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Boy Scouts Bridging the Gap



Photo by Eleysa Richards

The General Store/Trading Post shown is a recent addition to Camp Post. The Boy Scout camp is steeped in Garza County history and provides excellent surroundings for the scouting experience.



Photo by Eleysa Richards

This vintage covered wagon is used as a chuck wagon at the C. W. Post Memorial Boy Scout

By Eleysa Richards
Staff Writer

Just a few miles southwest of Post is a place where character is built, responsibility is learned, and leadership is discovered. The C.W. Post Memorial Boy Scout Camp has been working with boys

6-20 years of age since 1926 when the C.W. Post estate donated the land to the South Plains Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Originally, the land was owned by the Llano Cattle Company. C.W. Post purchased the land in 1907 with the possibility of

building Post City on it. The campgrounds are home to several historical sites. Pioneer's Well, constructed by the Llano Cattle Company in 1883, was the first hand-dug well in Garza County. The original wood curb around **continued on page 11**

City Pool Set to Open Later this Month

The city pool will soon be filled with luxurious blue water and will once again be a summer entertainment option. After a search that began in January, the City of Post has found someone to manage the pool located in the city park. At this time plans are to have a full, qualified staff in place and open the pool by June 22. After such a long process, it is a relief to know that the city's children will soon have a safe place to hang out and cool off.

City Council Begins Work on 2010/2011 Budget

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

The Post City Council met in a regular meeting Tuesday, June 8 at 6 p.m. and began their work on the 2010/2011 budget.

The first budget issue discussed was to consider talking points important to the council for the Law Enforcement Committee members Anita Morris and Les Looney to present in a joint meeting with Garza County

representatives. This meeting will begin the negotiations regarding a shared cost of law enforcement between the entities. Although actual budget amounts were not discussed, it was apparent that several of the City Council members consider it a priority to work with the county in a positive manner on this issue.

"I think it is important that we work together and try to remove the wedge that we have **continued on page 11**



Photo by Eleysa Richards

Happy Birthday "Old Glory"

By Eleysa Richards
Staff Writer

Flag Day is Monday, June 14. The first Flag Act passed by the Continental Congress officially established the flag of the United States of America on June 14, 1777. The act states that "the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation." June 24, 1912 brought the Executive Order that prescribed the order of the stars and proportions of the flag of the United States of America. Before this, flags were made according to the flag maker's discretion, though they generally included straight rows of stars and proportions similar to those adopted in 1912. Until 1818, some flag makers gave each new state that joined the Union a new star and stripe. Can you imagine a flag with 50 stars and 50 stripes?

If you are interested in flying the American Flag at your home or business for holidays, there is a service

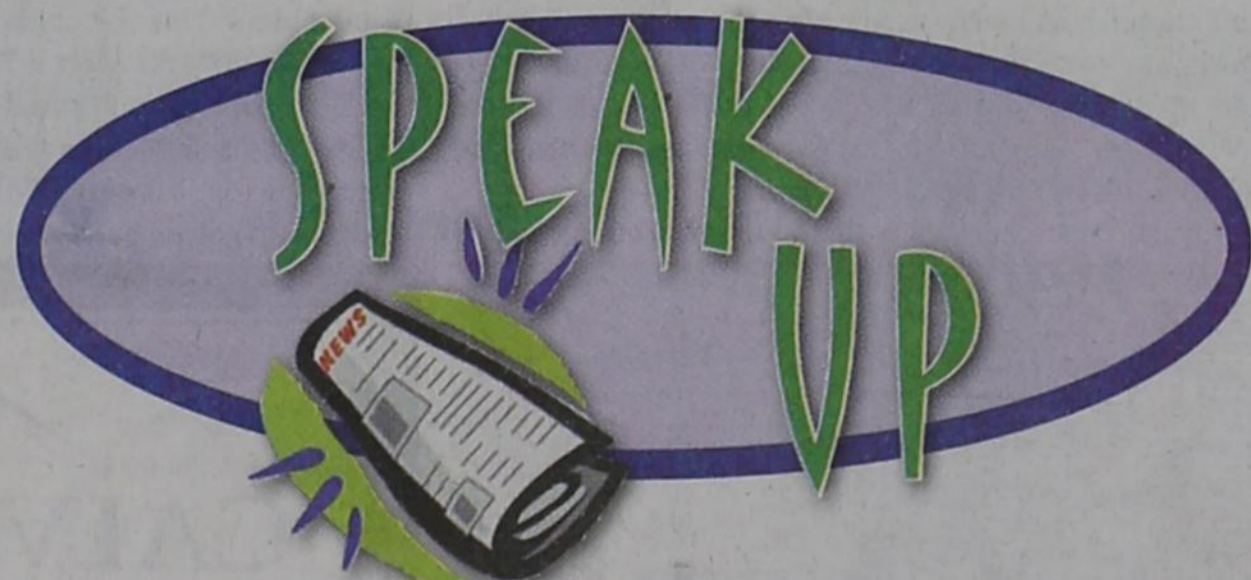
in Post available through the local chapter of the Lion's Club that allows you to have an American Flag placed in front of your house or business for holidays such as Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, Labor Day, and Veterans Day. It is too late to order a flag for Monday's holiday; however, for more information on this service, contact Richard Hudman at 495-2615. You can also mail a \$30 check made out to Post Lion's Club with your address information to Flag Subscription c/o Richard Hudman at 310 E. Main Street, Post, Texas 79356.

President Woodrow Wilson officially established Flag Day—the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777—on May 30, 1916. Before this day, teachers in some schools had set unofficial celebrations for their students. Separate groups in several states celebrated Flag Day as early as the 1800s. Many of these groups actually celebrated on June 14 every year to celebrate the anniversary of the official adoption of the

Stars and Stripes in 1777.

Despite unofficial celebration and Presidential Proclamations, National Flag Day was not set at June 14 until August 3, 1949 when President Truman signed an Act of Congress to that effect. National Flag Week is also celebrated in June and runs from June 14 through June 20. During this week, the president will issue a proclamation urging all Americans to fly an American Flag in front of their houses and all government buildings.

Flag Day is not a national holiday so government offices will be open; however, there are many celebrations across the country to honor the flag. The National Flag Day Association holds an annual ceremony at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Maryland. The largest Flag Day parade is held each year in Troy, NY and is attended by an average of 50,000 spectators. One of the longest-running Flag Day parades, beginning in 1952, is held each year in Quincy, MA.



Post Notes

July 4th Celebration Preparations Underway

It's that time again! Preparations are being made for our annual July 4th Celebration in the Park. If you would like to participate contact Dianna Poe at 495-1207.

Summer Rec Program

Students between the ages of Kindergarten and 12th Grade can register for the Garza County Summer Rec program Monday - Friday beginning at 7:30 a.m. Students must be registered to participate in the program. Summer Rec is from 8 a.m. until Noon Monday -

Friday during June. Students must be picked up between 12:15 and 12:30. Breakfast and lunch will be served at the school cafeteria. For more information, contact Lorie Rivera at 495-3253 or 441-8465.

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 disability. To file a complaint of discrimination write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 **continued on page 11**

Drive Carefully!

How sad that Post lost two young people in a car accident that could have been prevented. To all of the young people and teenagers, please drive carefully this summer! Let us see you off to college, the armed forces or to a great job and not as we had to the young people Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of last week—all lost their lives in tragic accidents. We will all miss the vibrant young lady, Yuri Lopez. I'm sure I speak for all of Post when I say our prayers are with the family of Yuri Lopez and Chris Barbosa.

City Council Workshop

I have noticed on the posted City Council agenda that they have a "workshop" before their meetings. It isn't clear if the public can attend this workshop, but there certainly isn't an agenda. Wonder how much city "business" is conducted during the workshop, behind closed doors? Wonder if the council uses this time to cuss and discuss things, then show their "public" face during the open meeting? Wonder if this is legal?

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Chamber News

We had a busy week at the PACC office last week. The member's luncheon at the Community Recovery Center was great. We also had a focus group at the office for Texas Workforce Commission. Thanks to everyone who participated. Ruby Lane Books had a book signing on Satur-

day and donated part of the proceeds to our Depot Restoration. We really appreciate the help with this project. There were 30 vendors at Old Mill Trade Day Downtown on Saturday and despite the heat it was a great day. Don't forget "The Jungle

Book" at the Garza Theatre this weekend. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. Congratulations to our members of the week: Silver Members KOZMO'S INTERNATIONAL GAMES STRIPES FOOD STORE

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Member Of The Week - Silver Member Stripes Food Store



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Member Of The Week - Silver Member Kozmo International Games

Book Review

By Marita Jekson
What In The World Is Going On?

by Dr. David Jeremiah
Chapter Three

Chapter Three of Dr. Jeremiah's book is titled, *Modern Europe....Ancient Rome.*

Dr. Jeremiah teaches about a dream and the interpretation of the dream of the most powerful ruler of the world, King Nebuchadnezzar, some 2500 hundred years ago. (All of this is recorded in the book of Daniel in the Bible. Bible and historic references are given in the book.)

King Nebuchadnezzar was terrified of the dream but could not remember it nor did he know what it meant. King N. demanded that his wise men, counselors, etc. not only to tell him what he had dreamed, but also interpret it's meaning. None could, so the King sought to put all of them to death. God's prophet Daniel was one of these wise men. Daniel and his three friends prayed to God for understanding and it was given to him. Daniel went to the King and told him what the dream was and what it meant. The dream and interpretation given by Daniel gives a panoramic overview

of world history. The dream the King had was of an enormous statue that had five distinct sections:

- Head of gold
- Breast and arms of silver
- Belly and thighs of bronze
- Legs of iron
- Feet of a mixture of iron and clay

The metals of gold, silver, bronze, iron, and iron and clay represent the five distinct empires that would rule the earth prior to the Kingdom of God under the rule of Christ:

1. The Kingdom of gold: Babylon
2. The Kingdom of silver: Persia
3. The Kingdom of Bronze: Greece
4. The Kingdom of Iron: Rome
5. The Kingdom of Iron/Clay: Yet to come - the revived Roman Empire.

The four kingdoms succeeded each other just as King N.'s dream predicted, one

after the other as recorded in history. The fifth Kingdom is in the future and the stage is being set today for it's coming.

The ten toes comprised of

a mixture of iron and clay represents ten divisions or sections. Europe is now a volatile unified Europe with a mixture of people from many different national and cultural backgrounds. Just as iron and clay do not mix, so the 25 nations comprising the European Union do not mix. "So there is now a economic and political European union covering the same geographic area as the former Roman Empire—only much larger and stronger than before."

Paul-Henri Spaak, the first president of the UN General Assembly, first president of the European Parliament, and onetime secretary general of NATO made this statement: "We do not want another committee. We have too many already. What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of all people to lift us up out of the economic morass into which we are sinking. Send us such a man, and whether he be God or devil, we will receive him." This is a chilling declaration. As we read the newspapers and watch the news, we are seeing the stage set for a one-world leader right before our eyes.

Obituaries



Christopher Lee "Chris" Barbosa

Christopher Lee 'Chris' Barbosa of Post died Thursday June 3, 2010 in Garza County. He was born on February 20, 1987 to Edward and Sylvia (Barbosa) Trebing, in Post.

He attended Post Schools and went to work for Juno Operating and Mason Brothers Construction. Christopher loved spending time with his son, Christopher and working. Christopher and Yvette Garcia have been together for six years.

Funeral Services were 11:00 a.m. Tuesday June 8, 2010 at the First Baptist Church with Bishop Randy Asebedo of Snyder officiating. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Survivors include his spouse, Yvette Garcia of Post; a son, Christopher Barbosa of the home; his parents Edward and Sylvia Trebing of Post; grandparents: Arcilia Gonzales of Post, Robert Barbosa of Azle and Kathryn Smart of Mt. Olive, IL; four brothers: Landon Trebing of Post, Israel Barbosa of Slaton, Patrick Martinez of Virginia and Danny Jay Martinez of Slaton; five sisters: Kimberly and her husband Keith Stratmann of Cahokia, Ill., Savanna Trebing of Post, Sunnie Huff of Post, Gloria Martinez of Post and Allison Martinez of Slaton; five aunts: Gail Cockrell of Staunton, Il., Darlene Trebing of Hamel, Il., Regina Miller of Mt. Olive, Il., Lisa Ellard of Ogallala, NE and Denice Guenther of Nebraska; three uncles: David Lyons of Alton, Il., John Barbosa of Lubbock and Robert Barbosa of Odessa. Chris was loved by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his aunt, Cecilia Martinez, April 3, 2010 and uncle, John Paul Trebing, July 2, 2006.

Pallbearers were: Israel Barbosa, Keith Stratmann, Danny Jay Martinez, Gloria Martinez, Brad Lawson, David Lyons, Chance Trebing, Andy Quinonez and Justin Harris. Honorary Pallbearers were all family and friends.



Belinda Crider

Services for Belinda Sue Crider, 52, of Lubbock were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at the First Baptist Church with Mathew Wojcik officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Thursday, June 3, 2010 in Lubbock. She was born June 12, 1957 in Atlanta, GA to Roy Alvin and Lenor (Dye) Trotter. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, Marcial and wife Lisa Crider of Apex, NC; a daughter, Bunnie and husband Ricky Sanchez of Vernon, TX; two brothers: Alvin and wife Zulaka Trotter of Atlanta, GA and Marcial and wife Nancy Salinas of Slaton, TX; two sisters: Tina and husband Alberto Marquz of Lovington, NM and Beverly and husband Eddie Wojcik of Damon, TX and seven grandchildren: Dana, Mark, Randon, Claire, Devin, Zack and Candice.



Yuri Lopez

Mass for Yuri Lopez, 23, of Post was held Monday, June 7, 2010 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Post, TX with Deacon Eddie Morales officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Thursday, June 3, 2010 near Post. She was born June 21, 1986 in Post to Sergio and Nelda (Reyna) Lopez. She was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. She graduated from Post High School.

Survivors include four children: Juan Sebastian, Yuriana Nelida, Mercedes Naydine and Kristopher Thomas all of Post; her father, Sergoi Lopez of Post; five brothers: Frank Reyna of Tahoka, Hector Reyna of Post, Leonard Lopez of Post, Edward Lopez of California and David Lopez of California, three sisters: Monica Lopez of Lubbock, Anita Lopez of California and Sandra Lopez of California; grandparents: Felicitas and Abelardo Reyna and Teresa and Florencio Lopez all of Post.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Nelda Lopez on Feb. 28, 2008.



Anne Mathis Sims

Anne Mathis Sims went to be with her Savior Tuesday,

June 1, 2010, after battling cancer. Funeral services were at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, June 3 at Hudman Funeral Home in Post. Burial followed at Terrace Cemetery in Post with the Rev. Darrel Weaver officiating.

Anne was born June 3, 1936 in Lynn County, TX to Preston and Faye (Richardson) Mathis. She attended school at Granolia and Post, graduating from Post High School. During her adult life she lived in Tulsa, OK; Uvalde, TX and Post.

She owned her own real estate business and was very active in community and civic affairs. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Post.

She loved the Lord, her family and the many friends she made through the years. She was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Melba Cartwright.

Survivors include her husband of 19 years, Ed Sims; her son, Preston Leake and his wife Charlene of Post and her stepdaughter, Jeanne Reagan and her husband Terry of Boerne, TX; 8 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford Street, Abilene, TX 79605-9989 or your favorite charity.

John Dylan Bratcher

Funeral services for John Dylan Bratcher, age 17 of Loop, TX were held Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Seagraves, with Pastor Dustin McEwen officiating and Pastor Bob Powell assisting. Burial followed in Terrace Cemetery, Post, TX. All services were under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home of Seminole.

John Dylan Bratcher passed away Wednesday, June 2, 2010 following an auto accident in Loop. He was born December 21, 1992 in Lubbock, TX to Deann (Ammons) and Ronald Bratcher.

John Dylan was a member of First United Methodist Church in Seagraves. He was very active in the youth group and working with children was a great enjoyment for him. John Dylan especially loved to pray for people. He was always delighted to meet people and make them smile, and never knew an enemy. Everyone who et him would agree that he was a very special young man.

John Dylan was involved in all sports activities t Loop High School. He was the recipient of several awards and honors in sports, and he especially enjoyed backyard baseball. He participated in many major stock shows. John Dylan had a greta interest in agriculture and planned to make this his career. In his spare time, he found leather work to be very soothing and enjoyed arts and crafts.

John Dylan is preceded in death by his grandfather, Glen Bratcher in 2001.

He is survived by his parents, Deann and Ronald Bratcher of Loop, TX; a brother, Mike Reiter of Houston, TX; two sisters: Kelcee Bratcher of Alpine, TX and Jordan Bratcher of Lubbock, TX; maternal grandparents Don and Allane Ammons of Post, TX; paternal grandmother Anna Bratcher of Post, TX; two uncles: Jerry Bratcher of Odessa, TX and Dustin and wife, Heather of Ft. Worth, TX; and an aunt, Donna Jones of Post, TX.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather

Hot Hot Hot That's just about all I can say for the weather. I am a real baby when it comes to the heat. I like being able to get outside and go and do but I'm a cold weather kinda gal. We could use a little shower or two so be sure to keep rain in your daily prayers.

News

I need to congratulate a few graduates I left out last week: Kristen Massey and Reed Williams. Now Kristen's family are Ragtown people but Reed ????

Well he is just our special friend! Congrats to both of you on a job well done.

Nancy Morris hosted a cookout for Trent Laurence and several of his buddies. All enjoyed hamburgers, chips and dip and had a great time.

Steffi Norman Scott was honored with baby shower in the home of her parents, Kim and Rhonda Norman last weekend. Approximately 30 people came to wish Tanner and Steffi well on the upcoming birth of their baby girl.

Dana Morris Carter and her daughter, Laura Jean are here visiting with family this week. Dana is the daughter of Jack and Jean Morris.

Visitors

Jerry Windham, Reed Williams, Blace Stevens, Seth Babb, Paden Babb and Grady Shytles were our visitors this week; 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-

June 12th - Stace Norman

June 13th - Flora Gonzales
June 16th - David Norman
June 17th - Maegen Bland

Don't forget to check out our blog at <http://closecitycoopin.blogspot.com>; we have all sorts of info on there as well as some really good recipes and some fun pictures. If any of you Close City people have a picture or a recipe you would like for me to put on the site send it to me, I'd be glad to do so.

Everyone have a great weekend!

Weekly Inspirations

HIS BACH IS WORSE

By Michael F. Taylor

Several years ago I was at a old fashioned tent revival, and was listening to a dear old Pastor friend of mine who gave this illustration which has stuck with me throughout my ministry. I would like to share it with you this week in the hope that it will somehow touch your life. It seems that one day there was a very famous dog trainer who made the unbelievable claim that he had trained a rather large and burly German Shepherd dog to play Classical music on the piano. The claims of this dog handler made its way to a television producer who immediately set up an interview with this alleged dog whisperer. Upon walking into the producers office, the trainers attention was immediately drawn to a beautiful baby grand piano sitting prominently in the center of the rather large and well furnished office. Without skipping a beat, the producer enticed the dog trainer to begin the interview by showing off the alleged talents of his protege animal. The handler gave the canine a verbal command and without hesitation, the dog jumped up onto the piano bench and assumed a position apparently poised to play a wonderful rendition. The trainer explained to the producer that the dog enjoyed BACH's music immensely and would be playing a rather lovely piece of music from that famous composers works. "Just so you know and understand", the handler cautioned, "Franz is very sensitive and if you interrupt him while he is playing, he will jump off of the bench and possibly go after you. So please don't stop his performance." The producer assured the handler that he would allow Franz to play his entire piece before making any judgments. So, the command was given, and the dog began stomping upon the keys with both of his paws. And, it was simply awful. The producer, try as he might, could not discern any musicality whatsoever in the dogs pounding on the ivory's. But since he had made a promise to the dog trainer, he patiently waited out the horrendous banging until the animal had completed his task. Then looking at the trainer, the producer said in an angry voice, "I should have let him attack me!!! I am quite sure that his BACH is much worse than his BITE!!!"

You know, I think that statement is just as true for the attacks of this world and Satan upon us as it was true for FRANZ the musical dog!!! In Hebrews Chapter two, we are told, "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will." And just a few verses later, we are given the assurance in Christ Jesus, "14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. 17 For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." NIV

So don't get too concerned about the attack of Satan, for Jesus truly is our High Priest who has already paid the price and has destroyed the power of death- that is the devil and freed us from his slavery of sin and deceit. That old devil's BARK surely is worse than his BITE when Jesus is on our side. God bless and have a wonderful week in Jesus Christ.

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

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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

Deuteronomy 6:5

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Windham, James & Saldivar nab first team respect



Ernie Saldivar
All-District First Team

By Jim Plummer
Sports Writer

All-district 3-2A baseball honors were bestowed upon seven Post Antelopes recently. Three of those Lopes were placed on the first team, one on the second and three received honorable mention recognition.

Senior Clint Windham followed last year's Offensive Player of the Year position with this year's first team honor.

Aaron James spent much of his time behind the plate.



Aaron James
All-District First Team

Last year as a junior, he was named the second team as a catcher. This year, James graduated to the first team in the same position.

Anchoring the infield for the Antelopes this season was junior shortstop Ernie Saldivar. He made his debut on the all-district team as one of five fellow middle infielders on the first team list.

Post senior outfielder M.J. Wynne, again was recognized for his abilities and was named second team all-district for the second



Clint Windham
All-District First Team

consecutive year.

Meanwhile, sophomore first baseman Jacob Perez, junior third baseman Chess Postell and senior utility player John Bocko received honorable mentions.

Abernathy, who was the 2010 District 3-2A champs, landed ten players total on the first and second all-district teams. Shallowater followed with nine players named, Littlefield with seven, Roosevelt had six, Idalou five and Post had four players. Following Post was Slaton and Denver City



M. J. Wynne
All-District Second Team

with three apiece total on the first and second all-district baseball teams.

2010, 3-2A ALL-DISTRICT BASEBALL TEAMS

FIRST TEAM
Player of the year: Michael Dominguez (12), Abernathy. Pitcher of the Year: Jaron Robertson (11), Shallowater. Newcomer of the Year: Austin Lewis (10), Abernathy. Offensive Player of the Year: Steven Barbee (12), Abernathy. Defensive Player of the Year: Ryan Eckles (11), Shallowater.

Pitchers: Ryan Pierce (12), Abernathy; Casey Berryman (11), Shallowater; Josh Merrifield (11), Littlefield.
Catchers: Dillon Chancellor (11), Slaton; Aaron James (12), Post. **First Base:** Tanner Foley (11), Littlefield; Kason Garner (12), Denver City. **Middle Infield:** Jordan Terry (11), Shallowater; Justin Jones (11), Shallowater; Odie Gray (11), Littlefield; Jeremy Garcia (11), Roosevelt; Ernie Saldivar (11), Post. **Third base:** Deveron McKelvey (11), Littlefield; Jake Reid (12), Abernathy. **Outfield:** Garrett Gunn (12), Idalou; Jarrod Warnock (11), Roosevelt; Dylan Lewis (12), Abernathy; Michael Ratheal (11), Shallowater; Blade Onofre (12), Littlefield. **Designated Hitter:** Clint Windham (12), Post. **Utility Player:** Caden Whitley (11), Roosevelt.

SECOND TEAM
Pitchers: Gilbert Macias (12) Abernathy; Ryan Chumley (10), Roosevelt; Quade Adams (12) Denver City. **Catchers:** Tracy Huseman (10), Littlefield; Garrett Thornton (11), Idalou. **First Base:** Brent Turner (11), Idalou; Branson Runnels (11), Abernathy. **Middle Infield:** Alec Estes (10), Idalou; Jeremiah Trevino (11) Abernathy; Ty Campbell (11), Slaton; Joby Anderson (11), Roosevelt; Brad Garrett (11), Denver City. **THIRD BASE:** Zach Simmons (11), Shallowater; Armando Silvas (12), Littlefield. **Outfield:** Aaron Easter (12), Shallowater; Josh Gregory (11), Littlefield; Nick Gary (11), Idalou; Alex Narvais (12), Roosevelt; MJ Wynne (12), Post. **Designated Hitter:** Jace Jones (11), Slaton. **Utility Player:** Brayden Smith (12), Abernathy; Austin Adams (12), Idalou.

Local team competes in mud volleyball event



Courtesy photo

The MTC-Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility competed in a Mud Volleyball Tournament, benefiting the United Way and Communities In Schools. The tournament was held Saturday, June 5, 2010 at the Lazy S Rock Ranch, in Lubbock. The MTC team included: Jose Barajas, Richard Casillas, Justin Loera, Stephen Montoya, Jacoby Gomez, Athena Lopez, Kathy Nelson, Carmela Casillas, and Courtney Blacklock. The team's record was 3 wins and 2 losses.



Courtesy photo

Recent Post graduate, Cody Dean, is shown with a first place trophy and a first place plaque he recently won at the West Texas State NASA Sports Powerlifting meet in Hereford, TX recently.



Some people chase tornados. Why? I guess it's like bird watching except you shoot video. For that matter, why don't bird watchers take pictures of significant birds in significant places? They just take notes, don't they? I'm not sure. I've never been birding. I've never been storm chasing either.

I almost got to go birding once. Bad weather interfered.

Conversely, good weather spoils the plans of storm chasers. What do they call good weather anyway? And bad weather?

Isaiah 5:20: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness...."

Am I being too hard on storm chasers? They probably suffer from childhood storm deprivation. If they'd dodged hail (except you can't dodge hail) and lightning (also hard to sidestep) to run through wind-driven rain to spend the night in a dirt cellar at age 5, they probably wouldn't be spending the best years of their lives cozying up to tornados. I could be wrong.

Maybe some chasers resent hours of captivity spent in shelters when they wanted to watch the lightning and feel the rain through more than a drippy cellar vent. Our cellar had one of those vents. When the wind didn't blow, it didn't drip. Daddy's cot was near the door, Mother's was next to the back wall, where jars of pickled peaches stood on shelves, and my cot was in the middle, under the vent. But what's one little drip when you're snug under a quilt?

Yep, all it takes is some stormy weather to make me recall that straight-walled hole in the hard ground hand-dug by my father, fitted with steep steps and topped with that not-quite-perfect air vent. On the outside, if that vent hadn't looked so much like a skinny white house with a steep roof and screen windows, it could have anthropomorphized into a fair-weather friend. It was a key feature of my top-of-the-cellar play area.

A tall Arizona cypress tree stood nearby. If a storm had brought it down across the cellar door, we would have escaped. Daddy kept an ax in the cellar to chop our way out. Mother and I would have opened a jar of pickled peaches and urged him to drink some of the juice to keep up his strength as he swung the ax at an awkward angle by flickering kerosene lamplight. That'll be the after-the-storm scenario if ever I write a novel. You'll be struck by lightning first.

The aging cypress is taller now, its bare topmost branches a perennial mockingbird perch. The cellar is no more. Gradual deterioration brought its eventual demise. Enough said.

Just last weekend my husband used the tractor and front-end loader to level the sunken spot in the yard that was all that was left of the cellar that Daddy built.

Bad storms missed us last night. A cardinal is chirping this bright morning from atop an old pine tree. That's almost as good as a mockingbird singing from the cypress tree.

Lake Alan Henry Report June 7, 2010

Conservation pool elevation: 2220.00 feet above mean sea level
Elevation: 2219.82 feet, 0.18 feet below conservation pool elevation
Water Temperature: 80 degrees F
2010 cumulative precipitation: 10.85 inches

Fishing for largemouth and spotted bass is good, although mainly small ones are being caught. Crappie fishing has slowed down and catfishing is good.
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Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for all the TLC, prayers, visits, phone calls and food while recuperating from back surgery. Special thanks to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and also the following: Bea Bustos, Nan Gonzalez, David & Millie Pequeno, Dominic Pequeno, Church of God of Prophecy, Post EMT and my personal nurse Zoey Pequeno and her assistant, Jonah.
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OPINION



The Paperboy

Hospital thoughts

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

When you walk into a room and someone is eating bacon and eggs, it's an All-American site. When you walk into a hospital room, and your wife is eating the same thing after a colostomy reversal, it's a miracle of modern medicine!

I have a tough wife. She, with the hand of the Lord and a very talented surgeon, battled back from near death to a glowing example of life and resilience.

Sharon's journey has been a reminder of what is important and what is simply filler. It is testament of how faith can provide guidance and strength through the storm. It is proof that things like skill and technology can do wonderful things.

It's hard to believe that someone can go from a foot in the grave to a prognosis of normality for decades to come. It's a real head-scratcher for me.

While on the topic, if the medical care in this country is diminished in anyway by recent federal legislation, what a travesty that would be. I sincerely hope that our medical system - which encompasses so much - is built upon and improved. It is so incredible now, if the industry suffers and promises are unfulfilled, then we've taken a step in the

wrong direction.

Right now in the U.S., we live in a time where people in the medical field can do remarkable things. From surgeries performed in the womb on yet-to-be born fetuses to reviving someone once their heart stops beating, there is no end to the possibilities - at least I hope that's the case.

Our medical system is far from perfect, but it's more than fair to say it has evolved at a rapid pace for a century and needs to continue to do so. Furthermore, these technological and human advancements need to be led by American doctors, scientists and engineers.

Once again my family has been touched by so many. Your thoughts, prayers, phone calls and cards provide comfort and are humbling. So much love on display...

It makes me realize I don't do enough for people in need - friends, neighbors and strangers. I know how much it means to my family so now I need to do a better job paying it forward.

What would happen if cell phones, digital television and broadband internet suddenly stopped working? Furthermore, what if our communication satellites failed to work

at all? It would certainly effect everything around us.

According to NASA scientists and other experts, the Earth may be in for some heavy solar activity in the next few years which could have an effect on our technology.

Richard Fisher, head of NASA's Heliophysics Division, explains what it's all about:

"The sun is waking up from a deep slumber, and in the next few years we expect to see much higher levels of solar activity. At the same time, our technological society has developed an unprecedented sensitivity to solar storms. The intersection of these two issues is what we're getting together to discuss."

By getting together, Fisher is speaking of scientists, government officials and technology representatives meeting on the topic this week.

I certainly hope that teenagers and the possibility they would not have cell phone capability is on the agenda. Talk about a national emergency...

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Other Opinions

Obama's Labor Department vs. Unpaid Interns

By JOHN STOSSAL

Do you employ unpaid student interns -- college students who work in exchange for on-the-job training?

If so, President Obama's Labor Department says that you're an exploiter. The government says an internship is OK only if it meets six criteria, among them that the employer must get "no immediate advantage" from the intern's activities. In fact, the employer's work "may be impeded."

Impeded? No immediate advantage?

I'm in trouble, then. I have an intern at Fox Business News, and I'm getting immediate advantages from her work all the time. I've had interns my whole career and gotten lots of immediate advantage from them. Occasionally, I've been impeded -- but the better interns did the research that made my work possible. I'd asked my TV bosses to pay for research help, but they said, "You think we're made of money?"

So I asked colleges if students wanted internships. Many did, and from then on I got much of my best help from unpaid college students.

Did I exploit them? Obama's Labor Department says it's hired 250 new investigators to catch exploiters like me. I tried to get the department to answer my questions, but it declined.

So I spoke with Village Voice writer Anya Kamenetz, who wrote a column titled "Take This Internship and Shove It" in The New York Times.

"We have minimum wage laws in this country for a very good reason," she replied. "We had them to avoid exploitation like child labor."

But what's wrong with a free internship if a student learns something about the career he wants to pursue?

I was a little stunned by Kamenetz's answer: "Employers could say we cannot afford to pay anybody, so why should we be forced to pay the guy who cleans the floors?"

Because they wouldn't get people to clean floors if they didn't pay. But I guess I shouldn't expect a New York writer to understand markets.

"Interns are people that come in and work for below minimum wage," she said. "They pull the bottom out of the labor market, and

it's less fair for everybody."

So it should be banned?

"There are a lot of ways to fill in the need for interns and the need for college students to get experience. One way is for colleges to pay stipends."

But they won't.

"They will if the law is enforced. Another way is for companies to hire students that are eligible for federal work-study."

Oh, I see. The taxpayers should pay for my interns.

"Nobody is saying that these interns should go away," Kamenetz added. "What they're saying is a company should put money in their budgets to pay people the minimum wage to work for them, and that is just the basic issue of fairness. If you start working for free, where's it going to end?"

Give me a break. It would end when the interns have the skills to earn market salaries.

Minimum-wage law and union rules already killed off apprentice jobs on construction sites. Contractors say: If I must pay high union wages, I'll hire experienced workers. I'd lose money if I hired a kid and helped him

learn on the job.

My interns often told me that working -- unpaid -- at WCBS or ABC was the best learning experience of their lives: "I learned more from you than at college, and I didn't have to pay tuition!" It was good for them and good for me.

Kamenetz said, "Studies show that when companies pay their interns, they design the internships better."

Please. A few years ago, my old employer, ABC, started paying our interns. That was good for well-connected students who got internships, but bad for those who were turned down. ABC cut the number of interns by more than half. There's no free lunch.

What's happened to the rights of contract and free association? If student and employer come to an agreement, both expect to benefit or it wouldn't happen. The student is no indentured servant. If the employer "exploits" the student, the student can quit. The contract ought to be nobody's business but theirs.

Butt out, federal bullies. Grown-ups can take care of ourselves.

Other Views

How Many Democrat Candidates did Obama Persuade to Take a Dive?

By ROBERT ROMANO

Last week White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs appeared to affirm that Barack Obama was directly responsible for the job offers made to Joe Sestak and Andrew Romanoff in return for dropping out of U.S. Senate races.

Said Gibbs, "the President has, as the leader of the party, has an interest in ensuring that supporters don't run against each other in contested primaries..."

This differed slightly with White House Counsel Robert Bauer's somewhat carefully-crafted account of the situation that "The Democratic Party leadership had a legitimate interest in averting a divisive primary fight and a similarly legitimate concern about [Congressman Sestak] vacating his seat in the House."

Realizing the value of Gibbs' admission of Obama's express interest in the job offers, the reporter responded to Gibbs: "But that makes it sound like he did know about them, then." To which, Gibbs responded, "No, no, he's not aware of the individual circumstances."

This is being handled very poorly by the Obama Administration. On one hand their essential case is that no laws were broken and are in fact legitimized by Obama's status as Democrat Party leader, but on the other, that Obama apparently knew nothing of the actual job offers.

But, if no laws were broken and the job offers are perfectly legitimate, why take such pains to dissociate Obama's direct involvement? Why the initial denials in both the Sestak and Romanoff cases by the White House? Why has the Justice Department thus far refused to appoint a special counsel, as requested by Representative Darrell Issa, and

by Senate Republicans?

They're acting guilty. Indeed, if everything is above board, should not the White House publish the names of every candidate that has been offered some sort of appointment with dropping out of a political race as a precondition?

And which candidates obliged the request? Speculation is already swirling. Was it Ed Case in HI-CD1, who dropped out of the race against newly-elected Representative Charles Djou in favor of Colleen Hanabusa? "My heart tells me to stay in this fight, but my head says this has become the wrong fight," Case told his supporters.

Perhaps Harold Ford, Jr. took a dive, who dropped out of a primary battle against incumbent New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand after he wrote that he was bullied by party bosses. Or maybe Representative Steve Israel, whom according to the New York Post "Obama personally called and asked to drop out." Or Representative Carolyn Maloney. But not to worry, the White House has already denied claims that they might have been offered jobs, too, because reporters wanted to know.

No wonder. You see, it begs the question. If Sestak and Romanoff were offered positions and refused, there may have been candidates that were made offers that accepted.

And it is a question that the White House press corps must demand an answer to: If the Administration truly believes that offering candidates positions to drop out of races is completely lawful, and there is nothing to hide, will it now release a list of every candidate it has "discussed alternatives" to running for office with?

Because the stonewalling is making Obama look guilty.

The War on the Young: Unemployment

By ADAM BITELY

America's youth have been hit hard by unemployment. In a recent New York Times column from Mickey Meece, one of the biggest causes of high unemployment amongst America's youth is completely ignored. And that cause is the 41% government mandated increase in the nation's minimum wage.

The minimum wage increased from \$5.15 an hour in 2007 to \$7.25 an hour in 2010. That is quite an increase and one that is hard to ignore. This increase has forced many employers of under skilled laborers to reconsider how many they can afford to hire for summer jobs, when most of America's youth are seeking seasonal employment between college semesters and high school summer breaks.

While the New York Times completely disregarded the minimum wage increase in their recent write-up on teenage unemployment, famed economist Don Boudreaux of George Mason University noted that the Times would probably notice a drop-off in subscriptions if the government mandated a 41% increase in their subscription price. It is wrong to simply allow this increase to go by unnoticed.

The Department of Labor released the Unemployment Situation Report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This report clearly shows that America's youth are the most likely to be unemployed, rising to 26.4 percent last month. The increased unemployment of young people has been a growing problem for several years now, accelerated by the phased increase of the minimum wage.

Mickey Meece with the NYT warns us that one can expect fewer lifeguards on beaches and taller grass outside state build-

ings in Kentucky. Oh the woes of unemployed youth

One small business owner, Adam Avery of Frederick, Maryland said that he has seen the problems with the minimum wage hike personally. "What government fails to recognize is that minimum wage hikes force small businesses, like my own, to scale back in hiring," Avery said. "Businesses are forced to retreat from the heavy hand of government."

But it is older generations of Americans that will be affected down the road. Higher unemployed youth means less people paying Social Security taxes. The Boomers will be hard pinched in coming years when they wonder where their government promised retirement money went.

But this fault solely lies with the boomer generation in Congress that has saddled employers with a situation that makes the youth unemployable. They have made the costs simply too high.

Considering that the nation is currently in the middle of a recession, low skilled laborers should be in higher demand. But with a higher cost associated with these low skilled laborers, why would an employer take these people on when they can barely make ends meet?

There is one new possibility for America's youth to overcome the high unemployment -- if only it were possible under the constitutional age limits on running for Congress.

Instead of seeking traditional employment, America's youth should consider running for Congress against an Obama backed candidate. Only then would they find a way to combat high unemployment. White House job offers.

Kids & Kows & More Agriculture awareness event for students

More than 250 4th and 5th grade students from Ralls, Crosbyton and Post Elementary Schools and adults participated in the tenth annual Kids & Kows & More agriculture education day in May.

The curriculum enrichment event was hosted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Crosby County. Seven agriculture related topics were presented to the students in order for them to gain knowledge of agriculture products and industries, and help them understand how agriculture affects their lives.

The topics and speakers included: wildlife on the South Plains by Vicki Sybert of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; insects by Dustin Patman, Integrated Pest Management agent with Texas AgriLife Extension Service; Texas commodities (beef, wheat, sheep/goats, corn, cotton) by Jana Middleton of Texas Farm Bureau; a Cowboy's Life (calf roping) by Trent McDonald, professional rodeo roper, and Nancy McDonald, Garza County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension agent with Texas AgriLife Extension Service; beef by Tyler Hawthorne, Crosby County Agriculture Extension agent with Texas AgriLife Extension Service, and Greg Jones, Garza County Agriculture Extension agent with Texas AgriLife Extension Service; swine by Ed, Dakotah and Hunter Watson; and poultry by Floyd Starkey of Texas Farm Bureau.

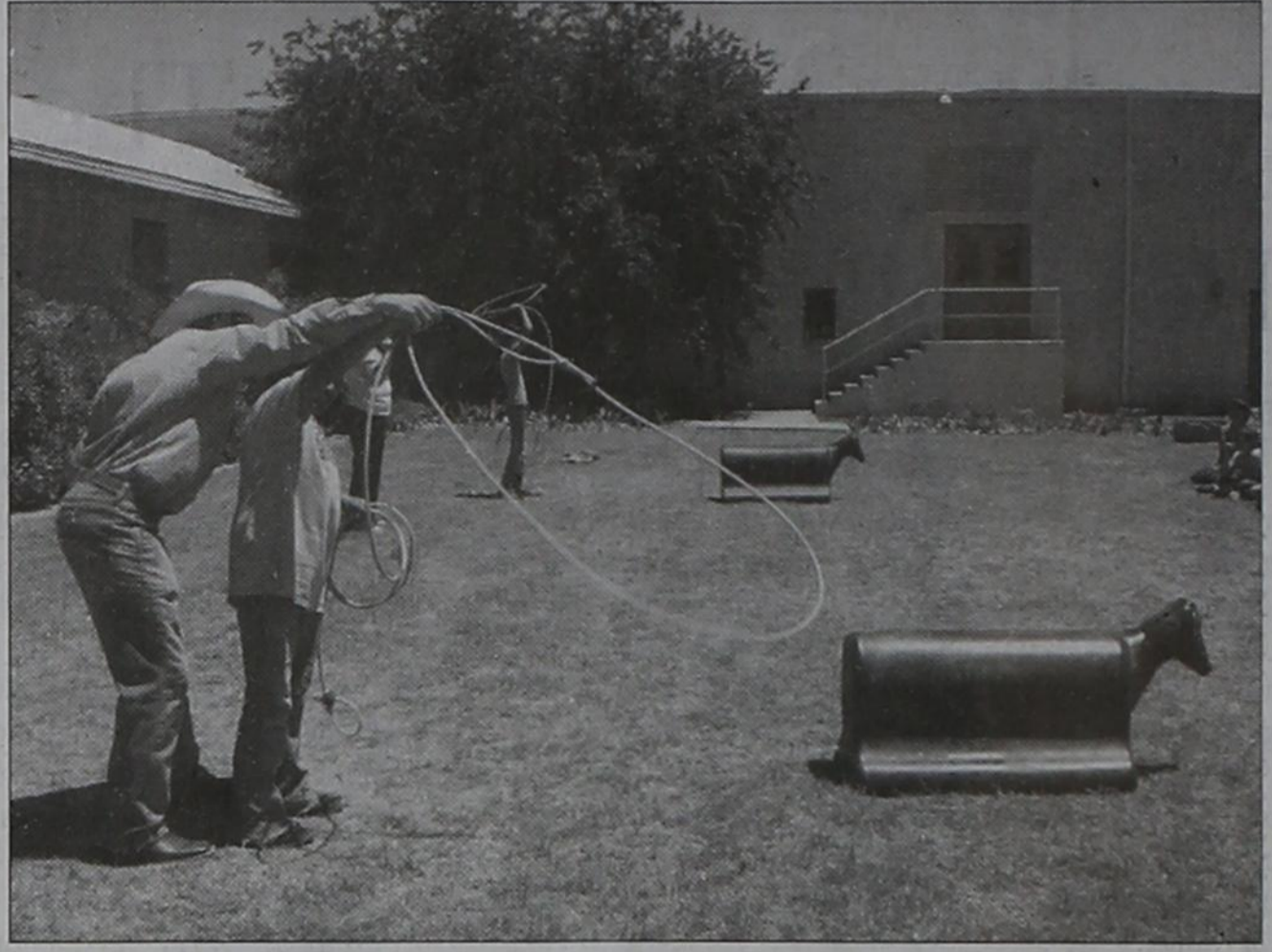
One week following the event, each student completed a questionnaire about various facts that were shared with them during each presentation at the educational event. The results were used to measure the students' retention of the information that was presented at Kids & Kows & More.

According to the questionnaire results, on average, 75% of the participants retained knowledge in the area of Texas agricultural commodities; 43% of the participants retained knowledge in the area of pork; 74% retained information in the area of beef; 53% retained knowledge in the area of chickens; 72% of the students retained information in the area of insects;

and 65% retained knowledge in the area of South Plains wildlife identification and habitats.

Are you smarter than a 4th or 5th grader? Take the post-test the students completed one week following the Kids & Kows & More event to find out. Answers are shown at the end.

- Jello (gelatin) is made from what two animal parts?
 - cow's hair & hide
 - cow's hooves & horns
 - cow's tongue & cheek
 - all of the above
- What are three uses of cotton seed?
 - plant
 - feed for animals
 - cotton seed oil
 - all of the above
- What are cotton farmers doing now? (This question was asked in May)
 - harvesting
 - planting
 - listing
 - defoliating
- What continent consumes the most pork?
 - United States
 - Asia
 - Texas
 - Africa
- People who have diabetes need _____ from pigs to help manage their blood sugar levels?
 - hair
 - vitamins
 - insulin
 - oil
- What is the average size of a pig's litter?
 - 2 to 3
 - 20 to 25
 - 4 to 5
 - 8 to 10
- Circle one. Cattle are ruminants or non-ruminants?
 - ruminants
 - non-ruminants
- Name two cuts of beef?
- How many eggs do chickens lay per day?
- How many eggs do chickens lay in a year?
- For what main reasons are chickens produced (raised)?
 - feathers
 - meat & eggs
 - to eat grain & corn
 - medications
- How many body parts do insects have? (Circle one)
 - 2



Courtesy photo

Trent McDonald shows an elementary student roping techniques during the Kids & Kows & More event in May sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension.

- 3
 - 4
 - 5
- Fill in the blank. Insects have how many legs? _____
 - (Circle one) True or False Spiders are insects.
 - In which eco-region of Texas do we live?
 - Piney Woods
 - Plains and Prairies
 - Gulf Coast
 - Desert Southwest
 - Which animals have retractable claws and can climb trees?
 - badger and coyote
 - red fox and grey fox
 - bobcat and racoon
 - bobcat and grey fox
 - Which pairs of mammals would be predator and possible prey? Circle ALL possible pairs.
 - coyote and jackrabbit
 - bobcat and mouse
 - beaver and muskrat
 - badger and prairie dog
 - Mammals which eat both meat and plant material are called:
 - herbivores
 - carnivores
 - vegetarians
 - omnivores
 - How is calf roping in college similar to other sports?
 - It takes lots and lots of practice.
 - You have to pass your classes to participate (No pass, no play)
 - You have to love it or have a passion for it.
 - All of the above
- Answers: 1. B; 2. D; 3. B; 4. B; 5. C; 6. D; 7. ruminants; 8. Rib, loin, chuck, sirloin, round, flank, brisket, etc.; 9. 1; 10. 150-180; (in other words, hens have a cycle in which each hen lays one egg per day for 150-180 days, and then takes a break); 11. B; 12. B; 13. 6; 14. False; 15. B; 16. D; 17. A, B and D; 18. D; 19. D.

It is one goal of AgriLife Extension to help youth understand agriculture related subjects in order to become educated consumers who will be responsible for our using our natural resources. The Kids & Kows agriculture education event has been successful in teaching students, about both the production and consumption of agriculture products.

Texas Crop and Weather

COLLEGE STATION -- While the Rolling Plains and other parts of Texas experienced near-perfect conditions for the wheat harvest, other parts of the state became further parched, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

The North, Southeast, Panhandle and nearly all of East Texas remained dry, with dryland crops not growing or stressed due to lack of moisture.

Meanwhile, the National Drought Policy Commission extended its classification

of "moderate drought" for about a dozen East Texas counties on May 25 to all of 27 and parts of eight others by June 1, according to Rich Tinker, climatologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's climate prediction center, Washington D.C.

"Moderate drought that was confined close to the Louisiana border the week before has expanded westward to include a larger area, including areas northwest of Houston," Tinker said. "And we

introduced some severe drought over a large part of northern Louisiana but not yet extending into Texas."

What is the difference between "moderate drought" and "severe drought?" Tinker said the determination is somewhat subjective, but climatologists try to look at "drought on as many time scales as possible and looking at as many impacts as possible, but certainly emphasizing those impacts that seem more serious at any given time."

On the commission's Drought Portal website at <http://www.drought.gov/>, droughts are classified by number designations. D0 is "abnormally dry," D1 is a "moderate drought," D2 is a "severe" drought, D3 is an "extreme" drought and D4 is an "exceptional" drought, he said.

"The D0 area is generally something that is dry on the scale of a three in 10-year

occurrence," Tinker said. "D1 is roughly a two-in-10-year occurrence. D2 roughly one in 10-year occurrence, a D3 is in the order of a one-in-20-year occurrence and a D4 is roughly in the order of a one-in-50-year occurrence."

The U.S. Drought Monitor map of Texas for June 1 can be found online at http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/pdfs/tx_dm.pdf.

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

CENTRAL: The region received spotty showers, but more rain was needed as grass showed signs of stress. Corn, cotton and sorghum were also in desperate need of rain. It was predicted that hay crops would soon be in danger of building up high levels of nitrates. Pecan trees had a medium nut load but needed water to fill kernels. Cattle were in good condition, and producers stated they have recovered from the hard winter. Fly pressure on cattle was high. Many producers were weaning heavier/older calves.

EAST: Parts of the region received as much as 3 inches of rain while others saw none at all. Some hay was harvested but yields were low. A few producers began to supplementally feed livestock due to pastures being grazed short. The blueberry and blackberry harvest was under way. Harvested vegetables showed a drop in quality because of the extremely dry conditions. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Flies on cattle increased. Some counties had reports of

grasshoppers becoming a problem. Feral hog activity continued.

FAR WEST: Widely scattered showers were reported, but only Presidio County reported any accumulation and that varied widely as well, from 0.5 inch to 3 inches. There were also reports of wildfires set off by lightning in Presidio County. Winter wheat was drying down. Fall-planted onions were being harvested. Chiles and cotton were off to a good start. Alfalfa growers were about to take a second cutting. Pecans were under heavy casebearer pressure. The first pesticide application was done, but because there was a very high egg count, a second application may be necessary.

NORTH: With hot dry weather, soil-moisture levels ranged from very short to adequate. The moisture situation was becoming a big concern in parts of the region. Crops were still holding on, but corn began to show signs of stress, and late-planted soybeans were on the verge of failing. Corn was beginning to tassel, and growers were beginning

the wheat harvest, though about three weeks behind schedule. In other parts of the region, corn, soybeans, sorghum and winter wheat were all in fair to good condition. Producers were harvesting early season hay with yields in some cases only one-third of average. Because of earlier cool weather, Bermuda grass only recently came out of dormancy, and then the dry weather limited any substantial growth. Peaches continued to look very good. Peanuts and

rice were in fair condition, and sunflower planting was complete. There were reports of grasshoppers becoming a problem, and feral hogs continue to be a major problem. Cattle were in fair to good condition but in need of rain.

PANHANDLE: Some parts of the region received rain but most of the region was hot, windy and dry. Most crops will need rain soon to continue growing. Irrigators were running sprinklers to prevent fields from drying down. Wheat was quickly maturing and still looked good. There was some hail damage reported as well as disease but not as bad as in previous years. Corn made excellent progress with warmer weather. Some cotton had to be replanted after recent rains, and some fields had not yet emerged due to lack of topsoil moisture. Livestock were doing well on spring pastures. Grasshopper numbers were increasing but were not yet an issue.

ROLLING PLAINS: Dry weather sped up the wheat harvest. Combines were rolling through fields, and the harvest was expected to be finished soon. Yields ranged from very good to below average. Dryland wheat yields varied greatly, from 20 to 60 bushels, depending upon soil, fertilizer and amount of rust. Cotton farmers were about half finished with planting. Earlier planted cotton was up and growing. Soil moisture levels were quickly dropping with highs

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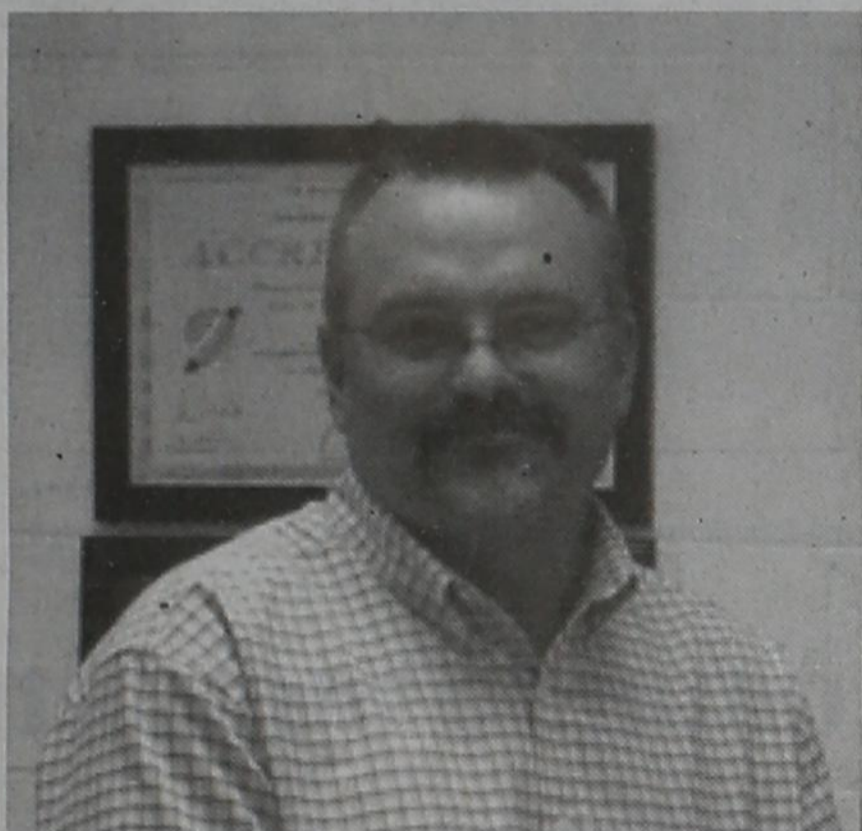


Kaleb Tanner



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Susan Pennell, May Officer of the Month MTC-Dalby Correctional Facility



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Fred Postell, May Supervisor of the Month MTC-Dalby Correctional Facility



McKinsey Cantrell

Alexandra Rodriguez and Kaleb Tanner both of Post and McKinsey Cantrell of Southland each received a \$3,000 scholarship from MTC-Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. Warden Kerry Dixon presented the scholarships to the three graduating seniors at ceremonies held last week.

Congratulations!

Crop & Weather ...

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highs of nearly 100 degrees. Grain sorghum looked good. Hay producers took their first cutting of Bermuda grass, and yields ranged from average to a little below. Livestock and pastures looked good. Sudan for hay production was off to a good start.

SOUTH: Good rains and spotty showers kept soil-moisture conditions in most of the area at adequate levels. In conjunction with hotter temperatures and warmer nights, conditions were quite favorable for crop development. Rangeland, pastures and livestock also benefited from frequent showers. In the northern part of the region, corn tasseled and continued to develop, as did cotton and sorghum. Also in that area, peanuts were being planted as weather permitted. The wheat harvest was nearly complete, the potato harvest was ongoing and hay was being baled. In the eastern part of the region, some rice stinkbug activity in grain sorghum was reported, as well as some pest activity in cotton fields. In the western part of the region, the wheat harvesting was ongoing, onion and watermelons made good progress, corn and sorghum fields were reported in good to excellent condition, and the cucumber harvest was completed. Pecans in that area had some aphid activity but were in good condition. In the southern part of the region, the vegetable

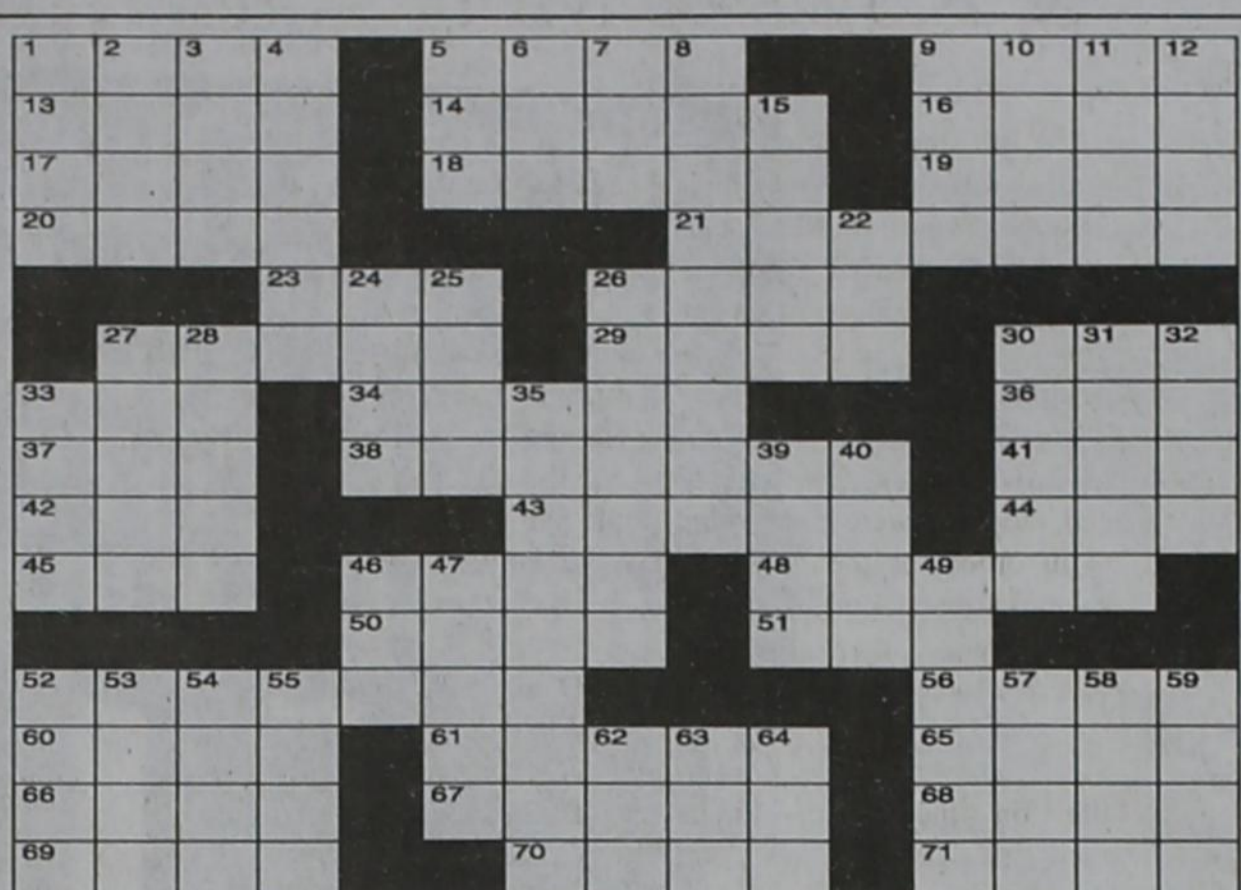
harvest wound down. The onion harvest was complete and the melon harvest was ongoing.

SOUTH PLAINS: Rainfall ranged from 0.05 inch to 1.5 inches, and temperatures from 90 to 106 degrees. Soil moisture was short to adequate. Field activity included replanting of problem fields, spraying for weeds and cotton trips, and preparing for irrigation season. Corn was in fair to good condition, showing very good growth with the higher temperatures and good moisture. Irrigated cotton was in fair to good condition, but the dryland crops began to show signs of moisture stress. Sorghum and peanuts were in good condition. Sunflower planting continued. Wheat was in fair to good condition, and was in the hard-dough stage and drying down. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition, but more rain will be needed to maintain large amounts of forage grown due to earlier rainfall events. Livestock were mostly in good condition.

SOUTHEAST: Some counties received as much as 1 inch of rain while many areas remained dry. For example, the Walker County rainfall total through May was 9 inches behind normal. Significantly more rain was needed to produce adequate hay and forage through the summer. Grain sorghum growers sprayed for midges.

SOUTHWEST: No rain came to the region, but soil-moisture levels remained adequate. Crops and grass in pastures and rangeland continue to make very good progress as a result of cool nights, open weather and good moisture levels. High humidity combined with heavy early morning fog increased incidences of crop disease and insect pressure. Corn, sorghum, cotton, watermelons, cantaloupes, sunflowers, potatoes and peanuts all made excellent progress. Most corn and sorghum fields were past the blister stage and into the soft-dough stage. The wheat, spring onion, sweet corn and cabbage harvests were ongoing with top-notch yields and quality. Forage availability remained above average.

WEST CENTRAL: Hot, dry conditions continued in most areas, but there were scattered showers in others. Producers were spraying fields for weeds and fertilizing hay fields. The wheat harvest was under way with good to above-average yields but producers saw deflated prices due to low protein levels. Cotton growers continued planting. Early planted cotton looked very good. Rangeland and pastures remained in good condition in most areas. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Pecan producers were spraying for nut casebearers.



CLUES ACROSS

- Melod... extravagant comedy
- Christian... designer
- Three banded armadillo
- Whale ship captain
- LPGA golfer Lorena
- A spongelike cake leavened with yeast
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- ...ilize: discharge
- Frosts
- Funeral fire
- Sunday
- ...mp: wetland
- ...morphism: transformation
- So. Swiss city
- Used for baking
- Doctors' group
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- Temporarily stitches
- Happy Days actor Scott ...
- Take in solid food
- Scarabs
- Hearing receptor
- Romanian monetary unit
- Terra...: earthenware
- Attempt
- Tooth caregiver
- Weedy annual grass
- Extremely unrefined
- Greek god of war
- Concealed
- A series of acts at a night club
- Siberian river
- Overgarments
- Political plot
- Celt
- Island north of Guam
- Space for public entertainments
- Unstressed-stressed
- A light two-wheel carriage
- Bring forth a lamb or kid
- Ontario Speed Skating Assoc.

CLUES DOWN

- Inclined entrance
- Hail (nautical)
- Picasso's mistress
- Mother superior of a group of nuns
- Rumsfeld was Secretary (abbr.)
- Water in the solid state
- Physicist George Simon
- Eleanor or Franklin
- Baby's feeding protector
- Al...: Llama wool
- Act as an assistant
- Skin eruption
- Let up
- Prohibit
- Dragnet star
- Wings
- Slogans
- Bleated
- Douroucoulis genus
- Plural of 11 down
- Volcanic craters
- Ethereal
- Mix or blend in
- State Department head
- A way to make into a print
- Indian dress
- Hydrocarbon used on roads
- Betel palm genus
- Slow musical tempo
- Pushed by a person
- Mirish language
- ...an Death March: WWII
- As fast as can be done (abbr.)
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- Jewels
- Sunrise (Spanish)
- Spelling championship
- Professional caregiver's organization
- ...cet: puncture blade

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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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ANSWER:

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Photo by Janice Plummer

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for West Texas Xtreme Cheer & Dance last Saturday. Hip hop, modern dance and cheer classes for all ages will be taught at Vibes on E. Main in Post.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 106th Judicial District Court of Garza County, on the 7th day of June, 2010, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No.	Styling	Legal Description
93-04-04,871-CV	Post Independent School District, et al v. Gabriel Romero	1. Lots 14, 15, 16, Block 143, Original Town Addition of Post, Garza County, Texas.
01-05-05,701-CV	Garza County, et al v. Roy K. Furr, Deceased	2. Double Mountain A 85063491, Chaparral Energy, Tubbow (Strawn) Block 6, Section 9, H&GN Survey .003472 Overriding Royalty in Garza County, Texas 3. Tubbow 85065771, Western Reserves Oil, (Strawn) Block 97, Abstract 819, Section 952 H&TC RR Co. Survey, .005208 Overriding Royalty, Garza County, Texas.
02-06-5786-CV	Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. Tommy Cole, et ux, Rosemary Cole, F A Jinkins, Deceased	4. Abstract 1116, Section 2, Block 55, S. E. Harper (78 1/2"x152') 272 acres in Garza County, Texas.
02-10-05,811-CV	Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. Ronnie Allison	5. .004557 Overriding Royalty Interest, Southeast Garza Unit Tract 6, Fina Oil, Garza Abstract 114, Section 50, GH&H, W/2 NW/4, Garza County, Texas. 6. .000151 Overriding Royalty Interest, Southeast Garza Unit, 85060197 Burk Royalty Co. Garza Field, Abstract 506, Section 4 & 5, K Aycock, South Part 5, & N59, Garza County, Texas.
03-11-05,899-CV	Garza Central Appraisal District, et al v. Vickie Lawrence, Individually and as Heir of Preston Lawrence, Deceased	7. Lots 2, 3, Block 49, Original Town Addition to the City of Post, Garza County, Texas

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 3:00 o'clock p.m. on the 6th day of July, 2010, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse of Garza County, in the City of Post, Texas.

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said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

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Rural economic summit planned in Lubbock

USDA Rural Development Texas State Director, Paco Valentin, and the Farm Service Agency State Executive Director, Juan M. Garcia, will host a Rural Economic Summit June 9, 2010 in Lubbock, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, 1102 East FM 2194 in Lubbock, Texas.

Rural community leaders, legislative staff and economic and agricultural development organizations are encouraged to attend. The Summit will be a roundtable discussion of topics that affect the rural areas of Texas and the ways various USDA programs can be of assistance.

Sample talking points include Rural Development initiatives ranging from Broadband and Infrastructure programs, to Housing and Community Facility Programs and Rural Business and Cooperative Renewable Energy Programs. Farm Service Agency will discuss 2008 Farm Bill programs including conservation, disaster and farm loan programs. General topics discussed will include rural job creation, education, micro lending, partnerships and community based organizations.

Texas accounts for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income. Eighty percent of the total land in Texas is used in the production of agricultural commodities; ninety two percent of these operations are run by individuals or families. The Texas FSA staff works to ensure that Texas farmers, ranchers and landowners have the information they need to participate in federally funded agricultural programs. FSA-administered programs benefit all Americans by providing stability for agricultural producers, thereby ensuring a safe, abundant and affordable food and fiber supply. For additional information on the Farm Service Agency, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA>.

For further information the upcoming Rural Economic Summit or to participate in the Summit, contact Erika Archie at 254-742-9710 or erika.archie@tx.usda.gov.

Pauline Mathis celebrates 84th birthday

On May 22, 2010 a host of friends and family gathered to help Pauline Mathis celebrate her 84th Birthday. The event was hosted by her children: James Mathis; Mike and Melba Feagin. The celebration took place at the Main Street Diner. Mr. and Mrs. Greg Williams provided wonderful food and tremendous service. All who attended enjoyed a wonderful evening of visiting and eating.

Those who helped Pauline celebrate were: Cody, Stana and Zander Washington of Lubbock; Mike, Melba and Samantha Feagin of Lubbock; Will Chidoco of Lubbock; Lynn and Jan Hughes of Lubbock; Kenneth and Judy Kennedy and son of Anson, TX; Mary Jo Evans of Lubbock; W. O. Thuett of Post; Vicki Cooper and Maryann of Lubbock; Pam and Ruth Williams of Post; Caroline Williams of Post; Charles and Ruby Williams of Post; Imogene Rosenbaum of Post; James Mathis of Post; Danny and Vickie Williams of Snyder.

Trailblazers Menu

- June 14 – BBQ chicken, ranch potatoes, carrots, roll, chocolate pudding
- June 15 – Pork roast, Navy beans, squash, cornbread, fruit salad
- June 16 – Enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, salad, salsa, Mexican wedding cake
- June 17 – Salmon patties, scalloped potatoes, pea salad, biscuit, cookie bar
- June 18 – Smothered steak, black eyed peas, fried okra, biscuit, Jello/fruit

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Adult Welding Class

An Introduction to Arc welding will be taught by Post High School Ag teachers at the Post High School Ag Department, July 5 - 6, 7 to 9 pm. Basic wire welding will also be demonstrated and taught. Learn to weld for the first time or brush up on old skills. All materials and equipment will be furnished. Free to those who sign up. Call 806-495-2770 to reserve a spot.

Class of 1980 Reunion

Class of 1980 Reunion activities will be on Friday and Saturday July 2 & 3. Bar-B-Q in the city Park Friday evening July 2 at 7:00 pm; tour of Post High School Saturday (time to be announced) July 3; dinner, music and reminiscing @ The Heritage House Saturday July 3: Social Hour: 6:00 pm, Dinner: 7:00 pm Cost: \$35.00 for Class Members; \$15.00 for Spouse, Friend, Date or Significant Other Must RSVP by June 24, 2010 to Meg Reed Nelson @ 806-629-4028 Please leave message with name & phone Number. Money can be mailed to Meg Reed Nelson at P.O. Box 43 Post, Texas 79356 or you can take it to Meg at the Courthouse. If you need additional information check out Facebook or call Meg Reed Nelson @806-629-4028 or Jendy Thomas Touchstone @ 361-296-3772 or

Boy Scouts ...

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the well burned in 1937 and has been replaced by a replica. Today, there are picnic tables around the well where scout troops and their leaders can relax and hold small meetings. Camp Post is also the site of the first recorded birth and death in Garza County. Kate McCommis was born to Jim and Della Browning McCommis in 1884. The infant girl died on the day of her birth and her grave, now surrounded by a wrought iron fence, sits about 150 feet southeast of the camp's dining hall. The first road up the cap rock ran through Llano Ranch and is now a popular hiking spot for the boys.

The scouts at Camp Post get a real "West Texas experience" during their stay. There are two windmills on the campgrounds and a donation has recently been made to buy a third one. Longhorns, horses, and donkeys are among the animals that call the camp home. There is a shotgun range, a rifle range, a BB gun range, and a 3D archery range. The 3D archery range is a walking trail with seven different "stations" where the boys come up to a life-size animal they must shoot with a bow and arrow. The animal figures on this

jlhtouchstone@hotmail.com

Class of 1965 Plans Reunion

The class of 1965, the largest PHS graduating class, and of course the best class will have its 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.

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.

Summer School Opportunity Available

If you have a child who will be in Kindergarten or first grade next year who has been identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP) and you are interested in having them attend summer school, please contact the elementary school office at 495-3414 for more information.

Si usted tiene un niño que estará en la guardería o 1er año siguiente grado que ha 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.

Garza County Cowboy Hall

course include a bobcat, javelina, bear, buffalo, deer, antelope, and prairie dogs.

In keeping with the Boy Scout tradition, there are numerous activities designed to teach teamwork. The COPE Course (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) includes several activities that help teach the participants, among other things, teamwork; leadership; planning; and bravery. This COPE Course includes two climbing walls, a zipline, and several activities where the participant must walk across a rope suspended between poles.

A new livery stable and blacksmith forge are available to help teach the scouts some of the skills involved in these activities. There is even an old covered wagon that the staff uses as a chuck wagon at the campsite. There is a new horse program in the works at Camp Post and the goal is to eventually develop it into a cavalcade program for the boys.

While keeping an eye to the past and respecting history, Camp Post is not behind the times. Workers have managed to bridge the gap between simple camping and the 21st century with grace. While the campers

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 2002 and 2007, please contact The Post Dispatch. We now have this information for these years: George Duckworth, 2001; Carl Rains, 2003; Hinton Fluit, 2004; Ralph & Riley Miller, 2005; Jack Kirkpatrick & K. W. Kirkpatrick, 2006, and Bill Long, 2008 as well as years prior to 2001. Call 495-2816 or email postcitydispatch@yahoo.com.

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. Contact Kay Wallace at Citizens Bank, 806-495-3545.

PHS Class of 1990 Reunion

Can you believe it has almost been 20 years since we roamed the halls of Post High School? The date for the reunion is July 3, 2010, here in Post. Pay your reunion fee to Susie Barboza (Class Treasurer) at Wells Fargo. The cost is: \$25 per classmate, \$10 with spouse, or \$40 for the family. We also have an "early bird" special of \$20 for the classmates if you pay by April 1, 2010. For more information visit our website, www.phs90lopelegends.webs.com or call Cornelio "Corky" Saldívar, 956-281-4058.

still stay in tents, the staff has newly equipped cabins, complete with a flat screen TV to aid in training. The new Nakona Amphitheatre is where the boys gather for campfires and this renovation is not yet complete. There is a plan to be able to show movies in the amphitheatre in the not-so-distant future.

A General Store/Trading Post is the most recent addition to Camp Post. Finished just one month ago, the building was designed to look like an "old west" store. The countertop is made of glass, and the candy jars and soda fountain may have made the jump right out of the 1800s. However, the refrigerator and flat screen TV certainly do not fit that era.

Involvement in Boy Scouts is a life changing experience that grows boys to men, introduces you to lifelong friends, and teaches valuable assets that will assist you in a variety of circumstances. If you or your child thinks this kind of mixed learning experience would be a good experience, contact the South Plains Council of the Boy Scouts of America 806-747-2631 or 1-800-658-9310. You can also find them at 30 Briercroft Office Park in Lubbock or on the web at www.southplainscouncil.org.

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[with the county]," said Mark Short, Ward 4 Councilman. Les Looney, Ward 3 representative stated that he believes the "main goal is to work together and put personal agendas on the back burner."

Mayor Harp advised the council to "start with 'protect and serve' and finish with financial issues." Anita Morris, Ward 5 council representative said, "The first goal is to work together. We have to get a good working relationship [with the county]," Dick Odom, Ward 2 councilman said that he would like to see the county take over law enforcement.

City Manager Taylor pointed out that the current law enforcement agreement with Garza County has expired and advised that a "priority should be to get a standard, longer term law enforcement agreement." He indicated that he felt the prior contract should provide a good framework and discussion for a future agreement.

There was additional discussion of whether the Garza County Sheriff's Office will enforce city code and compliance issues. Taylor explained that the city doesn't have peace officers needed to address enforcement of traffic issues such as speeding and parking. "Would the county be willing to help with this in the future?"

Odom asked what portion of the city ad valorem tax "goes to the county for law enforcement." Taylor stated that of the fifty-two cent property tax, thirty-eight cents goes to law enforcement. The discussion concluded with Councilwoman Morris stating that the law enforcement issue "is going to be more positive." The city manager will write a letter to Garza County outlining suggestions from the City Council regarding a meeting to discuss the law enforcement matter.

Addressing another agenda item, the Council approved a resolution from Southwestern Public Service "suspending the effective date for ninety days in connection with the rate increase filing on May 17, 2010; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meeting Act; making other findings and provisions related to the subject and declaring an effective date." City Manager Arbie Taylor explained that this resolution would allow time to review the filing by

SPS by the Alliance and their attorneys at no cost to the city.

The council also approved the 2010 Routine Airport Maintenance Program grant contract that provides help to cities with routine maintenance issues relating to the airport. Essentially this contract establishes an agreement for the state to pay one-half of the cost of routine repairs and maintenance.

White River Water District board members Victor Ashley and Bill Poole attended the council meeting to discuss the White River contract and answer any questions from the council. Poole indicated, "the contract is in fine shape except for one point." The contract as presented "would be effective for 5 years and this needs to be at least 20 years." The board members believe the longer term for the contract would be essential for the water district to obtain financing. "The contract as stated would not allow time to pay back a [long-term] loan," Poole said.

City Attorney Elza Slater told the council that the contract "may be the most important thing you ever do." He suggested that the four member cities meet together to address issues in the water district contract. City Manager Arbie Taylor told the council that there is a meeting of member cities planned for June 15 in Ralls to discuss the contract and try to reach an agreement. Slater advised the council not take action on the contract until after this meeting. He also explained that the result of the meeting would "not be a binding contract" and the contract would come back to the council for approval after suggested changes were made during the meeting.

Following an Executive Session for "consultation with attorney regarding City of Post v. McDaniel litigation and/or deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange or value of real property," the Council reconvened into open session and began a Budget Workshop.

City Manager Taylor emphasized that all budget amounts at this time are only his projections and "many of these numbers will change." Another Budget Workshop is scheduled during the July 13 City Council meeting and an

additional workshop may be needed to complete the budget. Projected fund revenues for the new budget year total approximately \$5.6 million compared to \$7 million last year. The difference in the revenue totals is a \$1.5 million water project ARRA grant received during the current budget that will not be part of the new budget.

The City Manager is not proposing a water and sewer rate in his budget projections. "We need to continue to tighten our belt and minimize expenditures so we can eventually live within our means." Taylor also emphasized keeping a reduction of debt service as a priority. He is initiating a Capital Replacement fund that the council approved earlier this year. This fund will minimize the affect of major equipment purchases in the future.

Capital requests under consideration for the 2010/2011 budget include:

Begin replacing playground equipment in City Park.

Purchase of new street sweeper; establish a street from E. 8th Street to Main Street; increase seal coat funding to \$100,000

Community Center restroom remodel; sound system upgrade; new floor in the Youth Room and new carpet in the old Rotary Room.

New lighting, replacement computers and replace ceiling tiles in the library.

Upgrade of the water system and purchase/install street signs in Terrace Cemetery.

New ambulance for EMS. The cost of this purchase would be shared with Garza County and the Garza County Health Care District.

Replace fire hydrants; inspect and clean ground storage tanks; grant matching funds for water line replacement east of tanks.

Replace some office furniture and printer/copier for Municipal Court office.

Purchase pick up trucks for the Water and Sewer Department and the City Manager; purchase flat bed truck for the Sewer Department.

Regular City Council meetings have been moved to the second Tuesday of the month. The next scheduled meeting is July 15 at 6 p.m.

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Pride of Post Band students place at State UIL Music Contest

Seven young ladies from the Pride of Post Band competed at the State UIL Music Contest May 31 at Henderson High School in Austin. The students advanced from the Regional Contest held in February at Coronado High School in Lubbock.

Senior Kat Villalon earned a first division on a solo for snare drum called "The Winner." "Boy, she sure is [a winner]," said PHS Band Director Aaron Rathbun. "She walked in there and played that drum! Her judge just sat back and listened. That's the way we like it."

Seniors Darlene Araiza and Crystal Sanchez; Junior

Taylor Smith; Sophomores Kambry Mason and Amanda Duran and Freshman Julie Boren competed with a sextet piece of music titled "All Through the Night" and received a division two. "I am extremely proud of these girls," said Rathbun. "Six girls of various age ranges got together and worked for a common goal. It was a beautiful thing. Thanks to Assistant Bernie Tackitt for his work with the students all spring."

After successfully competing at the state contest, the students enjoy a trip to Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort in New Braunfels.



Darlene Araiza
State Division II



Julie Boren
State Division II



Amanda Duran
State Division II



Kambry Mason
State Division II



Crystal Sanchez
State Division II



Taylor Smith
State Division II



Kat Villalon
State Division I



Janie Lopez (right) and her grandson, Robert are shown in the Lopez yard at 502 W. 3rd Street that was chosen "Yard of the Week" by the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. Members of the organization, Pat Cruse (left) and Naomi Matsler (center left) helped install the sign furnished by the women's organization to designate the distinctive yard.

Courtesy photo.

Post Rotary sponsors students for camp



Photo by Eleysa Richards

Post seniors Caitlin Cravy (left) and Taylor Smith are shown with Post Rotary representative Ray Bagby just before the girls boarded a bus headed to Camp Ryla in New Mexico. Caitlin is the daughter of Eric and Jayta Cravy and Taylor is the daughter of Benji and Roseann Smith.

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

Monday morning PHS seniors Caitlin Cravy and Taylor Smith joined students from many other towns in Rotary District 5730 for a bus trip to Camp RYLA in New Mexico. Camp RYLA is a youth program of Rotary International that teaches leadership, character development, free enterprise and patriotism. Attendance at the camp is by scholarship only and each year the Post Rotary Club sponsors local high school students to attend the camp.

Post Rotary Club President-Elect Dave Tyler who has attended Camp RYLA in the past as a camp counselor said, "This camp is a great experience. The camp was as exciting to me as the kids."

This district-wide coed event helps make young people aware of the opportunities in

their communities for service and accomplishment. Those participating in the camp are carefully selected for their leadership qualities, scholarship and excellent moral standards. Campers also participate in challenging physical activities that include rock-climbing and rappelling.

According to the camp web site, campers learn "the blessings and responsibilities of being a citizen of a free society. They gain an appreciation of how important the Object of Rotary and the Rotary 4-Way Test are in establishing moral and ethical values and the ideals of service above self." Camp RYLA has as its goals to "remove the generation gap between adult and youth leaders and to foster understanding and goodwill for those who participate through its rap sessions and recreational activities."

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Get Caught Reading this Summer
Emily Norman was caught reading her new book about a circus train at Ruby Lane Books. Why don't you get caught reading this summer, too?

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