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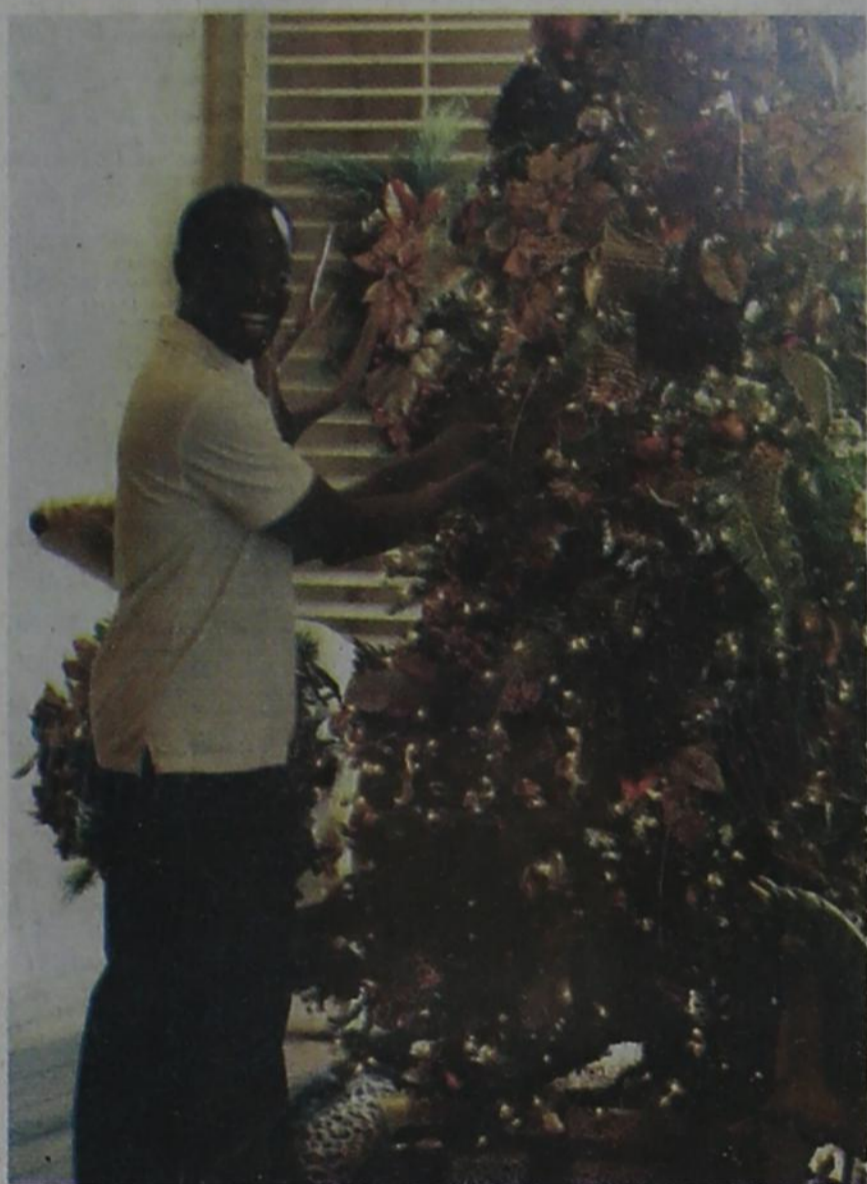


Photo by Merika Stevens

Jackie Cruse of J. Cruse Christmas Gallery in Post puts the final touches on a tree featured in one of the homes in the Lubbock Parade of Homes. The event continues through June 20.

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

If you own a Christmas store, what do you do the remainder of the year? If you are Jackie Cruse, owner of J. Cruse Christmas Gallery in Post it is simply "Christmas all year long."

Perhaps the first couple of months after Christmas Cruse might slow down a little and focus, for a short time, on Valentine's Day and Mother's Day. However, beginning in early spring this year he began a Christmas design for Lubbock builder Joanie Coles to prepare a 6,000 sq. ft. home in Orchard Park for the annual Parade of Homes. "I first met Joanie when I did a sculpting demonstration last year for the West Texas Home Builders Association in Lubbock," said Cruse. "A special feature in her houses is a seasonal closet tall enough to accommodate a Christmas tree." This feature allows the homeowner to simply move an entirely decorated artificial Christmas tree into the closet without

having to remove anything. There is also plenty of room to accommodate other seasonal decorations in the closet. Coles' vision for her show home was to help potential buyers realize the value of this special feature. That is when she made the connection with Cruse.

Opulent Christmas Designs

When Coles planned the décor for the model home, she contacted Cruse to install and decorate a large Christmas tree in the center of a large arched window. As Cruse began sharing ideas with the builder and the design of the home further developed, Coles asked the Post business owner to include three of his life-size St. Nicholas pieces in other rooms of the house as well as table decorations and garland. Working with the builder's chosen combination of chocolate, gold and animal prints, Cruse added touches of copper and willow green with peacock and pheasant feathers to create opulent

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Crops Fairing Well After Recent Storm

By Eleya Richards
Staff Writer

After so much hot, dry weather, the storm that blew through the area during the afternoon and evening hours of June 14 seems to have been a blessing to everyone. Local reports record rainfall anywhere from one inch to over four inches in some places. Lubbock television reported just over two inches of rain in Post. Post farmer and Garza County Judge Lee Norman reported 2.25 to 3 inches of rain on his land west of Post. Mark A. Record, P.G. with the City of Lubbock reported 1.37 inches of rainfall at the dam at Lake Alan Henry. Close City farmer Ronald Thuett believes his 2.5 inches "was a good rain." Southland farmer Todd Taylor, who dumped a rain gauge with 4.2 inches of water in it, reported Tuesday morning that "some of [his] gauges are still underwater and [he hadn't] found them yet." There wasn't much hail reported with this

storm, though some places did report some small hail. Most of the hail seemed to stay along the Lynn County line.

As for the crops, Taylor believes his are doing well so far and hopes "the rain did more good than the other." Norman experienced slight wind damage but believes his crops will recover just fine. Thuett's crops "made it through the storm quite well." Small plants in town were blown over by the wind that reportedly gusted up to 25 miles per hour and various electrical outages affected the city from the first few minutes of the storm when the lights flickered in United Supermarket on Broadway Street.

All in all, the worst damage reported in the area was fallen tree limbs and acorns blowing down the streets. Crops in the area fared very well and the general consensus from farmers, in the words of Judge Norman, is that "it was a great rain, all said."

John Woods Charter to Operate Detention Center School

By Rosa Latimer
News Editor

In a regular Post ISD school board regular meeting June 8, 2010 it was announced that John Woods Charter has been accepted by the Texas Commissioner of Education and TEA to operate the detention center in Post beginning August 1, 2010. According to Supt. Marlin Marcum charters are more common in detention centers and the John Woods Charter, a state-wide organization, is in several detention centers. Supt. Marcum considers this an "overall positive change for the district." The operation at the detention center is difficult for Post ISD to operate at break even or profit plus there are always additional challenges to meet the state requirements for the detention center students. Any Post ISD staff that does not continue at the detention center under the new organization will be given the opportunity to fill staff vacancies in Post ISD.

The board voted to approve a tax refund request. A property owner had requested this because the property was being taxed by multiple school

districts and Post ISD was not an appropriate tax entity.

The school board also reviewed preliminary TAKS scores. Overall the results from these tests were good. "Looking at these scores, it is hard to imagine that the elementary and high school will not be exemplary this next year," Superintendent Marlin Marcum said.

Personnel and staffing issues were discussed and all suggested changes were approved. The school applied for and received money to add some pre-K classes this year and that called for more staff. There was discussion about Post ISD student to teacher ratio being below the overall desired ratio of 15-18 students; however, this status has enable the school district to increase achievement levels in areas such as special education. The recommended personnel/staffing additions were approved.

The Board heard from incoming Superintendent Michael Comeaux who reported:

He has spent a couple

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Opening Weekend of New Production Free to Garza County Residents

The new production at Ragtown Gospel Theater, "The Antioch Challenge," begins

this weekend and "to show our appreciation for the continuing support we receive from Garza County residents, any who attend either the Friday or Saturday performance this weekend will be admitted free," said Glenn Polk, director of the production. "This is our gift to Garza County." Performance times are: tonight (June 18) 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 3 p.m. This Biblical drama will continue through August 28.

"The Antioch Challenge" features several local actors and according to Polk and cast members, the set is "amazing."

The Ragtown web site describes the production as "one of the most pivotal and dramatic events in the early church is a story that begins in Antioch, and reaches across the centuries into the church today." The drama "delves into the intrigue and confrontation which Paul

describes in biting detail in the second chapter of his letter to the Galatians."

"The Apostle Paul was steadfastly uncompromising, and powerfully persuasive as he defended the Gospel before the Lord's brother, James and the apostles. Had he faltered, the freedom and intimacy of our relationship with Jesus through the indwelling Holy Spirit might have been forever buried in the mandates and customs of Jewish Law." Paul, Barnabas, Peter, and James stand at the heart of this gripping and thought-provoking story, woven together from evidence within the recorded Scriptures in a new work by playwright, Chip Polk. Those attending "The Antioch Challenge" will also enjoy almost an hour of gospel music performed by Chip Polk. Following a short intermission, the Biblical drama will unfold.

For more information or to make reservations for "The Antioch Challenge," call 1-877-RAGTOWN or visit ragtown.com.



Courtesy photo

Christy Morris got caught reading recently at the Post Public Library. Looks as though Christy has chosen several books to enjoy! Remember there is no charge for a library card and once you have yours, it will open the door to a wonderful summer of reading.



Good News

We enjoy the good news we read in the Post Dispatch each week. Of course, sometimes we hear about bad stuff, but it is great to see all that our young folks are accomplishing, the Yard of the Week, folks reading in the library - all of this reminds us of why we love living in a small community. Thank you, Dispatch and keep up the good work.

School Police Officers

I am just curious. Why does Post need two school police officers? I also wonder if it is right or even legal to hire a school police officer who lives and pays taxes in a county other than Garza county (the one which pays his salary). It seems that we could find a person who lives and

pays taxes in Garza county for the position if it is necessary at all.

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Post Notes

Photography Classes Offered

Digital photography classes will be taught by Post photographer Jane Lindsay the first four Thursday nights in July, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Post Area Chamber of Commerce office, 131 E. Main St. Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Chamber office, 495-3461.

Class of 1965 Plans Reunion this Weekend

Flash...The Class of 1965 expects 42 attendees including 29 classmates to attend their 45th reunion. We still claim the highest graduation total to date of 75. We hope that more of our classmates will be able to attend. Please call Larry Osman for details (806-445-3359) or email larryosman@att.net Our 45th reunion is Friday June 18th and Saturday June 19th.

PHS Class of 1970 this Weekend

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.

Heritage House Reception

The Heritage House will host a reception Sunday, June 27, 2 to 4 p.m. to celebrate its second year of operation and to honor JoAnn Mock who was Executive Director of the Caprock Cultural Association for over 25 years and whose vision gave birth to the

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Chamber News

We want to welcome our newest Chamber member - ERF Wireless. We are proud to have you as part of our organization!

The Post Housing Authority is now accepting rental applications. They have one, two and three bedroom apartments available. For information please call the PHA office at 495-2233.

Don't forget "The Jungle Book" at the Garza Theatre this weekend. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Also, Ragtown will be opening "The Antioch Challenge". Shows will be Friday at 7:30 and Saturday at 3:00 and all residents of Garza County will be admitted free of charge.

The office has also been notified of The Awakening youth conference this Sat-

urday, June 19, at Roaring Springs Old Settlers grounds. The rally will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Congratulations to our members of the week: Silver Members Accolade Home Care and Halo Creative.



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LCU grants degrees to Post residents

Lubbock Christian University held commencement exercises in April and among those that graduated were Hayley Mason and Xane Reiter of Post.

Mason graduated with a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies -Elementary Education. While at LCU, she was a member of the Student Education Association. She was also named on the President's and Dean's list for

several semesters. Mason is the daughter of Greg and Angela Massey of Post and the wife of Tye Mason.

Reiter also graduated with a Bachelor Interdisciplinary Studies -Elementary Education. While at LCU, she was named on the Dean's and President's list for several semesters. Reiter is the daughter of Brad and Penny Mason of Post and the wife of Danny Reiter.

Extension Extras

Tri-County Bat Camp- Deadline Today
 This one day trip will be held on June 24. We will be touring Carlsbad Caverns and the Pecos River on a paddlewheel boat. You will receive a t-shirt, two meals and snacks, and entry into the Caverns with a \$20 registration fee. The deadline to enter is June

18. Friends are welcome. **District Trap & Skeet**
 June 25-26 will be the D-2 Trap & Skeet Contest. The contest will be held at Monk Palmers Shooting Range. **Fisheries/Wildlife 4-H Tour**
 This tour will be held June 23. It will cost you \$1 and lunch will be on your own. It will begin at 9:45 with an

Outdoor Challenge will begin at 2:45. The deadline to enter will be July 18. Contact the office for more information. Extension Office: 215 W Main (806) 495-4400 Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people 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.

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Book Review

By Marita Jackson
 What In The World Is Going On? By Dr. David Jeremiah

Chapter Four
 Dr. Jeremiah's book, *What In The World Is Going On?* gives 10 prophetic clues one cannot afford to ignore. Chapter two dealt with the clue, "The Israel Connection", chapter three, "The Crude Awakening", and chapter four, "Islamic Terrorism". In this fourth chapter, we are introduced to the fastest-growing religion in the world-Islam.

Most of the world's oil is produced and controlled by Arab nations and most of their citizens subscribe to Islam. Dr. Jeremiah gives a short but through history of Islam, habits of Islam, hatred of Islam, hopes of Islam, and gives an excellent argument of the differences between Islam and Christianity.

The founder of Islam, Muhammad, was born in Mecca (in present-day Saudi Arabia) in 570 A.D. He was exposed to numerous religious influences in Mecca. According to Muhammad's own testimony, at forty years old, he received divine revelation while meditating in a cave. He claimed the revelations continued throughout his life and were eventually compiled into what is known as the Qur'an, regarded by Muslims as the word of god. Muhammad believed it important for his followers to have only one god so he chose the name Allah from 360 gods of the lunar calendar.

As his followers grew, they slaughtered everyone in their path who would not testify that "there is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger." They eventually fled to Medina and established the first Muslim community in 631 A.D. Muhammad died the following year. After his death the Is-

lamic world split as his followers tried to choose his successor. This split produced the Sunni Arab and the Arab Shiites. Even now they have a contentious relationship.

Since September 11, 2001, many peoples and nations have become victims of all manner of violence and hatred from those associated with "jihad". A big part of "jihad" is martyrdom, the culture of death. Martyrdom for the sake of Islam is considered a privilege and a great honor. The hopes of Islam is that they rule the world and create chaos which will hasten the return of their twelfth Imam, a figure in Shiite Muslim teaching which parallels the Jewish Messiah in terms of significance.

Dr. Jeremiah cautions that we should not compare Islam with Christianity. Being a Muslim is not the same as being Christian. There are very serious differences and are going in opposite directions. Read about these differences in his book.

Other cautions given are:

- Do not consider Allah as God
- Do not confuse Jihad with salvation
- Do not connect the Qur'an with the Holy Bible
- Do not conclude that all Muslims subscribe to "jihad"

Dr. Jeremiah has done extensive research and backs up all facts as well as giving Bible references. There is much, much more information than I cannot possibly put into a few paragraphs, therefore, I encourage you to read this book. This chapter alone will give one perspective into Ahmadinejad when he claims he will wipe Israel off the face of the earth and bring America to her knees under Islamic dominion.

Obituary



Della Davis

Della Davis 87 of Post, died Monday June 14, 2010 at Golden Plains Care Center, Post. Della was born to Dewey Holland and Ethel (Bradford) James, May 4, 1923 at Richland, NM. She attended school at Richland and Elida, NM. After graduation she worked in a drug store in Portales, NM. That is when she met Grady Davis. They were married February 15, 1947 at Portales.

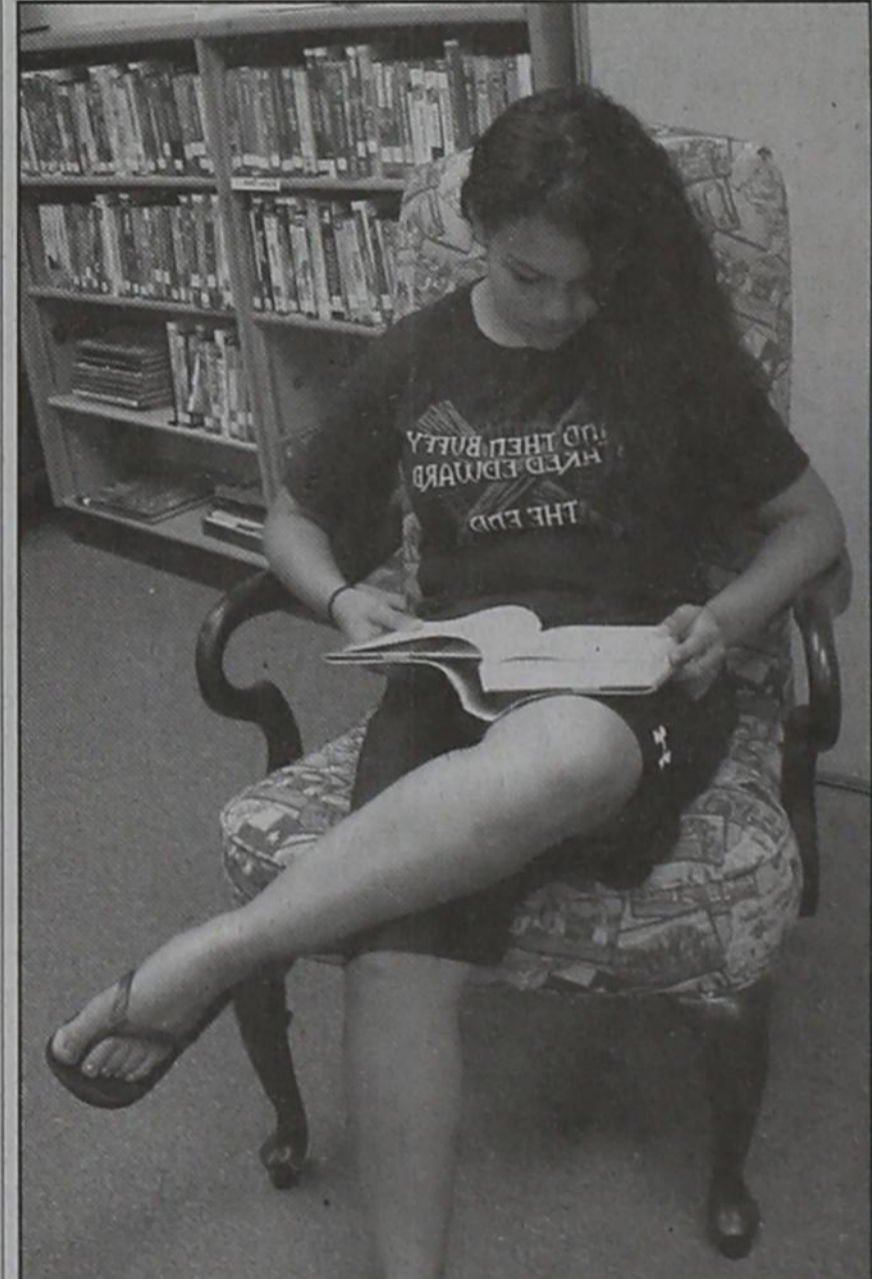
Grady preceded her in death February 26, 1994. They made their home in Muleshoe, TX, California and Snyder, TX. In 1958 they came to Post to live. Over the years she worked for Post ISD in the cafeteria and later as manager at Ince Oil Co. Fina Fast Stop. She was active at the Post Scout Camp as the summer cook.

Della is preceded in death also by two sons: James Michael Davis March 6, 1948 and Calvin Davis Sept. 6, 2004. Also by her parents Dewey and Ethel James. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Celebration of Life Service was held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Calvary Baptist Church in Post with the Rev. Darren Weaver, pastor officiating. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Survivors include four sons: Ronnie and his wife Ellen Dunaway of Lubbock; Sherman Garland and his wife Lori Davis of Loganville, GA; Steve and his wife Tonya Davis of Tioga and Robert Davis of Post; a daughter, Linda and her husband Dale Buckmaster of Newton, N.J.; two sisters, Mary Thomas of Cleburne and Betty Hankins of Stroud, OK; 17 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

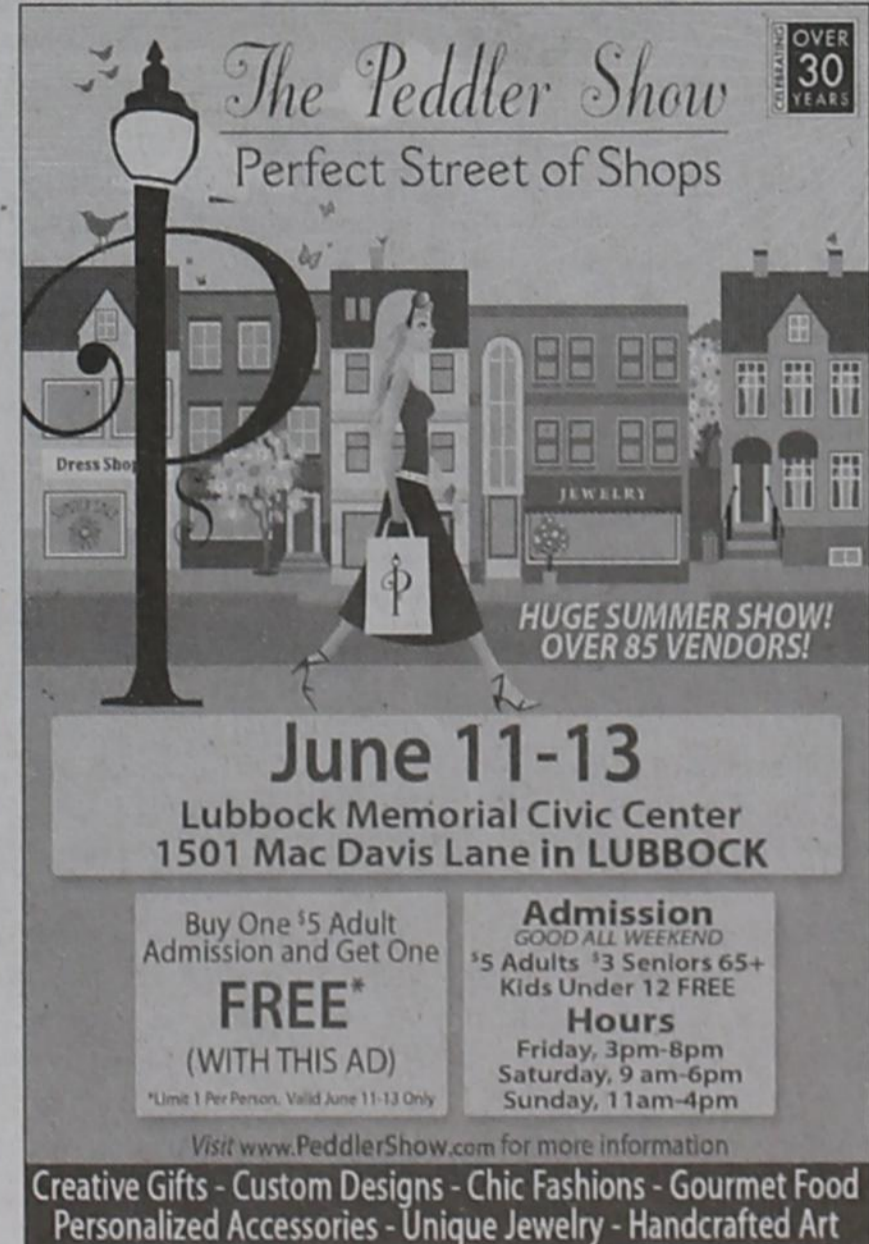
Pallbearers were Bronc Davis, Calvin Wayne Davis, Clint Melton, Jason Ware, Jeff Hood and Clay Johnson.



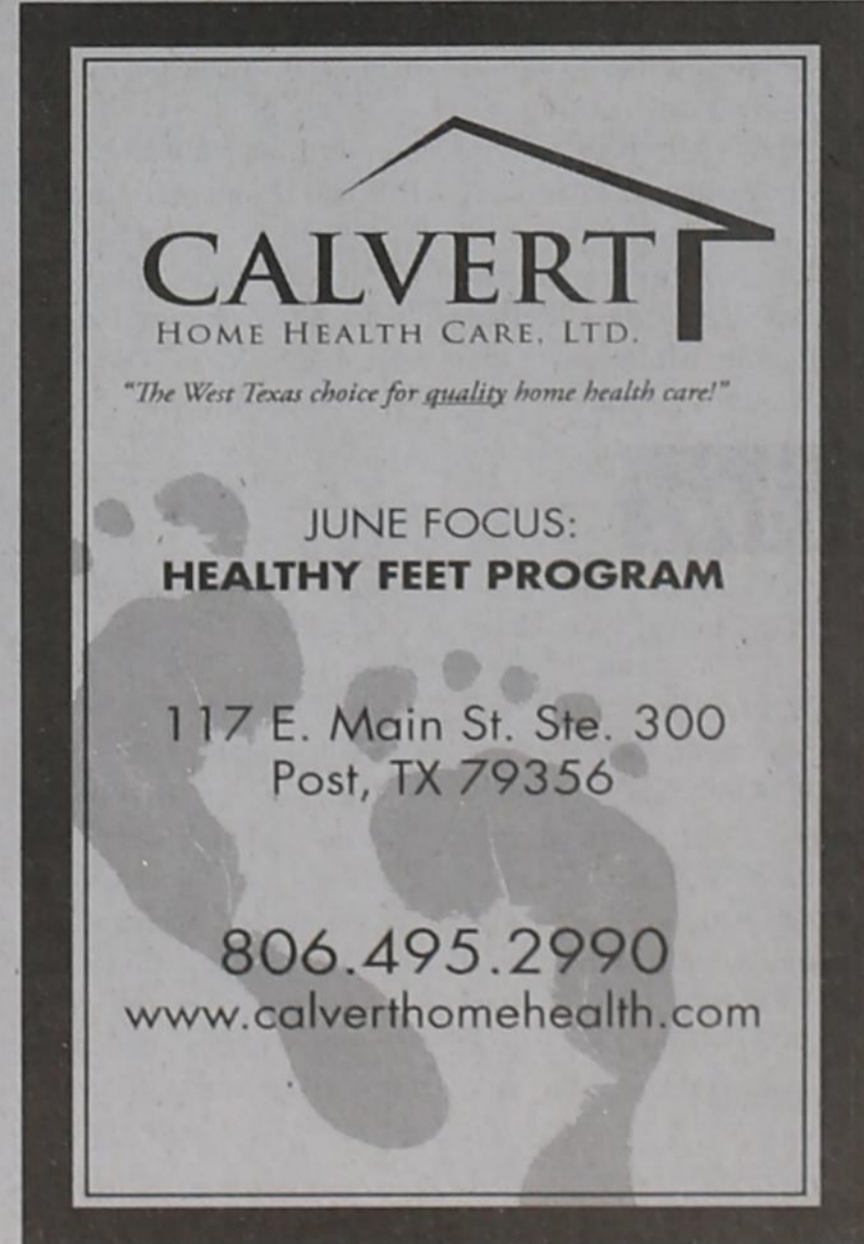
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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather

We wanted rain and by golly we got it! We received 2 1/2 inches here at the gin. Mike Aten received 3 1/2 at his house in the Grassland area and some of the producers out north got about 1 1/2. Didn't hear much about any major hail damage on the crops, which is great news. Now we just need the heat and the crops will be great!

News

Kim and Rhonda Norman will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this coming week.

Congratulations to you both.

Lexi and Jacob Gonzalez are here visiting with their Uncles, GB Wilke and Robbie Wilke. Lexi came to the gin Monday morning and just had to show me what she had; we go outside and she has a five gallon bucket full of baby frogs she and her brother had caught; that's a lot of frogs! They are everywhere out here, you have to be really careful where you step at night.

Visitors

Danny Nelson, Lexi Gonzalez, Jake Morris and Laura Carter 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 20th - Salli Bess Bush Page
June 22nd - Melinda Alaniz Quintana
June 23rd - Andra Dunn
June 24th - Nancy Thuett
Close City Anniversaries-
June 22nd - Kim and Rhonda

Norman, Steven and Amanda Quisenberry
June 24th - Ronald and Nancy Thuett

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!



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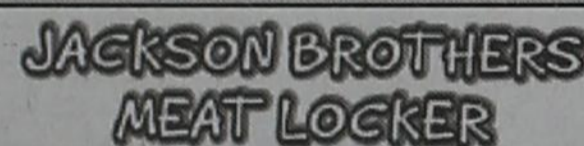


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Weekly Inspirations

A BRAND NEW LIFE

By Michael F. Taylor

Several years ago when my two daughters were much younger; I think that Robin was probably six or seven and Brittany was only about three, my wife and I had to attend a Pastor's Convention in Dallas Texas. It was going to be a rather short trip and there was not going to be anything for the kids to do, so we decided to leave them with my mother and father for the few days that we would be out of town. I will never forget the story that my mother had to tell when we returned. On the first night, the girls had spent all day playing outside and were in dire need of a good scrubbing. So, my mother put them in the bath and had them cleaned up and in their nightgowns after a long struggle to keep them from sloshing all the water out of the tub and trying to drown each other. My mother then decided that she needed a little attention herself, and after mopping up a half gallon of water and throwing four or five towels into the dirty laundry hamper, she put on some old sweat pants and a loose blouse to wash her face and hair. She started to pamper herself by washing her hair and then placing a nice mask of Oil of Delay-Err- I mean Oil of Olay- on her face to smooth out the frustrations of dealing with two young ladies. And as little girls tend to do, my wonderful daughters did not go fast asleep. They began a pillow fight!!! And, they got louder and louder as the minutes went by. Grandmother began to hear the commotion and gently called out to them to go to sleep. And, low and behold, Robin and Brittany didn't listen! They continued to smack each other with pillows and finally knocked over the lamp on the nightstand next to the bed. Well, Grandma had had enough and throwing a towel over her soaking wet hair to keep from having to clean up more water stormed into the bedroom and proceeded to chastise both of them thoroughly. After four or five minutes of reading them the riot act, my two daughters obediently laid down and covered their heads with the blanket. As Grandma walked out the door of her spare bedroom she heard the distinctive voice of my youngest daughter Brittany say, "Wow, that was scary!! WHO WAS THAT MASKED WOMAN!!" Ah, the joys of being a Grandparent. I can't help but be overjoyed in the birth of my new Grandbaby Caiden Blaine. There is nothing in this world more special than to see a brand new life coming into existence.

And I can't help but understand once again just how much celebration and jubilation occurs when a soul is saved and born again into Christ Jesus. And each of us must be born again! Jesus when asked tells us this in John Chapter 3, "In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" "Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. "Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. "You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." NIV And then in 1 Peter Chapter 1 we are told, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. "These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. "Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls." So this week I am filled with the glorious joy of a brand new life in my family and I rejoice with all who have experienced the glorious joy of new life in salvation!!! Have a blessed week.

"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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All-Star football classic includes Post Antelope

By Jim Plummer
Sports Writer

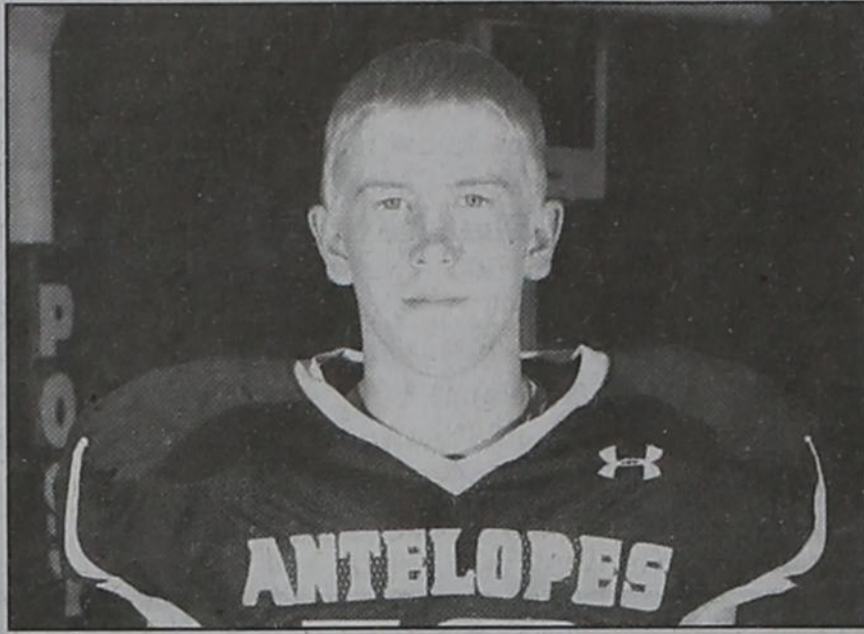
Graduated Post Antelope Aaron James accepted the opportunity to extend his high school athletic career and played in the 6th annual ASCO West Texas Football Classic at Lubbock's Lowery Field last Saturday evening.

James played for the Red team helping his squad win the game 21-13. He played at a receiver position and caught the one pass thrown to him for a three yard gain.

Odessa High's Ron King coached the Red all-stars to victory by turning three of seven turnovers into scores against Herford coach Don DeLozier's Blue team.

According to the event's committee, the all star game is set up for two reasons. First to provide an opportunity for athletes to showcase their talents and secondly to raise money for players that have been permanently disabled from the game of football.

At half time both Joe Beene from Odessa Permian and Tanner Cook from Idalou received \$5000 checks to help



Courtesy photo
Aaron James, PHS graduating senior participated in the 6th annual ASCO West Texas Football Classic last week.

defray medical costs.

The action was carried on regional television in the Amarillo, Midland/Odessa and Lubbock areas.

Not only did the all-stars prepare for and play a game of football, the week's events included a banquet the night before the game. It was held at Jones AT&T Stadium on the campus of Texas Tech. New Red Raider Head Coach Tommy Tuberville was the keynote speaker

and all the players received commemorative watches.

Post's Aaron James enjoyed the activities that led up to and the game itself, but he mentioned that seeing the new movie "A-Team" one night with his fellow all-stars was also a highlight of the week.

James, the son of Kevin and Stephanie James, plans on attending Angelo State University in San Angelo in the fall.

Minor league A's sponsored by Post Tire and Lube



Photo by Christi Lee
(Kneeling from left) Michael Savell, Sterling Self, Chemo Rodella, Ian McDaniel, Trent Lewis. (Center) Tave Perez, Riley Lewis, Cordale Benham, Drew Porter, Aaron Gomez, Lorenzo Rogers, Dylan Greer. (Back) Coaches Jason Porter, Ted Thomas and Leonard Rodella.

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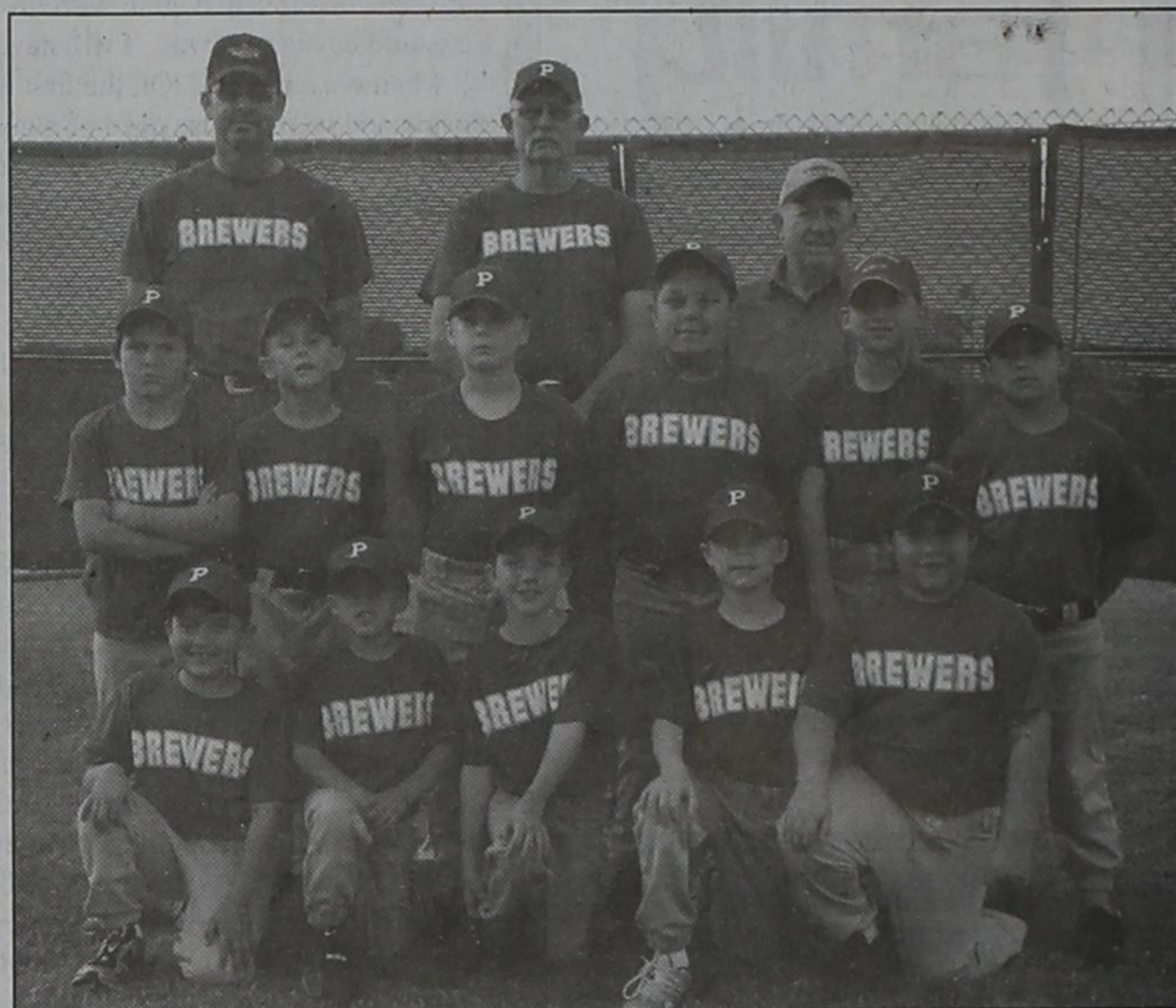


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(Kneeling from left) Nicolas Quintana, Ethan Fox, Michael Dean, Jacob Isbell, Mario Luna. (Center) Dalton Huffman, Russell Wilks, Cord Isbell, Marco Gonzalez, Ty Jones, Jonah Menchaca. (Back) Coaches Kipp Wilks, Kim Wilks and Troy Baker.

Tee-Ball League Gaters sponsored by United Supermarket

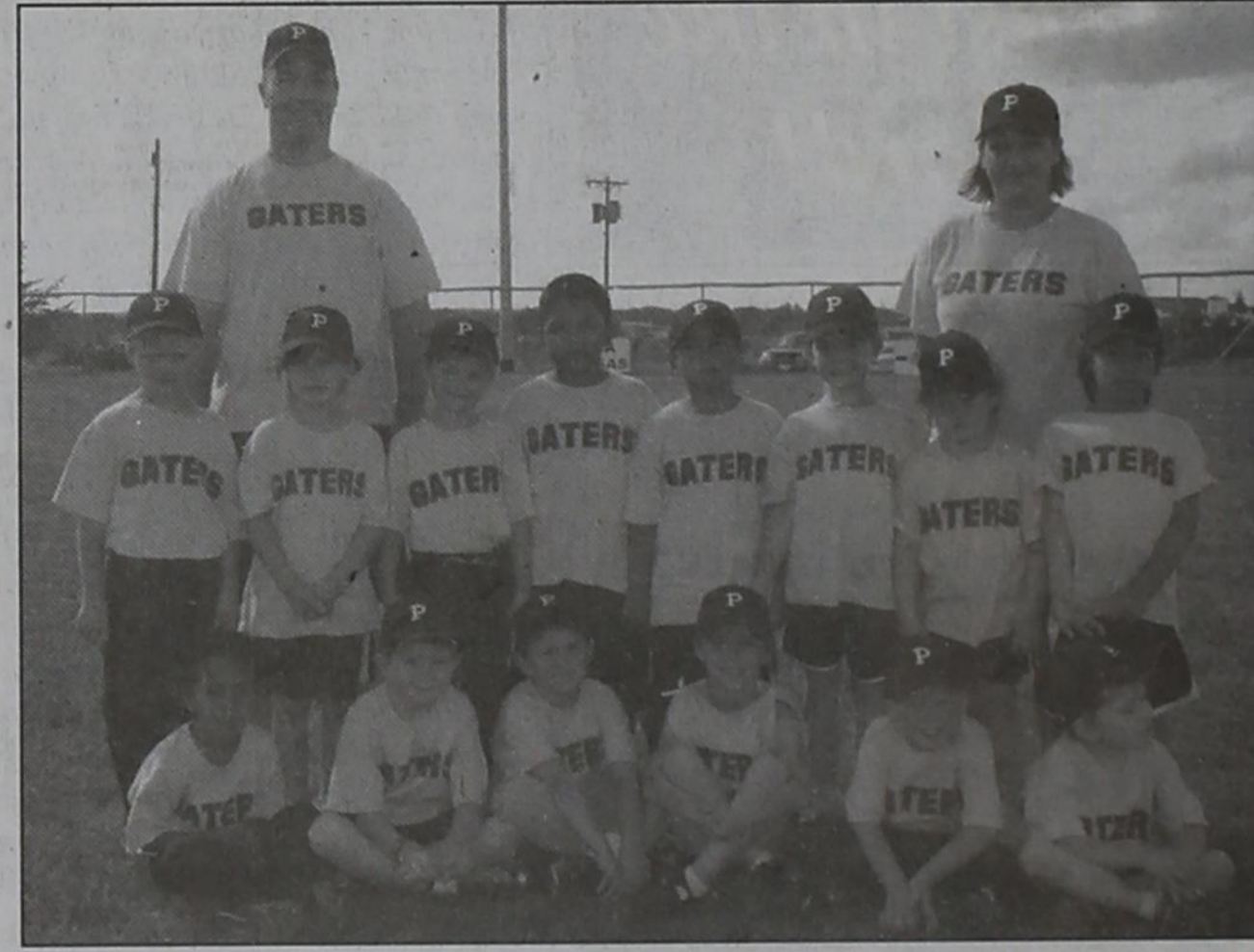


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(Sitting from left) Tristen Gomez, Cade Edwards, Jake Morris, Chelsea Thomas, Dillon Martin, Michael Morris. (Center) Kelson Lee, Megan Blair, Kelby Short, Jonathan Rodriguez, Jose Garcia, Kamryn Cowley, Sadie Schoonover, Lea Moreno. (Back) Coaches Aaron Cowley and Stephanie Moreno.

Tee-Ball League Rangers sponsored by RJD Management



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(Sitting from left) Julian Basquez, Javontavious Ward, Chelsey Rodriguez, Matthew Basquez, Briley Miller, Ashlynn Lott, Austin Holly. (Center) Cohen Allred, Damon Pool, Stephen Solis, Bailey Tidwell, Zachary Sawyer, Elijah Fox, Shawn Looney. (Back) Coaches Jimmy Solis, Raymie Holly and Bryan Looney.

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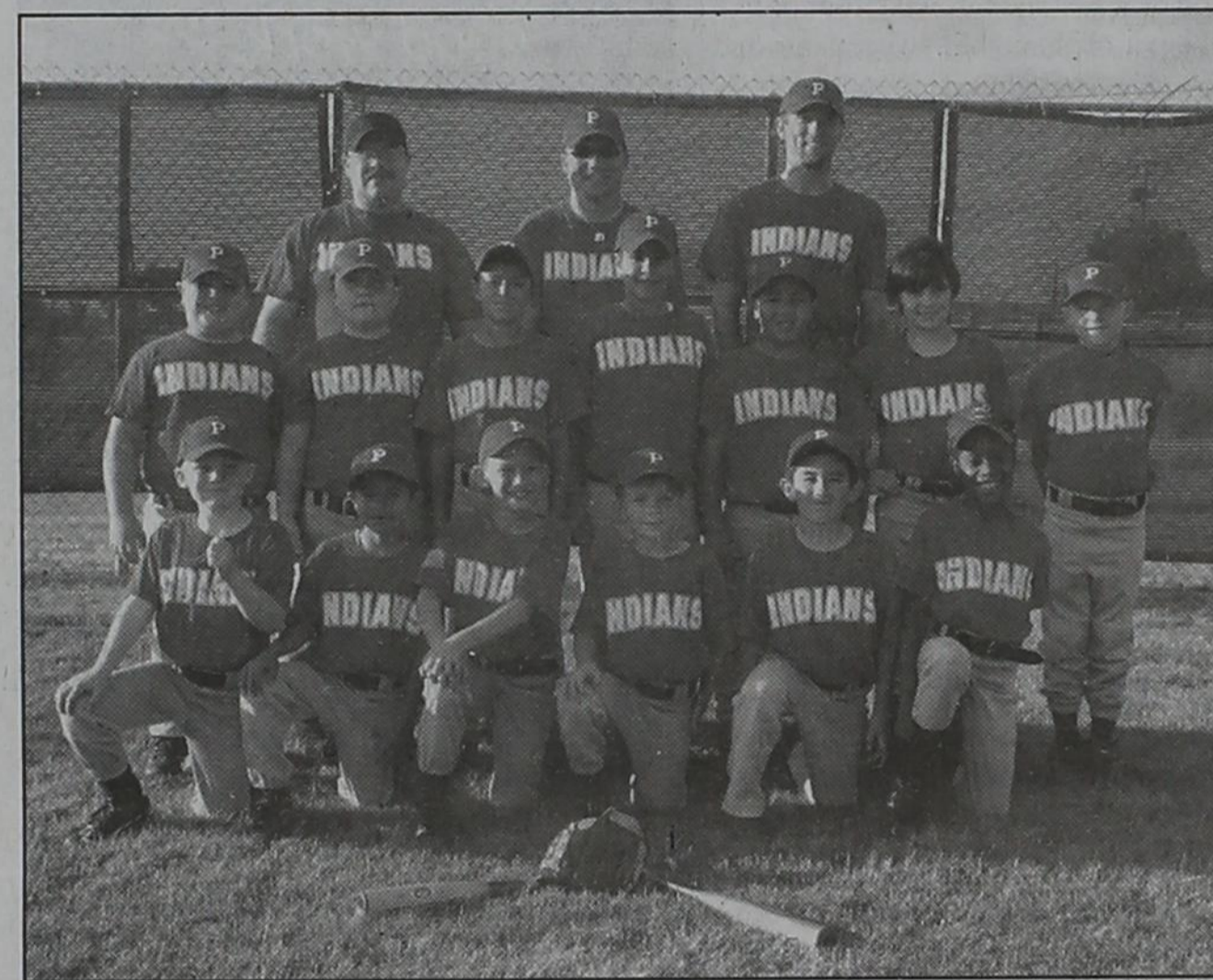


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(Kneeling from left) Colter Smith, Andy Contreras, Jadon Hair, Justin Willborn, Maken Contreras, Jeremiah Norris. (Center) Devon McClain, Blane Justice, Dylan Cimental, Hector Rodriguez, Jayden Bustoz, Addison Hair, Zeke Lott. (Back) Coaches Mark McClain, Bubba Smith and Shane Bevers.

Minor League Royals sponsored by West TX Testers



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(Kneeling from left) Matthew Frausto, Cole Boren, Andrew Quintana, Shaun Ledbetter, Josiah Ward. (Center) Coach Larinda Ledbetter, Hagan Hodges, Will Yarbro, Chance Courtney, Ryan Rathbun, Blain Graves and Coach Aaron Rathbun.

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Thank You

Words are not enough to express our gratitude to the wonderful people of Post. We are most blessed by all of the many acts of kindness you have shown us during the loss of our loved one, Joe Neal. Thank you to everyone who called, sent flowers and plants, brought food, stopped by, sent cards and most of all for your prayers. We would like to thank Dee and Janet Justice for all of their help during this difficult time. Thank you to the wonderful people at the First Baptist church for providing food and serving us. We are so very blessed to live in a community with such caring and giving friends. We ask for your continued prayers throughout this time.

May God bless each and everyone of you,
Neal & Lanelle Clary
Joel Clary
Jimmy & Nancy Norman and family

We would like to express our gratitude to all who helped us make the Women's Division garage sale a great success. We would like to send a special thanks to Mrs. Isabelle Stelzer, Mr. & Mrs. Kemp, Sandy Cross and Marsha Norman for their donations to our garage sale. Also I would like to thank our member for their hard work and dedication. We could not have done it without you!

JoAnn Stelzer, President
Women's Division
Post Area Chamber of Commerce

We would like to thank everyone for their kindness during our family's tragic loss. The love and support from this community has been amazing. To our special friends and family who got there so quickly that Wednesday afternoon; for the food, flowers, cards, visits and prayers - this will never be forgotten. Thank you so much! A very special thank you to the ladies of the Methodist church of Post. As always these women prepared a wonderful meal. Our lives will never be the same, but knowing we can count on this community is truly a blessing. Our sincere appreciation and may God bless each and everyone of you.

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Underwriting data can be reviewed from existing files in the County Judge's office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sealed proposals must be received in the County Judge's office by 3:00 p.m. on June 23, 2010. Proposals will be opened and considered at the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. June 28, 2010.

Proposers must use unit pricing for each type of coverage. Garza County will pay annual premiums. No bid bond is required.

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All sealed bids must be in writing and shall state name of the bidder and cash lease amount proposed. Bids shall be submitted or delivered to Deana Watson, City Secretary by 11:00 a.m. July 13, 2010. Bids received later than this time and date will not be considered. Bids will be publicly opened and reviewed on July 13, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. by the City Secretary or her designee.

A map showing each of the three (3) tracts and their geographic relationship to each other is available for inspection at City Hall, 105 E. Main, Post, TX. The successful bidder should have a demonstrated ability to be a good steward of farmland.

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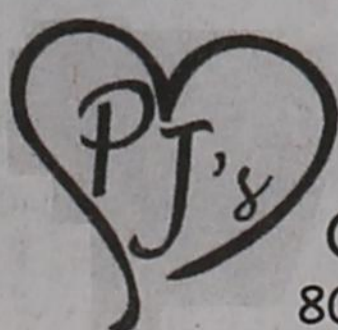
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OPINION



The Paperboy

Many lessons learned

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Did you ever sit and think about what you have learned this year? Really, it's remarkable to think what I've learned in such a short time.

These are just a few of the things I've learned so far this year:

- I've learned how to plum a kitchen and bathroom.
- I've learned to install a dishwasher.
- I've learned to make intricate cuts on ceramic tile.
- I've learned how to refinish furniture.
- I've learned about drapes and home decor.
- I've learned which plants can take extreme sunlight.
- I've learned how to use Facebook.
- I've learned more about the human body.
- I've learned how certain medications can help the human body and how others can be detrimental.
- I've learned about the fine art of knife-making.

I've learned how to grill a better steak.

I've learned how a little water in the gas tank of a lawn mower can be bad.

I've learned a multitude of things about American History thanks to the History Channel's terrific series "America - The Story of Us."

I've learned I need a heck of a lot more patience.

I've learned to let go of some things and let the Lord lead me instead of trying to force things.

What have you learned so far in 2010? Think about it and you'll be astonished.

We never stop learning regardless of what we do, where we live, or where we go. Newspapers, computers, television, phones, friends ... the avenues for learning are all around us. Information is everywhere. We are learning when we don't even know it.

One of the things I learned a few months ago was that I

have amazing friends and family. The love and care shown for my wife has been incredible.

You know, we can make our lives so complicated that we sometimes take all of the joy out of simply living. It's important to realize how wonderful our relationships are.

For seven years I took for granted that my wife and children would be with me for years and years. However, there are certainly no guarantees that we'll be around in the morning.

Appreciate your life. If things aren't as you want them to be, work toward that goal. Realize that you are loved and cared about and recognize those doing the loving and the caring.

Thanks to all of you for blessing my family.

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Why the U.S. is Drowning in its own Blood while China Prospers

By BILL WILSON

Two unrelated stories in early June show in stark detail why the United States is on an accelerating downward, death spiral while China is continuing to build a solid foundation for economic domination in the decades to come. The actions reported in and of themselves will hardly register on the radar of most Americans. But they portray the crucial errors and arrogance of the Obama regime. They also point to a different path, a way forward out of the morass of ultra-liberal, ideological delusion that is now policy in Washington, D.C.

The first article, appearing in the Washington Post, details Chinese investment in the basket case of Europe, Greece. The Chinese government is investing "hundreds of millions — perhaps billions — of euros" into Greek infrastructure. Not the soft infrastructure that is thinly disguised consumption but in the hard, base platform that will allow both China and Greece to build prosperity.

Greece's primary port city is Piraeus, a gritty industrial zone to the west of Athens. China is investing heavily to modernize Piraeus. Why? The answer is simple. The investment is so China will have a port to off-load mountains of Chinese exports to Europe. They are making investments that will en-

able industry to produce and sell more. And that means they are investing to put their people to work.

China has learned the hard way that control of all elements — what was once called total vertical integration — means maximum profit. Greece is flat on its back. China can get what it wants cheap. The irony of a communist state teaming up with a petty bourgeois neo-socialist government to crush unions allied with a local communist party just to maximize profits is too sweet not to note. But all such theoretical conflicts are of no consequence to the dictators in Beijing when in the hunt for increased market share.

Contrast the Chinese model with a big announcement made the same day by Barack Obama. Obama committed the United States taxpayers to \$400 million in aid to the Palestinians in Gaza. What will the \$400 million buy? Schools, mortgages for local citizens to buy homes, water treatment facilities and other associated "soft infrastructure" expenditures.

Is there any economic return on this money? None that is readily apparent. Is there any link to U.S. business thereby creating jobs for American citizens? Not unless they are a top level bureaucrat. What do we get out of it? Good karma, that's about it.

So, while the Chinese invest in hard things that directly

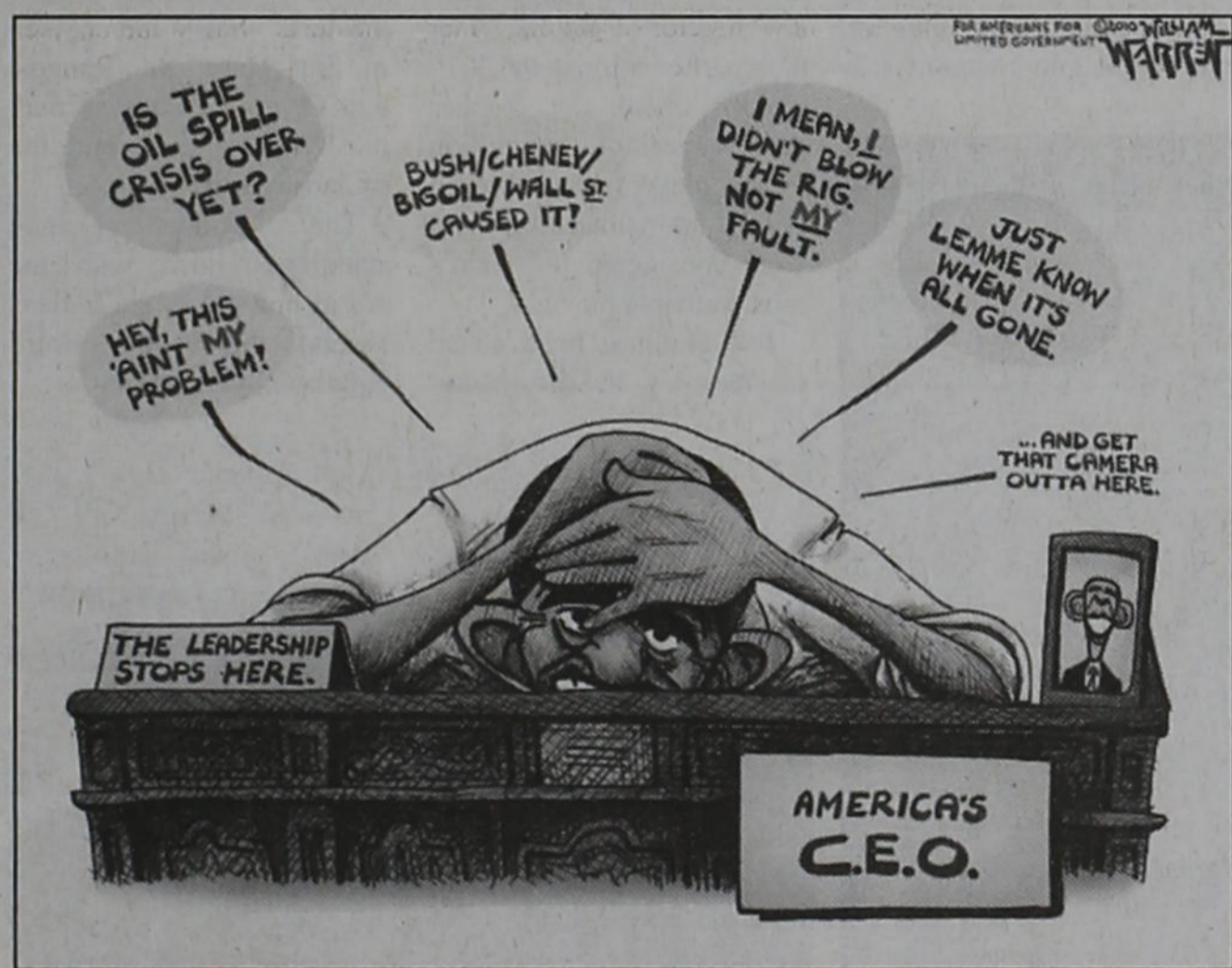
help create jobs in their country, the United States lavishes money on things the locals should be doing for themselves — things that any nation should want to do for themselves from their own savings, investment and hard work.

In Greece, China creates the foundation for the Greek people to do for themselves. In Gaza, the United States practices the toxic, paternalistic enslavement of the welfare state.

Were that all, it would be bad enough. But, of course, there is more. The Chinese are making these investments with saved money, money they have stockpiled. The United States is frittering away \$400 million it doesn't have. In fact, we are borrowing the money, throwing yet another brick on the backs of our children and grandchildren, unconcerned about their future.

In short, China is building jobs and a future for theirs, while the United States is going deeper in debt.

Whether there is time for America to reverse course is something one can only guess. But the path of enlightened self interest and national sovereignty practiced so aggressively by the Chinese is clearly the way the U.S. should go. The "World Government" dreamers and Ivory Tower gurus need to be shoved aside and hard-nosed realists put in their place. Just like they have done in China.



Legion to President Obama: Restore Mojave cross

A letter signed by The American Legion is asking President Barack Obama to restore the Mojave Desert Veterans Memorial cross.

The letter, which also copied U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, was signed by National Commander Clarence Hill and also included signatures from the heads of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Liberty Institute and the veterans counsel for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP.

"It is time for the President to intervene and restore this tribute to our World War I veterans which stood as a testament to their sacrifice for over 75 years," Hill said. "After its reaffirmation by the highest court in the land, its clandestine removal by thieves cries out for its immediate replacement."

This spring, the U.S. Supreme Court overruled lower federal courts' decisions to tear down the memorial because of a misplaced belief that it was a religious icon on federal land. Soon after the ruling, the memorial was ripped down and carried away by vandals.

"This act was abhorrent and constitutes a federal crime under the Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003. And it defies the rule of law, flouting a binding decision of the U.S. Supreme Court," the letter states. "If Arlington National Cemetery

were similarly desecrated, that desecration would be rectified immediately, and rightly so. Unfortunately, however, the National Park Service and the Department of Justice are refusing our request to replace the stolen memorial."

The letter goes on to state that the National Park Service hasn't restored the memorial because it is complying with a lower court order, which in their interpretation, the Supreme Court decision did not fully address. Henry Sandoz, the caretaker of the memorial for the last 26 years, has built an exact replica of what was torn down and is ready to reinstall it.

"This impasse is at a point where we now need your intervention as our nation's leader, Mr. President, on decisive action to direct restoration of the memorial to its original form," the letter reads. "It is in your power to direct the National Park Service and the Department of Justice to immediately restore the Memorial. And, on behalf of our nation's veterans, we humbly ask you to do so, as Commander in Chief and as the sole officer constitutionally charged to take care that the laws are faithfully executed."

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Other Views

The Unselfish Bernie Madoff

By DON WATKINS

New York magazine's Steve Fishman just penned a fascinating account of Bernie Madoff's life behind bars. What I find most fascinating, however, is the reaction from a number of quarters to the effect that Madoff is "thriving behind bars" and living like a "rock star."

What actually emerges from the article is the exact opposite conclusion: that Madoff was frightened and unhappy before he was caught, and that his life in prison is empty and pathetic.

Take Madoff's life before he was arrested. According to Fishman:

For Bernie Madoff, living a lie had once been a full-time job, which carried with it a constant, nagging anxiety. "It was a nightmare for me," he told investigators, using the word over and over, as if he were the real victim. "I wish they caught me six years ago, eight years ago," he said in a little-noticed interview with them.

And what does life look like for Madoff, now that he's been caught? As Fishman shows, Madoff lives separated from his family, surrounded by murderers and sex offenders, sweeping floors for fourteen cents an hour, and doing what he can not to fall victim to prison violence. Some rock star.

What comes across from Fishman's article is that Madoff's existential life now matches his inner life. A man whose inner life had been a nightmare is now trapped in a literal nightmare.

Madoff is often taken as the preeminent example of selfishness. But what the facts show is not a man who was concerned with his own interests, but rather someone totally uninterested in thinking about what kind of choices would genuinely promote his life. By trying to live like a criminal, rather than as a productive individual, Madoff guaranteed himself a meaningless, joyless, self-destructive existence. There's nothing selfish about that.

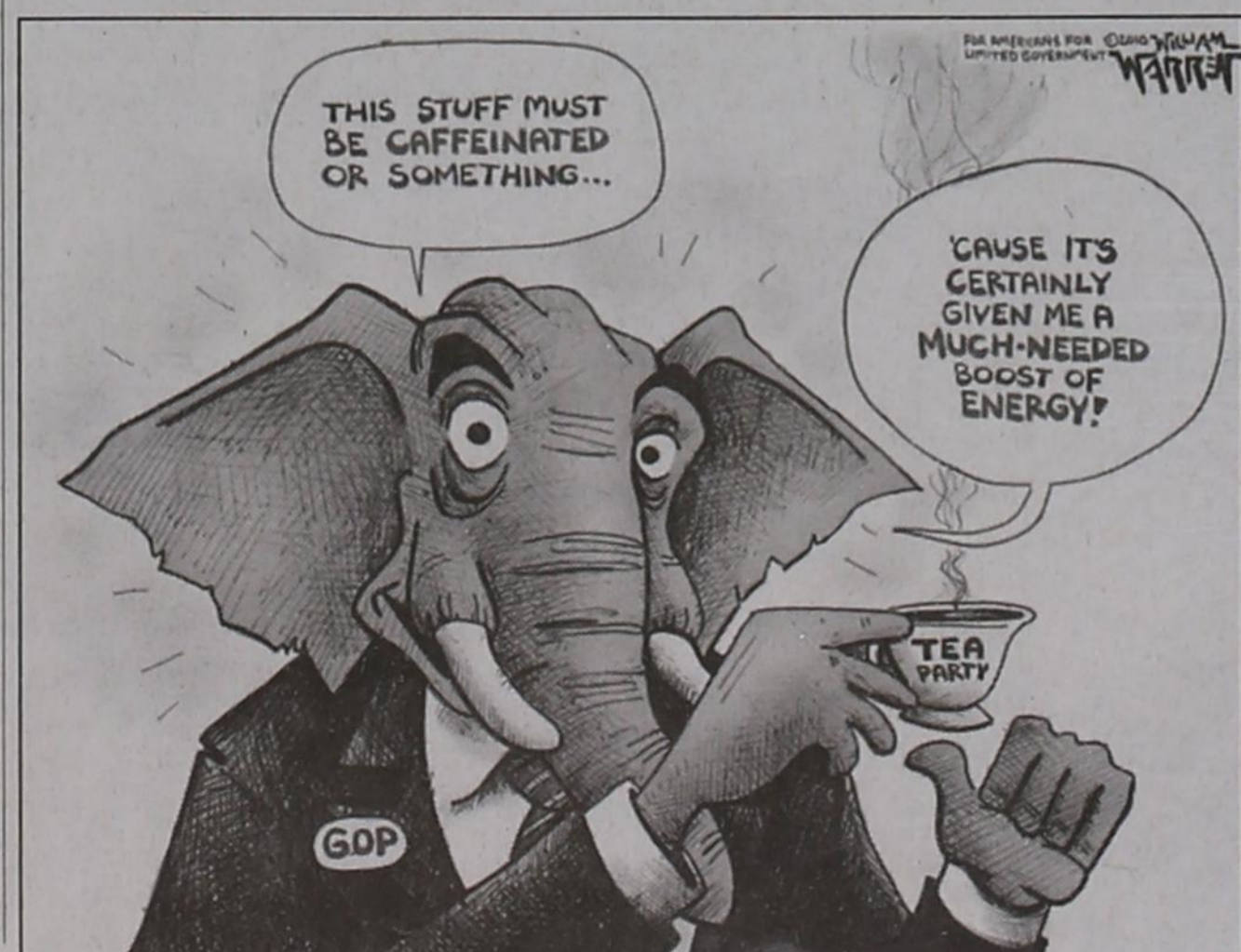




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Tee-Ball League Indians sponsored by Strawn Transport

(Sitting from left) Wesley Wilks, Baylee Smith, Hezekiah Gutierrez, Abie Smith, Adrianna Hernandez, Javan Curtis. (Center) Briley Winkle, Aiden Rodela, Daisyana Cruz, Karla Cruz, Lindsey Berley, Erick Berley, Brenson Merritt. (Back) Coach Erin Berley. Not pictured: Coaches Traci and Dustin Merritt.



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Tee-Ball League Wildcats sponsored by George R. Brown.

(Sitting from left) Knoah Escobedo, Jhonathon Rodriguez, Adonika Flores, Jacob McClellan, Kohen Hudman. (Center) Zachary Courtney, Haley Perez, Xavier Hernandez, Blake Parrott, Citlaly Contreras, Audrey Collazo, Emma Thompson, Jayden Carroll. (Back) Coaches Michael and Samantha McClellan.

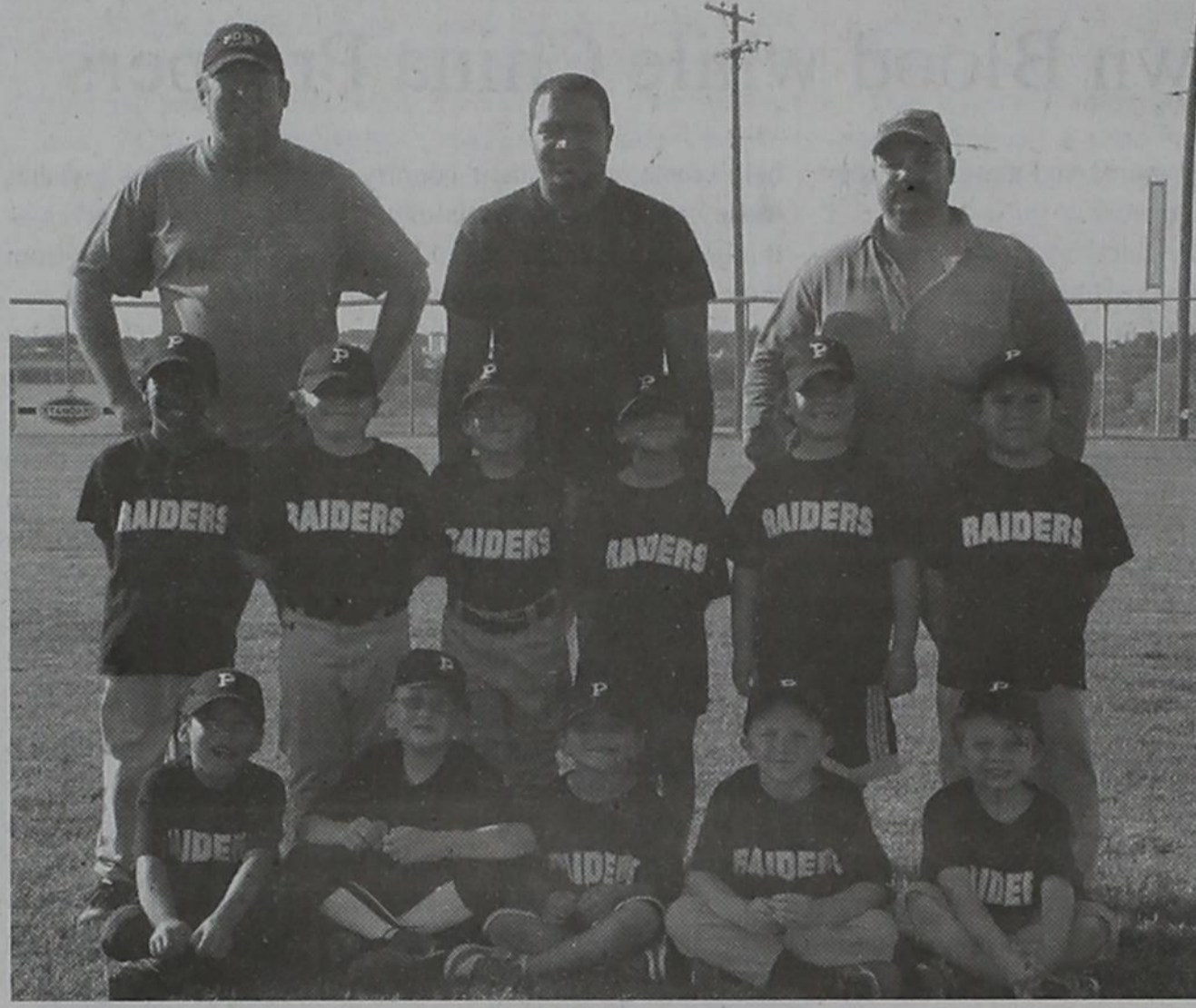


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(Sitting from left) Roberto Seguro, Kolton Wink, Samuel Walls, Carter Rankin, Logan Broyles. (Center) Kendrick Curtis, Brody Molnosky, Evangelina Zubia, D'Leagh Ramos, Joclyn Benham, Kalem Soto. (Back) Coaches Bill Rankin, Jr. Curtis and Joel Moln

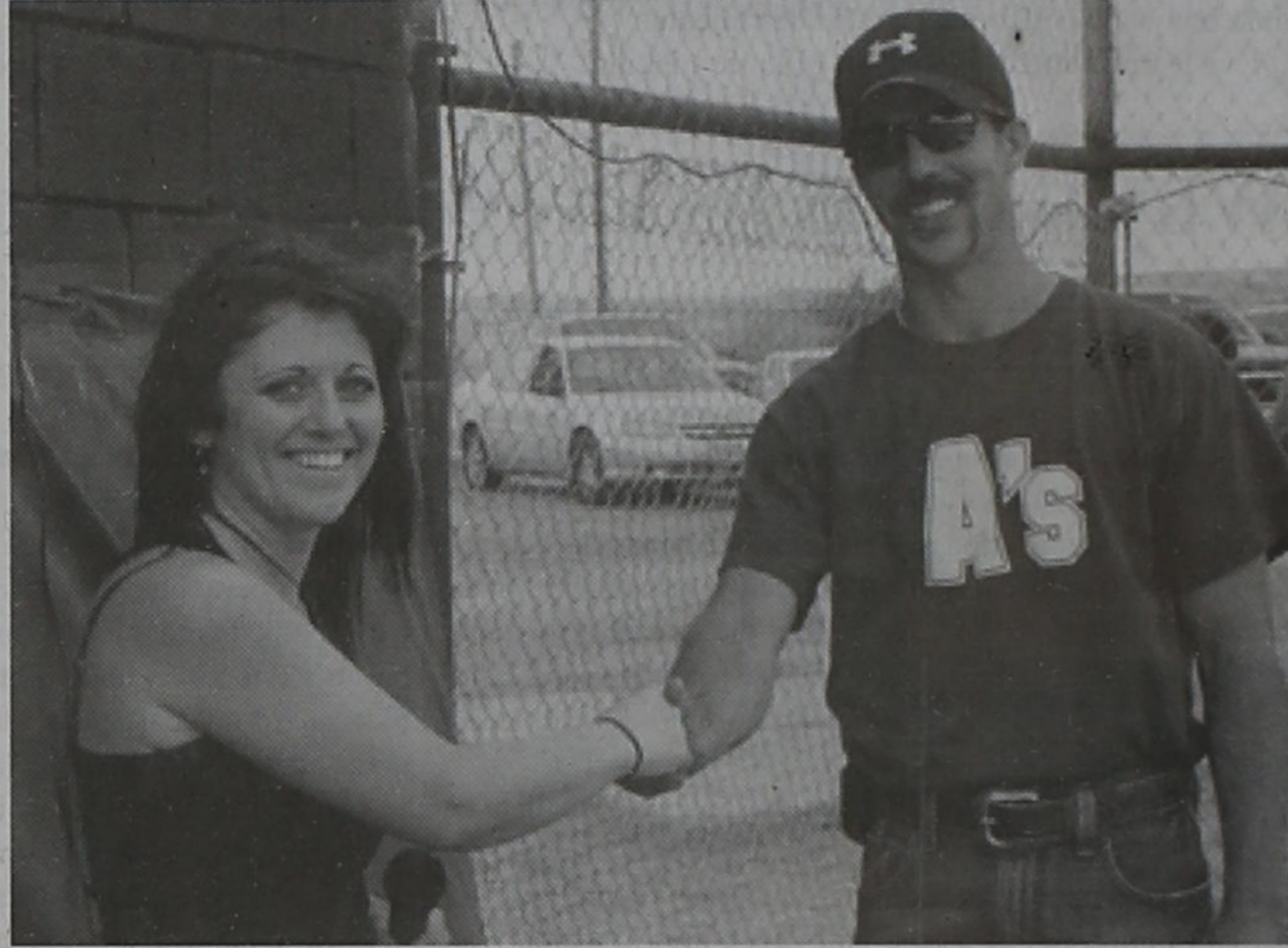


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Ted Thomas of the minor league A's receives recognition as Coach of the Year in this division from Jona Jones, Little League organizer. This acknowledgement was part of the Closing Ceremonies held Saturday, June 12.

Tee-Ball and Minor League Baseball Close Season

By Jim Plummer
Sports Writer

Under last Saturday's partly cloudy skies, family and friends witnessed the official end of the seasons for the Tee-ball and Minor League

Baseball divisions at the closing ceremonies held at David Nichols Park.

Each team's head coach introduced their players and awarded each with a trophy for their participation in the 2010 season. Also, the coaches gave special recognition to the players who showed good sportsmanship and were considered the team's most valuable player.

Ted Thomas, head coach of the A's in the Minor

league was voted the Coach of the Year along with Bryan Looney in the Tee-Ball division.

The Tee-Ball league Raiders ended the season in first place, the Rangers and Gaters tied for second, the Wildcats third and the Indians fourth.

The Minor League standings ended with the A's in first place, the Indians second, the Brewers third and the Royals fourth.



Photo by Jim Plummer

Coach of the Tee-Ball Rangers, Bryan Looney, receives congratulations from Little League organizer Jona Jones at Little League Closing Ceremonies last Saturday. Looney was chosen Coach of the Year for the Tee-Ball division.

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Local Students Visit NYC

PHS students Giles Dalby, Cheyenne Miller, Clint Windham, Macy Blair and Amber Wilson recently made a trip to New York City. All the students performed in Post High School's One-Act Play in the spring. Sponsors for the trip were: Mendy Dalby, Sterline Marcum, PHS Theater teacher and Diann Windham.

Here are Mrs. Marcum's impressions of the trip:

We went to the NBC studios and saw where Saturday Night Live is filmed as well as where Brian Williams does the NBC nightly news. Also visited Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. John's Cathedral, Chinatown, Little Italy, Times Square, Central Park, Empire State Building, Metropolitan Art Museum (saw hundreds of Picasso's), Battery Park,

Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, Central Park, Wall Street, Trinity Church, Ground Zero, Harlem, Brooklyn, subways, many restaurants, Macys, lots of shopping, etc. One day, the tour guide turned us loose to use the subways by ourselves to go to Chinatown. It was an adventure but we made

it with Mendy Dalby fearlessly leading our way. We probably climbed 500 subway stairs that day and all of us felt it the next day, except for Mendy! It was a great adventure.

The group returned to Post with lots of good memories from this experience.



Photo by Sterline Marcum
A group of PHS students and sponsors sit outside the Rockefeller Center in New York waiting for the NBC tour. (from left) Diann Windham, Macy Blair, Clint Windham, Cheyenne Miller, Amber Wilson, Giles Dalby, and Mendy Dalby.



Courtesy photo
On a ferry headed toward Ellis Island (from left) Macy Blair, Clint Windham, Cheyenne Miller, Giles Dalby, Amber Wilson and PHS Theater teacher Sterline Marcum enjoy great views of the Statue of Liberty.

Southwest Ornamental and Turf Grass Workshop Scheduled

The Dawson County & Southwest Cluster of Texas AgriLife Extension Service in conjunction with the Texas Department of Agriculture will be hosting the Southwest Ornamental and Turf Workshop on June 22, 2010 at the Forrest Park Community Center located at South 8th and Houston Ave. in Lamesa. Registration will be at 8:00 a.m. and the program will start at 8:30 a.m. and last til 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be on your own. There will be no fee for this conference and five (5) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be given (4 IPM & 1 Laws & Regs.). Topics include: Ornamental Plants for the South Plains, Common Landscape Pests and Web based gardening; Pesticide Application, Laws & Regulations; Turf Grass Management, Weed and Insect Control in Turf Grass, and Disease Control in Turf Grass. Speakers will be: Mr. Brant Baugh, IPM Lubbock County; Mrs. Debbie Slocum with the Texas Department of Agriculture; and Dr. Gerald Henry, Assistant Professor of Turfgrass Science at Texas Tech University. For more information, please contact Jeff Wyatt, CEA-Ag at the Dawson County Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 806/872-3444 or Chris Bishop, CEA-Ag at the Terry County Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 806/637-4060.

Post Notes...

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Heritage House.

Summer Art Camp Registration

Caprock Cultural Association is now registering for the 2010 Summer Art Camp. Camp is open to grades K-12 and is scheduled for July 5-29. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is June 29. For registration or questions please call 806-495-4148.

PHS Class of 1990 Reunion

The Class of 1990 Reunion scheduled for July 3, 2010 has been cancelled.

Freedom Blood Drive

Freedom Blood Drive, Friday, July 2, 4-7:15 p.m. in the Donor Coach in the United Supermarket parking lot. Register to win some great prizes, including dinner for two at Carino's, Tinseltown movie money and an iPod Touch. To schedule an appointment, go to www.bloodhero.com. Use sponsor code: unitedpost.

Christmas...

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designs that blended well with the general décor of the house. "Joanie [Coles] gave me guidance as far as her preferences, but she also gave me lots of freedom to put everything together," Cruse explained. "She was great to work with, yet as a designer I wanted to meet her expectations."

"I'm thrilled to be a part of the Parade of Homes," Cruse continued. "The builders estimate that well over 10,000 people will visit the event. This is wonderful exposure for my store as well as Post." During the first weekend of the home show, Cruse was in the model home to greet visitors. "So many people would ask 'why are you in Post?'" he continued. "This gave me a great opportunity to tell people about all that Post has to offer." When Cruse also explained that Post native Benny Jackson had beautifully decorated the house next door to the Coles' model, the common response was "there must be something in the water in Post!"

The Lubbock Parade of Homes continues through Sunday, June 20, 5-8 p.m. weeknights and 1-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. Admittance to the event is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 2 to 12 years. Tickets can be purchased on site. Proceeds from the Parade of Homes support Lubbock Meals on Wheels. The Orchard Park home featuring Christmas décor from J. Cruse Christmas Gallery is on 108th Street east

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.

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.

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 p.m. 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 jtltouchstone@hotmail.com

Annual Dog Dip Scheduled

The Post Rotary Club will hold its annual Dog Dip at the Fire Station Saturday, July 26, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Cost for the dip to help eliminate fleas and ticks is \$5 per dog. Dr. Kerry Wink will be on hand for those interested in shots for their dogs. Cost of the shots will be in addition to the dipping fee.

Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame

We are trying to complete information in tribute to past recipients of Cowboy Hall of Fame honors. If you know who received this honor in 2002 and 2007, please contact The Post Dispatch. We how have this information for these years: George Duckworth, 2001; Carl Rains, 2003; Hinton Fluitt, 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.

of Quaker Avenue.

Texas Country Reporter Interview

As soon as his work at the Lubbock Home Show was over, Cruse began preparing for a visit to his store from Bob Phillips and the Texas Country Reporter crew. "I was first contacted in the spring this year about doing a story," said Cruse. "Actually Brian Hawkins, producer for the show, came into the store to talk about doing a story and he remembered that he had done the Texas Country Reporter segment 20 years ago featuring me with Jimella Simpson doing cake decorating."

The crew and Bob Phillips will be in Post to film in J. Cruse Christmas Gallery towards the end of June. The date the story will be televised will be determined later.

Preparing for Christmas in Post

Now in his third year at the corner of Main Street and Avenue I in Post, Cruse considers late September and early October as the beginning of the retail Christmas season. However, with other retail stores displaying Christmas merchandise as early as July, he realizes that, regardless of holiday traditions, many consumers begin thinking about their Christmas home décor months ahead of the holiday.

"I spend the summer months preparing for Christmas in the store," Cruse said. He will have a production team of five ladies from the Dallas

area in Post for a week in July. This group, some of which are former Post residents, has worked with Cruse for several years. "We will all work on dressing the Santas, pricing merchandise and decorating the store," Cruse explained. "Production of the St. Nicholas figures will be a big job this year. Our goal is to produce 100 new pieces."

Cruse hopes to introduce "Christmas 2010" in his store in September. This timing will allow him time to produce custom pieces.

In addition to the preparations in his store, Cruse will be actively involved in the Christmas light show on Main Street again this year. This very successful addition to Main Street for Christmas 2009 was the "brain child" of Cruse who had support from the entire community including Bubba Smith, the Dalby Correctional Facility, the City of Post and many other businesses and individuals. "We'll need to begin soon checking the lights on the figures," Cruse said. "I believe Bubba is already preparing to add additional music. I'm excited to do this again. I loved seeing all the families walking Main Street, enjoying the lights and taking pictures."

Perhaps the wonder of Cruse's year-long Christmas experience is that he maintains his enthusiasm throughout and has the ability to give traditional Christmas flourishes a new energy and freshness.

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Local Fishing Spot with a View

By Eleya Richards
Staff Writer

Two Draw Lake, located about 1.5 miles north-northeast of Post along Avenue F and FM 651, used to be a very popular Sunday afternoon spot for citizens of Post to relax in the sun. Bob Collier, a longtime Post resident, remembers Fourth of July celebrations at the lake that included people from Lubbock, Lamesa, and New Mexico. The children decorated their bicycles with crepe paper strung through the spokes in the wheels and there was a big parade down Main Street before people headed out to the lake for hotdogs, hamburgers, swimming, and fishing.

The lake used to be deeper than it is now. Currently, the lake is about 15 or 16 feet deep according to Darrell Dissinger who is in charge of the upkeep of the lake. Collier, however, remembers when the lake was deeper and children could swim out to a diving board that was floating in the water.

Today, the water is stocked with catfish and small rowboats can be easily maneuvered around the shallow lake. Collier remembers a letter that his dad wrote to

him while he was in the army about fishing late at night with a lamp in the middle of the boat. Collier's father and a friend would simply hit the side of the boat and fish would jump into the boat with them.

With the advent of automobiles and the idea of traveling several hours for an afternoon of fun more feasible than before, the larger lakes around Sweetwater and Abilene have started drawing larger crowds. But Two Draw Lake still captivates people looking for relaxation and fishing.

If you are looking for a weekend away from the family or want to bring them with you and share the fishing experience, there are several options available for lodging. The Cabin at Two Draw Lake offers indoor facilities with a single bedroom cabin starting at \$75 for one night or a two-bedroom cabin at \$100 for one night. Or, if you're looking for a more outdoorsy experience, there are campsites available. If you are one of those in-between-types that doesn't want to sleep on the ground but wants a camping experience, there are RV spaces.

There are several picnic spots located around the lake with an outdoor charcoal grill so you can have burgers, hotdogs, or even your latest catch for dinner. And don't worry about the kids who don't seem interested in the water; there's a small play area nearby. Just far enough from the lake that you don't have to worry about them falling in, but close enough that you don't have to hike to it. Speaking of hiking, there are no official hiking trails around the lake; however, you can follow the road around if you feel like walking. As the signs warn, watch out for poisonous snakes once you get off the main road.

Don't have a boat? Never fear! The lake also has a boat rental office. All you really need is a fishing pole and some bait. The Dissinger's would appreciate it if you would call them at 806-778-0292 before coming out to the lake so they can open the gate for you. There are no entrance fees because Mr. Dissinger believes that "water fell from the sky and it's a gift from God." However, donations to help with the upkeep are always appreciated.



Photo from Wagon Wheels.
Vintage photo of Two Draw Lake with boat house and docks seen in background.



Photo by Eleya Richards
A current view of Two Draw Lake



Merritt Family "Caught" Reading!

Courtesy photo
Tracie Merritt shares a story with her children at the Post Public Library before they select a book to take home.

Post High School Graduates Awarded Scholarships

Although the jubilation of graduation and the freedom of summer is on the minds of recent Post High School graduates, this fall as many continue their education, the graduates will have a strong reminder of the support they received from their hometown. Below is a list of graduating seniors who collectively received over 40 scholarships to help with the expense of their education beyond high school:

Darlene Araiz: Kraft General Foods Endowed Scholarship, \$1500

Trent Babb: Post Stampede Rodeo Association, \$1000; Jimmy Redman Memorial Scholarship, \$2000

Courtney Basquez: Post Volunteer Firemen, \$500

Bethany A. Berry: Ray A Kroc Scholarship, \$250; South Plains College Valedictorian, full tuition and fees for freshman year; Student Council Scholarship, \$500; Howard Payne University Dean Scholarship, \$40,000; Howard Payne University Academic Scholar, \$20,000; Lubbock Lions Club Scholarship, \$1000; Nextera Energy Scholarship, \$2000

John Bocko: Amity Study Club, \$500; Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, \$250; Angelo State University CARR Scholarship and CARR Air Force ROTC Scholarship, \$6,000

Justin Boren: Post Ag Boosters, \$300

Kelly Chapa: Helen Jones Impact Scholarship, \$1000

Roberto Contreras: Post Ag Boosters, \$300; Jim & Helen Cornish Memorial Library Scholarship, \$450

Alexandria Cruz: Calvary Baptist Church, \$500

Giles Dalby: Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding Scholarship, \$250

Cody Dean: Calvary Baptist Church, \$500; Post Ag Boosters, \$300; Post Rotary Club, \$500; Post High School Class of '51 Scholarship, \$1,800; Larry Haynes, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, \$1500; LCU Scholarship, \$2000

Colt Deen: Post Ag Boosters, \$300

Travis Emeyabbi: E. A. Franklin Trust Scholarship, \$500

Aaron James: Jimmy Redman Memorial Scholarship, \$2000; Assoc. of Texas Professional Educators, \$250; Kenneth Montgomery Foundation Scholarship, \$3,000

Chloe Mason: Post Masonic Lodge, \$100

Cheyenne Miller: Post Stampede Rodeo Association, \$1000; LCU Scholarship, \$8000

Brooke Morris: Larry Mills Student/Athlete Memorial Scholarship, \$500; Post Stampede Rodeo Association, \$1000; Post Volunteer Firemen, \$500; Amity Study Club, \$500; Big Country Electric Cooperative, \$500

Chase Odom: Derrick Dunn Memorial Scholarship, \$500; Post Ag Boosters, \$300

Michael Porter: Texas Tech Alumni Association, \$1000; Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, \$1200; VFW of Texas, \$1,750; Assoc. of Texas Professional Educators, \$250; Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding Scholarship, \$250; E. A. Franklin Trust Scholarship, \$500

Alexandra Rodriguez: VBS Achievers, \$500; Management and Training Corporation, \$3,000; Post Volunteer Firemen, \$500

Joshua Rodriguez: Jim & Helen Cornish Memorial Library Scholarship, \$450

Crystal Sanchez: Post Volunteer Firemen, \$500; J. E. and Mayme Durrett Scholarship, \$1,000

Latasha Soto: John L. and Vergie Belle Smallwood Scholarship, \$2000

Branda Stevens: Post Stampede Rodeo Association, \$1000; LCU Scholarship, \$2500

Kaleb Tanner: V B S Achievers, \$500; Post Ag Boosters, \$300; Management and Training Corporation, \$3,000; Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding Scholarship, \$250; Danny Foster Memorial Scholarship, \$500; Kenneth Montgomery Foundation Scholarship, \$1500

Kat Villalon: Evangel University Music Scholarship, \$2000

Toni Wait: West Texas A&M University, \$2000; Jim & Helen Cornish Memorial Library Scholarship, \$450; Larry Mills Student/Athlete Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000

Danica Williams: Kenneth Montgomery Foundation Scholarship, \$3,000

Reed Williams: Syd Conner Memorial Scholarship, \$500; West Texas A&M University, \$6,000; Post Ag Boosters, \$300; Post Rotary Club, \$500; Post Stampede Rodeo Association, \$1000; SPJST Dist. 4 Merit Award and Leadership Grant, \$2000; Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding Scholarship, \$250; Lyntegar Electric Cooperative Scholarship, \$2500; 4-H four year Scholarship, \$15,000

Clint Windham: South Plains College Salutatorian, full tuition and fees for freshman year;

Ja D Young: Post Stampede Rodeo Association, \$1000; Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding Scholarship, \$250; Amity Study Club, \$500

Texas Emancipation Day

"And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons."

— Abraham Lincoln, Emancipation Proclamation, 1863

By Eleya Richards
Staff Writer

Technically, the Civil War ended in April 1865 with the surrender of General Lee at the Appomattox Courthouse. The slaves were freed and the United States of America was no longer divided into two separate countries. However, it took until June 19, 1867 for Texas to hear the news.

Union General Gordon Granger read the Emancipation Proclamation aloud in Galveston, Texas, declaring the end of the war and the freedom of 250,000 Texan slaves. This day is known as Texas Emancipation Day. Before this, Texas was under almost solely Confederate command and was the last state remaining to have not freed the slaves. The day has

become known as Juneteenth, a portmanteau, or blend, of "June" and "nineteenth."

There are several versions of the story explaining why it took two years after the end of the war for Texas to hear of the news and free the slaves. One version tells of the murder of a messenger sent to deliver the news. Another states that the federal troops held off on revealing the victory until Texan farmers could reap the benefits of one last cotton harvest. Whatever the reason for the delay, the news brought joy and freedom to thousands of people.

Juneteenth was first celebrated in 1867 and has been celebrated every year since in many Texas towns. Typical Juneteenth celebrations in-

clude rodeos, fishing, barbecues, and baseball as well as guest speakers to recount the events of the past. The day became a "partial staffing holiday" in 1979, which means that state offices will not close but many employees will take a floating holiday to have the day off.

Today, Juneteenth is celebrated in states across America and the popularity of the holiday is growing. Currently, there is a movement in process to get Juneteenth labeled as a National Day of Observance. The nearest official Juneteenth celebration to Post will be held in Dimmitt, northwest of Plainview on Texas highway 86; however, many families and friends will have their own, private events to celebrate the holiday.



Courtesy photo
Giles and Louise McCrary, 1013 Crest Drive, were chosen Yard of the Week by the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. The organization's president, JoAnn Stelzer presented a sign to denote the honor.

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