. Patton Boggs political law expert William McGinley warns that the proposed law for the first time opens the door to even regulate bloggers who engage in political expression. This would be a significant expansion of the Federal Election Commission's regulatory reach directly targeting the most basic political speech.

The Left's assault on the First Amendment right to dissent is under assault as never before in what appears to be a desperate attempt to control the information flow that Americans receive in a bid to maintain power.

From a Supreme Court nominee who thinks that a modern day pamphlet in the tradition of Thomas Paine's "Commonsense" should be banned if a corporation publishes and distributes it, to an FCC that is trying to regulate the Internet, to a White House that tolerates blatant hate speech from the left while lecturing those on the right to tone down the rhetoric, the uniquely American right to free speech is under attack. So, when Obama muses in a very public and carefully considered speech that the many new forms of media are putting "strains on democracy," and that some, "don't always rank that high on the truth meter." Be concerned, be very concerned. He's talking about anyone who doesn't agree with him cluttering the minds of the masses with inconvenient facts and arguments.

tration is up to?

Realize that this is the same Administration that has tried to use the Federal Communications Commission to regulate the Internet through its so-called Net Neutrality proposal that was recently found unconstitutional by the courts.

This is the same Administration that sent its spokespeople out on the various networks to publicly excoriate FOX News for not following the approved Obama party line.

This is the same Administration that regularly attempts to demonize media hosts and regularly attacks Limbaugh, Hannity, Beck and a host of others.

This is also the same Administration that incredibly has failed to hold an official White House news conference since last July, and had the audacity to offer the White House press corps a taped interview of Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan rather than letting reporters actually interview her.

This is the same President who has ad-

"Its theory, if accepted, would empower the Government to prohibit newspapers from running editorials or opinion pieces supporting or opposing candidates for office, so long as the newspapers were owned by corporations — as the major ones are. First Amendment rights could be confined to individuals, subverting the vibrant public discourse that is at the foundation of our democracy."

Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in rejecting the Kagan position that, "the First Amendment confirms the freedom to think for ourselves."

Obama and the Left's war on dissent has gone far beyond the hallowed halls of the

tion if the Los Angeles Unified School District teacher who called for revolution by La Raza on the UCLA campus in the wake of the Arizona immigration law had instead been a tea party supporter in the wake of the health care law.

Incredibly, calls for revolution and racist hate speech from a public employee union member on the campus of a public university is somehow okay, yet professional left-wing instigator groups like the Southern Poverty and Law Center constantly warn against imagined conservative threats.

Why?

Because the war on dissent by this Administration is real, but not just any dissent — conservative and libertarian dissent are the targets, since these dissenters seek to stop Obama's policies that are designed to radically change our nation forever.

If you still have any doubts about this, just look at this past week's hearings and subsequent debate on the new campaign fiWhen it comes to the assault on each of our First Amendment rights, in my Dad's words, "speak now or forever hold your peace," ring in my ears. This is the time to speak up — before it is too late.

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As per plans and specifications in accordance with all work specified and/or shown on the drawings. Bids will be received until: TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010 AT 3:00PM

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF POST

709 Caprock Drive, Post, TX. Immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Proposed forms of contract documents: including plans and specifications are on file and available for inspection at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Post.

A pre-Bid Conference is not required but a visit to each job site is suggested. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Local Housing Authority, U.S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety (the BID BOND shall be from a company which is on the U. S. Treasury Department List, as an approved Surety Company) in an amount equal to five (5%) percent of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds, workers compensation and automobile liability. The bonds shall be from a Company, which is on the U. S. Treasury Department List.

Attention is called to the provisions for Equal Employment Opportunity as set forth in these documents. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications must be paid on this project. The Local Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the Local Authority. Proposed forms

CITY OF POST Delores Redman Executive Director 806-495-2233 EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTU-ITY

Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTE-NANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

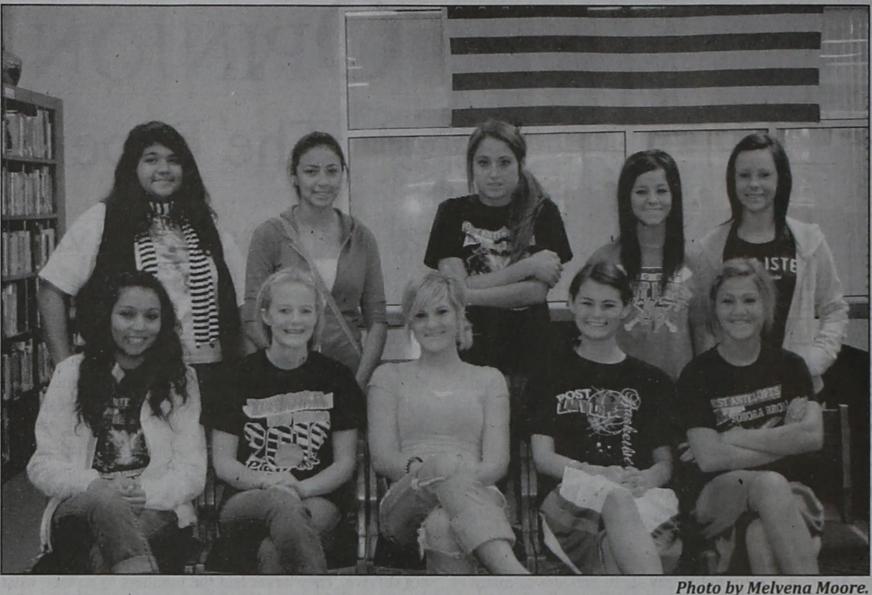
Dist/Div: Lubbock Contract 0563-03-011 for SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS in LAMB County, etc will be opened on June 03, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 32866

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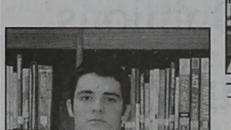
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Track Academic All-District (Back, from left) Kalyn Villalon, Maricruz Razo, Cheyenne Miller, Macie Merritt, Morgan Deen. (Front, from left) Shirley Araiza, Kari Dunn, Bethany Berry, Macy Blair and Haily Berry. Others who received Academic All District Track honors, but not pictured are: Alex Miller and Branda Stevens.

Photo by Melvena Moore. Cross Country Academic All District honors were given to Mercedes Solorzano, Freshman; Cheyenne Miller, Senior; Alex Miller, Senior; and Haily Berry, Freshman.





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Photo by Melvena Moore. Bold Gold Senior Clint Windham received Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All State Academic honors.

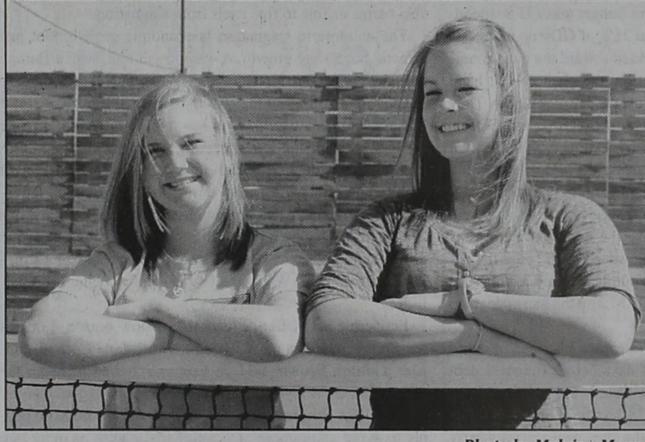


Photo by Melvina Moore. the Academic All District

Kambry Mason (left) and Amber Wilson were named to the Academic All District Tennis Team. Also chosen, but not pictured: Darlene Araiza and Shirley Araiza.

Do you need assistance in filling out a *Food Stamp, TANF*, *Medicaid, Women's Health Program or CHIP* application? If so, South Plains Community Action in partnership with Texas Health and Human Services Commission can help. If you need assistance or more information on the above mentioned programs please call one of the numbers below.

Bailey County 806-272-7537 Cochran County 806-266-5542 Garza County 806-495-2329 Hockley County 806-894-4560 Lamb County 806-385-5425 Lynn County 806-998-4521 Terry County 806-637-3712 Yoakum County 806-592-5451 Floyd, Crosby, King, Dickens, Hale & Motley County 806-675-7307 Necesita usted ayuda en llenar una applicacion para *Food Stamps, TANF, Medicaid, Women's Health Program, o CHIP*? Entonces, South Plains Community Action Association en la associacion con Texas Health and Human Services Commission pude ayudar. Si usted necesita ayuda o mas informacion en los programas ya mencionados llamen por favor uno de los numeros abajo.

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SOUTH PLAINS COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION, INC. P.O. Box 610 Levelland, TX 79336 1 .750 Sydnee Jones 17 13 11 21

Dear Post Community,

Sterline and I want to thank you for the recent reception held, which marked my retirement from education. After forty one years as a teacher and administrator, it is a blessing to share this moment with fellow educators and friends. Your many kind expressions are deeply appreciated. We especially want to thank the Central Office Staff and Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the event. Also, we want to thank the other administrators, teachers, support staff and school board members who spent time and effort working with us to raise the educational levels of Post children. Our students' learning is and should be the focus of every decision that is made, which has always been our goal. As we move back to the Hill Country, we feel good about what kids are learning and how much they are learning at Post ISD. We pray for God's continued blessings for Post's new superintendent, for Post ISD and for the entire Post community.

Sincerely, Marlin and Sterline Marcum



Photo by Rosa Latimer Chief Deputy Tommy Binford is shown accepting appreciation on behalf of the Garza County Sheriff's Department from Mayor Thressa Harp.

Sheriff's Department Honored by City

Chief Deputy Tommy Binford accepted appreciation on behalf of the Garza County Sheriff's Department from Mayor Thressa Harp and the City Council.

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The Mayor read the proclamation during the City Council meeting on May 13 declaring "National Law Enforcement Week" in Garza County. In part, the proclamation honored "the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of

duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy."

The Mayor stated that "there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Garza County Sheriff's Department" and expressed the City's appreciation for the group's protection of the lives and property in our community.

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Yesteryears Compiled by Kristen **Odom From The Post**

10 years ago- May 18, 2000 Post Rotarians hosted five visiting Rotarians from India. Touring Texas from northern India were Dr. Jaidev Singh Dhillon, E.R. Yoovraj

Williams, Lori Taylor, Dana Morris, Tina Brumbalow, Betsey Ethridge, Alvaro Gutierrez, Kevin Williams and Brent McDonald.

Megan Bush and Kevin and Mrs. J.D. McCampbell.



Courtesy Photo Glenda McClellan of the Dalby Correctional Facility was recently recognized as Correctional Officer of the month. Warden Kerry Dixon (left) presented the award.





Courtesy Photo The April Employee of the Month at the Dalby Correctional Facility, Laundry Coordintor Angela Ward received a certificate from Warden Kerry Dixon.

Extension Extras Youth Range Workshop additional information.

This camp will be held June 20-25 at Texas Playdays

The next playday will be

Extension Office: 215 W Main (806) 495-4400

Educational programs of Tech University Junction Saturday, May 22 at 9:00 at the Texas AgriLife Extension Campus. The cost will be the Post Stampede Rodeo Service are open to all people

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> Manager John ACA Powell (center) received the honor of Supervisor of the Month for April at the Dalby Correctional Facility. Warden Kerry Dixon (left) presented the certificate of recognition. Garza County

Judge Lee Norman (right) participated in the special

event at the facility.

Hhullar, Sanjeev Mahajan, Simranjit Singh Dua and Harsha Rana. Post Rotary President Leslie Acker and Bill Pool welcomed the visitors.

Breann Heckaman was honored at the Post Middle School for her second place essay on school safety. Presenting her with the award was Garza County Sheriff Kenny Rake and Seminole Police Chief Mickey Brown.

Official ground-breaking ceremonies for the new McDonald's restaurant included Delbert Rudd, Deana Gunn, Cynthia Williams, Juanita Pantoja, Mayor Archie Gill, Judy Bush, Fred Stephens, Bill Cohen, Jim Plummer, Carey Kidd, Wanda Mitchel, Marie Neff and John Redman.

4-H leader and volunteer Danny Nelson of Post was recognized at the South Plains 4-H Distinguished Leader Luncheon in Levelland.

Mario Tobias, a graduate of Post High School, was awarded his Bachelor of Science in Aviation from the University of Oklahoma in the spring commencement ceremonies on May 6, 2000. The graduated "with distinction" and was a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Christy Abraham Martinez of Red Oak, formerly of Post, graduated from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos on May 13. She received a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting.

20 years ago- May 23, 1990 Honor students of the Post High School Class of 1990 are Megan Bush, Kenda Williams were named Miss They and Mr. PHS.

Joining in the grand opening at Kidstuf were Post Chamber of Commerce directors Joy Fluitt, Susan Pennell, Jim Wells, owners Virgil Bilbo and Pat Bilbo, Wanda Mitchell and Greg Pollard.

A1C Dewayne Warren was promoted to the rank of Airman First Class. He is a 1989 graduate of PHS and is assigned at Holleman AFB, N.M.

Lane Tannehill congratulates Roger Adams and Brent McDonald for their academic achievements during the Post High School honors ceremony. McDonald is the valedictorian of the 1990 graduating class with a grade average of 97.22 and Adams is salutatorian with a grade average of 96.93.

A special tribute to the memory of Danny Foster was presented to Post High School during the honors ceremony by the Class of 1986. Representing the class in the presentation was Jay Fluitt, Donnie Payne and Keith Craig.

30 years ago- May 22, 1980 In the third grade class instrument contest, best musical sound went to Angela Graves, bells; second place string, Teresa Yarbrough, banjo; third place percussion, Chuck Prather, tambourine; third place string, Trevor Thuett, carrdoin; most beautiful instrument, Melanie Reece, ukulele; second place air, Tandi Rogers, flute; second place percussion, Steven Tidwell, jingle clog; and third air, Elio Camancho,

Menus

included J.D. McCampbell, Ruby Stanley, Ruth Knowles, Nina Bell Chapman, Ruby McKenzie Lela Miller, Vera Tyler, Jim White and Enid Gossett. 40 years ago- May 21, 1970 David Hamilton was named as the valedictorian

Nine members of the

graduating class of PHS in

1930 held their 50th class

reunion in the home of Mr.

and Debbe Hays is salutatorian of the Post High School class of 1970. Dennis Dodson, No. 3 academically, will give the class history at commencement. Barbara Lucas, as the fourth ranking student, is to read the class will at the Junior-Senior banquet and Sharon Windham will read the class prophecy at the banquet.

Now that she has retired after 45 years and five months as an employee of Postex Plant, Miss Cora Lillian Baker says one of the things she will do in her spare time is continue her main hobby - sewing.

50 years ago May 16, 1960

Rodger Sullenger, a graduating member of the Post Antelope Band, received the first John Philip Sousa Award ever.

Kay Maxey was awarded the Citizenship Medal in the annual awards assembly at PHS. The Drama Medal winnerwas Pat Wheatley, The Homemaking Medal winner was Linda Kuykendoll and the History Medal winner was Beth Kemp.

Mrs. E.A. Warren took top honors in the Woman's Culture Club Spring Flower Show. Mrs. J.H. Haire, president, presented Warren with first and third place in the garden division.

\$280 due by May 30, 2010. Grounds. You will gain knowledge in plant species & growth, watershed management, & range livestock 7 wildlife needs just to name a few. Contact the office if you want an application or

Fundraiser

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

without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.



Courtesy Photo

Members of Garza County 4-H Kelbie Oden (left), Audree Williams, Co-Project Leader Janeece Williams and Jayden Parsley (front) have responded to the "One Million Pillowcases Challenge" and made pillowcases for the residents of Golden Plains Care Center in Post. Co-project leader Marcie Oden is not pictured.



Post ISD

May 28

May 24 Breakfast- Cinnamon toast sticks, syrup, fruit, milk

Lunch-Hot dog, oven potatoes, apple & orange, sherbet cup, milk

May 25 Breakfast- Managers choice Lunch- Pizza, tossed salad, seasoned corn, peaches, milk

May 26 Breakfast- Malt-O-Meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch- Taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk

May 27 Breakfast- Managers choice

Lunch- Managers Choice

Out for summer!

Trailblazers

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SAFE BOATING WEEK MAY 22 - 28

SAFE BOATING CHECKLIST

- Buckle up with a comfortable and properly fitted life jacket.
- Watch the weather. Stop boating if you can see or hear a storm.
- Never operate a boat while or after drinking alcohol.
- List CPR instructions and a local emergency number on the boat.
- Maintain constant supervision of children.
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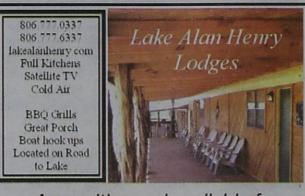
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Golden Plains Care Center celebrated "Nifty Fifties" week last week. In addition to fun activities such as a bubble gun blow contest, a game of "Name That Tune," and a visit from Elvis, an antique car show was displayed in the parking lot. Residents, staff and visitors enjoyed a trip down memory lane prompted by the older model cars, pickups and tractors. Representatives of Golden Plains were recognized at the Post City Council meeting May 13 with Mayor Thressa Harp and the City Council proclaiming National Nursing Home Week. The citation saluted "our community's citizens now residing in nursing facilities, many of whom planted the seeds that made our city grow and prosper" and recognized that nursing facilities such as Golden Plains Care Center "provide caring and supportive services that make quality of life possible for our loved ones."

Private well screening available

Extension Service office in Lubbock County will conduct a private delivered to the Texas water-well screening for area residents on May 24-25 in Lubbock Interested persons should pick up a sample bag and instructions from the AgriLife Extension office in Lubbock lo-

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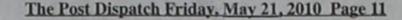
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proud to be associated with High School next year. the students' work." While many students had previous experience with a digital camera before this workshop, most were not familiar

The Texas AgriLife cated at 916 Main Street, Suite 201 prior to May 24. All samples should be AgriLife Research and Extension Center at 1102 E. Farm-to-Market 1294 by 9:30 a.m. on May 24. A meeting explaining the screening results is scheduled at the center at 6 p.m. May 25.

Christa Edwards was recently

inducted in the Mortar Board organization at Texas Tech University. Mortar Board is a national senior honor society comprised of the top 50 seniors on campus. The senior elementary education major is also the president of Kappa Delta Sorority. TX and the late Chris information. Edwards of Slaton. She is



Lake Alan Henry Report

Conservation pool elevation: 2220.00 feet above mean sea level Elevation: 2220.20 feet, 0.20 feet over the spillway Water Temperature: 67 degrees F. 2010 cumulative: 10.70 inches

Spotted and largemouth bass fishing slowed down last week. Crappie fishing is very good, and catfish are being caught in the river section of the lake. Water clarity was normal.

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

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ability. To file a complaint of discrimination write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue S. W. Washington, D. C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Women's Division Garage Sale

The Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting donations of items to sell in a garage sale that will be a fundraiser for the organization. If you have anything to donate, please call JoAnn Stelzer, 495-3393 or Betty Posey, 495-2067. The Garage Sale will be Saturday, June 5 at the Community Center (Old Rotary Room in the SE corner), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Summer School Opportunity Available

If you have a child who will be in Kindergarten or 1st grade next year who has been identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP) and you are interested in having them Christa is the daughter of attend summer school, please contact the el-Stacy Edwards of Wautauga, ementary school office at 495-3414 for more

the granddaughter of Chris guardería o ler año siguiente grado que ha and JoAnn Stelzer of Post sido identificado como Dominio Limitado del Inglés (LEP) y está interesado en disponer de ellos asisten a la escuela de verano, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de la escuela primaria en 495-3414 para más información .

PHS Class of 1970

The PHS Class of 1970 will host a reunion June 18 & 19, 2010. All former teachers are invited to the meet and greet at the VFW Friday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. All Teen Town Alumni are invited to dance at the VFW Saturday night, June 19. There will be a picnic at the park Saturday afternoon and a catered dinner at the VFW Saturday night -\$30/couple.

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 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 Si usted tiene un niño que estará en la to Susie Barboza (Class Treasurer) at Wells Fargo. The cost is: \$25 per classmate, \$10



with the use professionally. Lindsay used her time with the students to help them learn more about cameras and how to use things like bracketing and camera settings.

Lindsay worked with the students in their art classes for three days before taking them out on a field trip to take pictures. She found her favorite part of the project was "watching the kids." Lindsay discovered that most students were very interested in the workshop and were excited to be participating. The students went to Overlook Park at the top of the Caprock, Close City School, Terrace Cemetery, Downtown Post, Garza County Museum, First Presbyterian Church, and Hudman Funeral Home. Junior Macy Blair said that Close City School was her favorite because she "liked the inside and how old it was." Junior Katelynn Short said she liked Terrace Cemetery because "all the headstones were different from each other."

This workshop got freshman Ethan Aguilar interested in photography and he said he "would take a class in [it] if [he] could." Aguilar, Short, and Macy also commented that they would be interested in participating in this workshop again if it were offered another time. Short and Macy plan to participate in a digital photography class at Post and Printing Lab Manager; and Maria Hixson, Computer and Printing Lab Assistant, opened the print lab at Texas Tech on May 17 for Lindsay to print the students' photos. Along with the use of the Printing Lab, Texas Tech Art From Page 1 Education Program is also giving the high school free prints up to 150 dollars.

Jane Lindsay is a col-

league of Dr. Ed Check,

Associate Professor in Art at

Texas Tech University. Dr.

Check; Will Reid, Computer

When the prints are done, the Caprock Cultural Association will be hosting an exhibition and awards ceremony for the high school kids on Saturday, May 22 at the Heritage House from 2:00-4:00pm.

The Heritage House is located at 109 North Avenue N, next to the Garza County Historical Museum. Texas Tech will be providing the judges for the awards ceremony. The participating students will receive awards in two categories: black/white and color. There will be prizes for first, second, and third places in each category as well as two honorable mention prizes in each category. There will also be one student named Best in Show who will receive a Digital Camera.

After the awards ceremony, the Post Art Guild will move the exhibit to the Algerita Art Center for the remainder of the summer. The Art Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00-5:00 and during Old Mill Trade Day Downtown, 10:00-2:00.

Speak Up ...

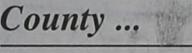
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time with generally think is just as human as the rest along the same lines as of us. I personally want to myself about many of the issues facing our nacommunity. tion and The "Speak Up" articles offices. serve as a reminder that not everyone shares my perspective. It is great to live in a country that allows all of us to have our own thoughts and opinions. And even better that we have a newspaper that allows us to voice that right! **Thanks for Hard Work** I feel that the DA's office is performing the duties that have been assigned to the best of their ability. Once I served on a jury, I was aware of the task that is put upon our elected officials. The DA and his staff have a tremendous job to perform in gathering data to present to the jury. I do agree that the sentence could have been a little harsher, but the judge

thank the DA's office and the judge for the hard work they put in their respective

'Speak Up" is a way for

and the great-granddaughter of the late Wayne and Faye Ogle of San Angelo, TX.



Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame

We are trying to complete information in County Certificates of tribute to past recipients of Cowboy Hall of Obligation Bond Fund, Fame honors. If you know who received this 2008; Garza County Public honor in 2002 and 2007, please contact The Facilities Board Bond Funds, Post Dispatch. We how have this information 2005. Precinct and county- for these years: George Duckworth, 2001; wide accounts payable for Carl Rains, 2003; Hinton Fluitt, 2004; Ralph April 27 through May 10, & Riley Miller, 2005; Jack Kirkpatrick & K. 2010 were approved. There W. Kirkpatrick, 2006, and Bill Long, 2008 as were no line item transfers or well as years prior to 2001. Call 495-2816 or budget amendment requests. email postcitydispatch@yahoo.com.

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 jlhtouchstone@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.

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Be alert for rattlesnakes

in the great outdoors often means dealing with rattlesnakes, even if you are just taking a leisurely walk observing wildflowers. Rattlesnakes roam across several states, from coastal to mountain ranges and are rather common in our area. However, every year we hear stories of these "varmints" crawling right up onto front porches and driveways here in Garza County.

Texas has some ten rattlesnake species and subspecies, more than any other state except Arizona. Only three species interact significantly with human beings: the western diamondback, the prairie and the eastern timber or canebrake. These species are widely distributed, are comparatively large, and often exhibit an aggressive temperament. The western diamondback accounts for nearly all the state's serious cases of venom poisoning.

Rattlesnakes can be found anywhere, but commonly find shelter among high grass and rocks. In the evening, when the weather cools, they often venture out onto dirt roads and streets to absorb the warmth into their bodies.

Spending warmer months series of dark and light bands near the tail above the rattles that differ from the markings on the rest of the body.

If you encounter a venomous snake or hear a rattlesnake buzzing, resist the urge to run. Avoid sudden movements until you can determine if you are at risk. The best defense is to stay aware and slowly back away when it is safe to do so. In any case, don't panic! Snakebites kill very few people in the United States. Properly treated, most bite victims easily survive with little more than a few unpleasant memories to remind them of the incident. According to the Texas Handbook, in the U.S., only about 0.1% - just one in a thousand – of bites are fatal. Venom dosage per bite depends on the elapsed time since the last bite, the degree of threat the snake feels, and the size of the prey. Anywhere from 20% - 50% of snakebites result in a "dry bite" where no venom was injected at all.

If You Are Bitten

The seriousness of a snake bite depends on various factors, such as the potency of the toxin, the amount of toxin injected, and the size and general health of the victim. If Apart from the rattle, the left untreated, even nonfatal bites can lead to serious tis- necessary physical activity. sue or organ damage so seek immediate medical attention if available.

snakes stay within 20' of the area where the incident occurred.

· Call 911. Describe the snake so that antivenin can be ready for your arrival to the ER.

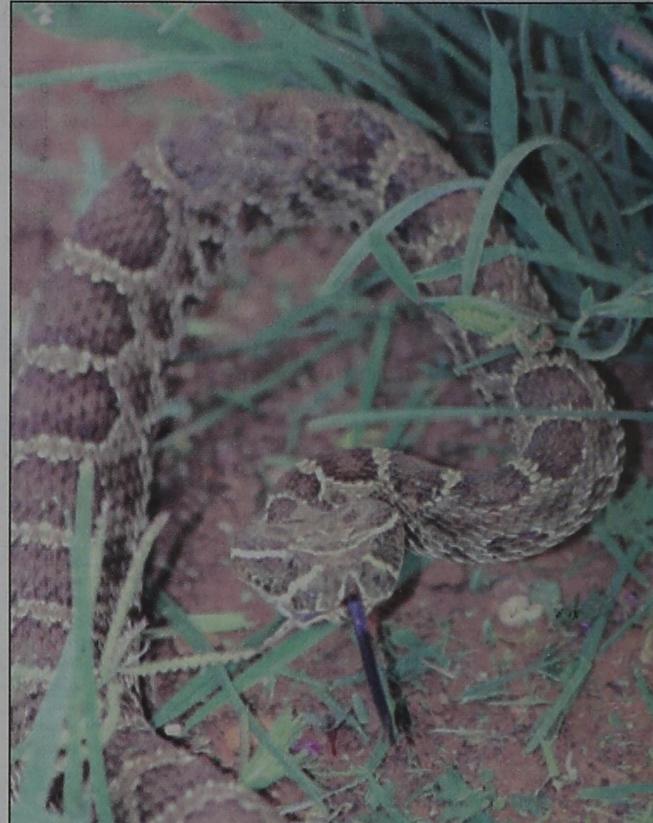
Remove constricting items such as rings, jewelry, boots, etc. which could cut off blood flow if the bite area swells.

· Lie down and relax if you are in a place where medical assistance can locate you.

· If you are in a remote area in which transport to an emergency medical facility will be prolonged, apply a splint on the affected limb to immobilize the area, taking care to allow for swelling. If you have to move, move slowly and without unnecessary exertion. If swelling or other symptoms (dizziness, nausea, etc.) increase markedly, stop and lie down until symptoms subside. If they do not, stay where you are and wait for help. Check to make sure toes and fingers are still pink and warm, that the limb is not going numb, and that pain is not getting worse. DO NOT

· DO NOT eat or drink anything unless directed to by a medical professional.

· DO NOT engage in un-



most distinctive identifying characteristics of the rattlesnake are a wide, flat triangular head, much broader in back than front, with a distinct "neck" region. The rattlesnake has openings between the nostrils and eyes, which are hooded with elliptical pupils. There are also a

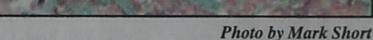
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· Stay calm. Identify or be able to describe the snake, but only if it can be done without significant risk for a second bite or a second victim. Many

This could hasten the spread of venom.

· DO NOT apply a tourniquet. It could cause more damage than the venom and could cause the loss of the limb.

· DO NOT apply oral suction to the bite. This could in-



Rattlesnakes such as the one captured in this photo are not uncommon in Garza County.

crease the risk of infection. · DO NOT cut into the

bite marks. You could damage nerves, blood vessels or muscle tissue.

Alcohol may deaden the pain, a rattlesnake bite can be fatal,

but it also makes the local blood vessels bigger, which can increase venom absorption

Remember that although · DO NOT use alcohol. the statistics are in your favor, so be cautious and always watch your step. Be aware of your surroundings and that of your family while enjoying your summer in the great outdoors.

Retirement Party

Patsy Byrd is retiring from Post ISD after 29 years. She has been in the education field for 34 years. She has touched many lives.

A reception will be held in her honor in the Post Elementary Teachers Lounge, on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. Please come by and wish Mrs. Byrd a happy retirement. Everyone is welcome!

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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!

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!

Wildflowers Bloom in Garza County

By Eleysa Richards Staff Writer

you can always look in her the flowers' origins. book Wildflowers of the Western Plains. Walking the four- flowers include the Indian tenths of a mile between her Blanket and the Blackfoot house and the highway, with

a pencil and paper in hand, Kirkpatrick has recorded 40 Have you ever been walk- different types of wildflowing down the road when a ers. All of these wildflowers pretty flower on the side of and more are recorded in her the road catches your eye? field guide along with where Have you ever wondered they can be found; what fruit, what that flower was called? if any, grows out of them; Zoe Kirkpatrick could tell where they are most comyou. If you do not happen to monly found; different uses; be close enough to ask her, and, sometimes, stories of

Kirkpatrick's favorite Daisy. Some of the other plants blooming in the area right now are the Yucca and the Tansy Aster.

The legend behind the Indian Blanket, as told in Kirkpatrick's field guide, says that an old Indian Blanket Maker used the prettiest browns, yellows, and reds that he loved to weave a burial blanket for himself. When the blanket maker died, his family wrapped him in the special blanket he had made for him to give as a gift to the Great Spirit. The Great Spirit loved the blanket and wanted everyone to be able to enjoy the beauty of it, so he grew a wildflower of the same colors on the old man's grave. And thus was born the Indian Blanket wildflower.

known as the "Rock Daisy," is it a wildflower even though a flower that Kirkpatrick has most people hate them." The

region, Kirkpatrick says that the Blackfoot is "the most drought resistant plant [she has] ever seen."

The Yucca lives in a symbiotic relationship with a certain type of moth that lives inside the flower. The moth lays its eggs in the ovaries of the plant and, when ready, the larvae eat their way out without destroying the flower. The larvae then drop to the ground via a silk thread, burrow into the dirt, and wait until they are transformed into a caterpillar. The caterpillar then climbs back up the plant, into the flower, and pollinates the Yucca. Neither the Yucca nor the moth could survive without this relationship.

The Tansy Aster is commonly called the Tahoka Daisy because, as the story goes, some seedsmen found pastures full of this flower, harvested the seeds, and cultivated them for commercial purposes. Since the flowers had been found near Tahoka, Texas, and looked like a daisy, the seed company sold them as Tahoka Daisies.

Not all wildflowers growing in the region are loved by all. Dandelions and Goathead are blooming and, "since The Blackfoot Daisy, also they bloom, you have to call

makes it a bit of a pest for cotton farmers. The Wooly Loco Weed is potentially poisonous to livestock; though they are not likely to eat it unless there is nothing else for them to eat.

When you see a pretty flower in the field, do not just go out and pick it. Zoe Kirkpatrick's advice is to "make sure you know what it is first." And if you want wildflowers in your yard, know that they don't transplant very well. Kirkpatrick has transplanted them, but she said, "you have to dig up enough dirt that they don't know they've been transplanted." It's easier if you watch them until they've gone to seed. "The best time, to plant them is when God plants them." When you get in the mood for wildflowers during the spring, it's far too late. You should plant them around August or September, "when God planted them."

The next time you are on the highway or walking down the road and a patch of wildflowers catches your eye, pull over to check them out. You might find that there are some pretty ones growing along the ground that you couldn't see from a distance. And you can identify them if you have a field guide like Wildflowers and the Western Plains.

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