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Commissioners hear wildlife services presentation

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

USDA Wildlife Services representatives met in a called meeting with the commissioners Court of Garza County on July 13. The group provided information to the commissioners concerning the possibility of developing a cost-share cooperative agreement for a wildlife damage control technician to assist Garza County.

Rick Gilliland, Canyon District Supervisor for the Texas Animal Damage Control Service showed a slide show presentation to the attendees that explained why this service exists and what it can do. The service addresses human health and safety; protection of livestock, property, crops rangeland and wildlife. Garza County is in the Canyon district.

The cost per county for the program is \$2200 - \$2400 per month. Gilliland explained that funding can be blended with county and private money. The local cost is matched with 55% state and federal funds to 45% local funds.

A field agreement by the local group is required to begin operation and the search for a technician. Private

property owners must submit an agreement with the local agency that would fit their needs. The hiring process for a technician begins with the state organization. Applicants are then narrowed for local agency members to consider.

Joel Dennis, Borden County organizer, explained that county's program is now fully funded by the county although it began with private funds.

Judge Norman suggested setting another meeting to provide more data to share to producers. No action was taken.

In an earlier called meeting on July 13, Commissioners Court met to discuss whether to engage attorney Joe Heflin and Associates to represent the county concerning wind energy issues. Heflin reviewed recent legislative changes that affect wind energy projects and the tax abatement issue. He notified the court that he may not be available to represent the county, but recommended that the county seek outside representation because legal issues relating to wind energy are very specialized. Heflin suggested that commissioners include

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'Helping people to help themselves'

By Eleysa Richards
 Staff Writer

In 1982, a group of concerned citizens who realized the extensive travel and expenses involved in receiving assistance for drug and alcohol abuse founded The City/County Alcohol and Abuse Program in Post. This program was identified as a non-profit charity and became known as the Community Recovery Center in 2008. It continues to operate with the support of the City of Post, Garza County, and private donors.

The CRC strives to reach both males and females ages 13 and above who have, have had, or have been affected or impacted by substance abuse or chemical dependency issues. The Center also conducts screenings and assessments of needs for referrals to ancillary services to assist in receiving complete and comprehensive care. Services at the Recovery Center are coordinated with other agencies such as Garza County Mental Health, Managed Care, Victim Assistance Program, Catholic Family Services, medical doctors, and more.

Outpatient support services and aftercare counseling are also provided for those returning from inpatient and outpatient treatment facilities.

The Community Recovery Center does presentations with Post Independent School District for all grade levels and educational staff, counseling sessions within the Garza County Regional Juvenile Detention Center, and educational seminars for employees with the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility and Churches within the community. Also offered are Substance Abuse/Chemical Dependency awareness and education presentations to all local professional and non-professional organizations, businesses, and their staff. The Center has 12-15 week adult and adolescent substance abuse education groups for both clients and the interested public, four week Parent Education groups to assist parents in understanding substance abuse and how they can better assist their children in dealing with substance abuse issues, recovery coaching

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Garza County history set in pictures



Linda Puckett, Director of the Garza County Historical Museum, has published a book chronicling the history of Garza County.

Photo by Eleysa Richards

By Eleysa Richards
 Staff Writer

If you have ever wondered what Post and Garza County looked like back in the 1900s when C.W. Post first looked at it and saw the place to build his "dream city," now you have your chance. Linda Puckett, Director of the Garza County Historical Museum for 15 years, has authored Images of America: Garza County, a pictorial history of Garza County. Over 200 hundred

pictures, each with a special story, show Garza County from its beginning through the centennial year of Post in 2007.

Puckett and Post have been "partners and best friends for over 16 years" and she finds the founder of Post City to be a "fascinating man." Mrs. Puckett and JoAnn Mock, then Executive Director of the Caprock Cultural Association, took a trip to Springfield, IL,

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Put your business in the 2010 Visitors' Guide

The third annual Post/Garza County Visitors' Guide will go to print next month. The advertising deadline is August 5 and any business that wants to be included in this year's publication should contact The Post Dispatch office, 495-2816.

"The Visitors' Guide continues to be a great way for Post and Garza County businesses to advertise directly to potential visitors and newcomers in the area," said Jeff Blackmon, with Blackburn Media Group that owns The

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Pitts declares write-in candidacy

By Rosa Latimer
 News Editor

On Monday Edward Lee (Eddie) Pitts filed his Declaration of Write-In Candidacy for Garza County Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 2 in the November 2, 2010 General Election. Democratic candidate Dee Justice is also a candidate for this position.

Pitts, 44 years old, is the

owner of Just Computers in Post and also serves part-time as the Animal Control Officer for the City of Post.

According to the Election Code, Section 146 write-in candidates for the November 2, 2010 General Election have until August 24, 2010, 5 p.m. to file a declaration of write-in candidacy with the County Judge.



Issue With Jail Management

Concerning the Garza County Jail, built with taxpayer dollars, that the taxpayer had no voice in.

Read that the sheriff had asked for many extra taxpayer dollars to supplement food cost. Don't know which closet the commissioner court was hiding in when they approved the request, but not the same closet the taxpayers were in. Perhaps, instead of approving the request, they should have investigated apparent gross mismanagement. Sure hope they don't consider raising taxes to pay for this kind of nonsense.

Good for 'Speak Up'

I say "good for Speak Up." I don't always agree with the comments, but I support our local paper for providing a place to speak up about whatever is bothering you

or whatever is making you smile. More people should voice their opinions in "Speak Up" and I hope the paper keeps printing them.

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

Post Notes

Second Annual Close City Ice Cream Social

Don't miss this social event of the summer! The second annual Close city Community Ice Cream Social, Saturday, July 31, 5 to 8 p.m. We'll all meet on the east side of the Close city School and enjoy all the homemade ice cream and bluegrass/gospel music you can stand! Music by Hanks and Company and Foley Bluegrass. A hat will be passed with all proceeds going to the Close City School Restoration Fund.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with these parts of the country, Close City is on FM 399 between Hwy 380 and Hwy 84. See you Saturday night!

Blood Drive August 4

There will be a blood drive for Brynne Bigham, Wednesday, August 4, 5 - 8 p.m. in the parking lot of the First Baptist Church, 402 W. Main St. For an appointment log onto www.bloodhero.com, sponsor code: fbcpost.

Old Mill Trade Day Downtown August 7

Vendors of all types are invited to participate in Old Mill Trade Day Downtown, Saturday, August 7. Vendors set up outdoors downtown on East Main Street. There is a \$25 set up fee per event. For more information or to reserve vendor space, call the Chamber office, 495-3461. Old Mill Trade Day Downtown is sponsored by Post City Merchants and Post Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Cash Giveaway

Continuing its push to encourage Post/Garza County residents to "shop at home," the Post Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a cash giveaway Saturday, August 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spend \$25 in Garza County (including Old Mill Trade Day Downtown vendors) and come by the Chamber office to draw for cash up to \$250 and other prizes. Call 495-3461 for more information.

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Chamber News

Congratulations to Leon Forehand and Alisa Peters for winning the latest Promote Post awards. These awards are given weekly so let the Chamber office know who is giving outstanding service and promoting Post.

This weekend Ragtown Gospel Theatre will have "The Antioch Challenge" Friday at 7:30 and Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 7, will be

our next Old Mill Trade Day Downtown event. We will also have the Chamber Cash Giveaway on that day. If you spend \$25 at any Garza County business (including OMTDD vendors), you can bring your proof of purchase to the Chamber office and draw for a chance to win \$250. We will also have merchandise and coupons from local merchants. The drawing will be from 9:00

a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The annual Post Stampede Rodeo will start on Thursday, August 12 and don't forget our annual Rodeo Parade on August 14. We will also have vendors set up on Main Street that day. Call the PACC office for information - 495-3461.

Congratulations to our members of the week: Silver Members - DELUXE INN & GERMANIA INSURANCE



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Obituary

Eva Lee Britton

Funeral services for Mrs. Eva Lee Britton, 84 of Snyder were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at the Avenue D Baptist Church with Rev. Charles Day, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tatum, NM and Rev. Cliff Phillips, Pastor Avenue D. Baptist Church officiating. Interment followed in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She died at 12:00 a.m. Monday, July 26, 2010 at Kristi Lee Manor in Colorado City, TX. She was born to the late Robert Earl and

Lela Mae (Curtis) Plunk on July 10, 1926 in Kilbourne, LA. She married Harold Britton, Sr. on July 15, 1944 in Louisiana. He preceded her in death in 1989.

Mrs. Britton was a 30 year resident of Post before moving to Snyder in 1985. She worked for Burington Industries for 17 years as a seamstress. She was a former member of Knapp Baptist Church, where her late husband was pastor and then later a member of Avenue D Baptist Church.

She is survived by three daughters: Barbara Odom & husband Daniel of Snyder;

Debra Sifford and husband Earl of Warner Robbins, GA and Elizabeth Dotson also of Snyder; a sister, Edith Wisenor of Michigan; two brothers, William C. Plunk of Altadena, CA and Wayne Plunk of Florida; a daughter-in-law, Lana Britton of Snyder;

10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Britton was preceded in death by a son, Harold Britton, Jr. in June of 2008; two brothers, Ronnie Plunk and Jack Plunk and a sister Janet Porter.

Birth Announcement



Addison Kaylene Ayala

Addison Kaylene Ayala was born June 24, 2010 in Wichita Falls, TX. She weighed 7.14 lbs and

was 19.5 inches long. Her parents are Ben and Lyndee Ayala of Burkburnett, TX; grandparents

are Jay and Susan Strawn and Teresa Ayala of Post and Julia Vaughn of Kentucky.

Book Review

By Marita Jackson

What in the World is Going On?

By Dr. David Jeremiah

Chapter I of this book, titled *The New Axis of Evil*, identifies the nations that war against Israel - and how Israel will be saved. Following the rapture of the church (discussed in an earlier chapter), the largest coalition of armies in the history of the world will attack Israel. Except for God's intervention, Israel would be destroyed. This prophecy is found in Ezekiel 38-39 in the Holy Bible.

Before this attack, Israel will have signed a peace treaty or covenant with the Antichrist, the new leader of the revived Roman Empire or European Union. Israel will feel secure but after 3 1/2 years the treaty is broken. A coalition of nations, under the leadership of Russia, will march against Israel to wipe her off the map.

Ezekiel identifies the nations involved. Dr. Jeremiah

gives a lengthy discussion of how these nations are identified. The conclusion is the nations will be Russia, Iran, Ethiopia, Libya and Turkey as well as "many more nations."

Ezekiel gives the place, period and purpose of the invasion against Israel. The place is Israel, the period is after a time after the Rapture of the church when Israel is back in her own land and dwelling in safety. It is then when Israel feels secure and safe that the invasion will come. The reason for the attack is to seize Israel's land and wealth, and to slaughter Israel's people.

When this invasion comes, Israel is so outnumbered that there will be no hope without God's intervention. God does intervene with the most powerful of weapons: earthquakes (convulsions of the earth), confusion of the troops to the extent that they kill one another, the contagion of disease, flooding rain, great hailstones,

fire and brimstone. Before the war even gets started God destroys the armies and saves Israel from destruction once again.

What will happen then? The birds of the air and beasts of the field will devour the fallen armies. It will take seven months for the dead to be buried and seven years to burn the weapons.

What is God's purpose of this battle in the last days? God intends for people to recognize Him as the Lord God of heaven, whose name is holy, whose glory fills the universe and whom men must recognize as sovereign. The ultimate outcome of the battle will be the salvation of the Jewish people. "I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel," says the Lord God. (Ezekiel 39:25-29)

Again, this is only a very short, condensed version of the chapter. I recommend purchase and study of this book.

Garza Theatre Cancels Upcoming Production

Due to casting difficulties, officials at The Garza Theatre announced the removal of "Sweet Nothing In My Ear" from the upcoming season.

The show, by Stephen Sachs, requires several actors who are deaf, or can communicate through sign language.

"It's unfortunate we were unable to find the actors required to do this piece," said John Davis, spokesman for

the theatre. "However, we are continuing with our next upcoming musical, 'Ruthless,' which is guaranteed to bring down the house. Any show with long-time Lubbock actor Richard Privitt is sure to wow audiences. Especially when he's playing a woman."

"Ruthless! The Musical," with book and lyrics by Joal Paley and music by Marvin Laird, is the story of a daughter who would

literally kill for a part, her split-personality mother and conniving grandmother. A merry melodrama of inherited theatrical talent and unchained ambition reaching from the school play of Tina Denmark to the Broadway of Ginger DeMarco.

"Ruthless" will run at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 24, 25 and Oct. 1, 2, 8 and 9. The final matinee performance will be at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 10. Jacob Miller will direct.

Menu

- Monday, August 2 -** Green Chili Chicken, Spanish Rice, Salad, Mexican Wedding Cake
- Tuesday, August 3 -** Pork Roast, Butter Beans, Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Cobbler
- Wednesday, August 4 -** Meatloaf, Southwest Potatoes, Corn, Biscuit, Jello w/ Fruit
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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather

Not much to say about the weather this week, been bout the same as last week.

News

Lois Childs and her daughter, Nedra went to town on Tuesday and stopped in to see Claudine Tipton. They visited for about an hour getting each other caught up on everything. Speaking of Lois and Nedra; granddaughter, Abby has been here all week; she is the daughter of Joe and Mandy and they live in Amarillo.

Russ and Jake Morris have been on a Florida vacation with their mom, Melanie and granddad, George Reece this past week. While there they are seeing lots of sights and visiting with Mel's brother, Eric and his family who live there. Russ and Jake are the sons of Rusty Morris and the

grandchildren of Jack and Jean Morris.

Ice Cream Social

Everyone come out tomorrow (Saturday, July 31st) from 5 - 8 when the 2nd annual Close City Community Ice Cream Social will be held out here on the east side of the school building. There will be lots of home made ice cream and music provided by Hanks and Company and Foley Bluegrass. Bring your family and enjoy some good old fashion fellowship. We will have plenty of chairs but if you have lawn chairs bring 'em with ya.

You can find us on Face Book now. Just look us up under **Close City Community** and click "like" We will be posting all kinds of info on there, if you have anything you want posted on there or our blog page let us know.

Get Wells

Eva Gonzales has been a little under the weather but is home and feeling better.

We also want Joyce Overton to know she is in our thoughts and prayers!

Visitors

Abby Guerrero; Wesley Morris, Cheyenne and Chelby were our visitors this past 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

July 30 - Jean Morris

Aug. 2 - Robbie Wilke

Anniversaries

Aug. 1 - Robbie and Traci Freeman

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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Weekly Inspirations

Your dog is barking

By: Michael F. Taylor

Jim had just experienced the longest day that he could possibly remember in the near distant past and was exhausted. He had spent the morning dealing with several discontented employees who worked for him and then the afternoon being chastised by his boss. His general day was made even worse when arriving home after 9:00 PM, his wife Jill relayed the juvenile delinquent behavior of their three children. After spending the next thirty minutes dealing with the kids, Jim finally found his way to a soft pillow, believing that he was now going to be able to relax and VEG OUT in front of the television for some much needed R and R. It wasn't more than twenty minutes and Jim was fast asleep with the remote control in hand. Jill, feeling sympathetic to his plight, let him slumber in peace without saying another word. Jim was in peaceful dreams right up until the phone rang at 1:00 AM in the morning. Jim groggily reached over to the nightstand and picked up the phone after knocking it off the receiver, spilling the glass of water next to the telephone. Jim recognized the voice after a few seconds as being his new neighbor who had moved onto the block just about one month ago. The neighbor's voice rose to a high pitch and he demanded, "Your dog has been barking all night long and I WANT IT STOPPED NOW OR I WILL CALL THE POLICE!" With that, the neighbor slammed the receiver down, hanging up on poor Jim.

Jim overslept the next morning and was late for work, missing his usual breakfast of eggs and bacon. His day went slightly better than the previous one, but he became more frustrated as the day progressed over his late night phone call from the neighbor who had just moved in not much more than thirty days ago. When he got home, Jim complained to his wife about the rude phone call only to hear her telling him to forgive and place his anger in God's hands. Jim finally went to bed and was sleeping fine, ironically until about 1:00 AM when the television set roused him. Jim hurriedly dialed the neighbor's phone number and when the very much asleep gentleman answered the phone, Jim said to him, "OH, BY THE WAY, I DON'T OWN A DOG!" and quickly hung up the phone. Well, I am not sure that is the way that God wants us to relay the fact that we are not the cause of our neighbor's problems.

I know that many times, when it seems that others have wronged us, or been rude to us, it is very easy to want to lash out and retaliate. But we are taught in 1 John 2:8-11, "8Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining. 9Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. 10Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. 11But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

" NIV And then Jesus when asked what was the Greatest Commandment taught us, "36"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38This is the first and greatest commandment. 39And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36-40 So the next time that neighbor seems to be somewhat un-loveable, remember what Jesus said. I believe that He was talking about the components of GRACE-Unmerited Favor!!! He loved me even though I was not really loveable at the time. Even when I am not what I need to be, God shows me LOVE. And I believe He wants us to show His love to others. God bless and have a wonderful week.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17



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Deuteronomy 6:5

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Photo by Rosa Latimer

Work on the resurfacing of the playground at Post Elementary continues as crews are set to remove the asphalt. The asphalt will be replaced with grass to provide a safer surface in the play area.

Texas Department of Agriculture announces grants

As a result of the continuing interest in the state's booming wine industry, the Texas Department of Agriculture today announced it is accepting applications for its Wine Grape Investment Grant Program from producers who wish to establish new vineyard operations or expand existing ones by at least five acres. A total of \$250,000 is available through this program.

"Texas produces an estimated 2.4 million gallons of wine every year and the industry contributes \$1.35 billion annually to the state's economy," Deputy

Agriculture Commissioner Drew DeBerry said. "The industry is limited by the availability of grapes and these grants play a key role in sustaining the growth of Texas wine grape production."

Since 2008, TDA has awarded approximately \$500,000 in matching program grants to 18 Texas vineyards. Grant recipients matched these awards with their own capital investments totaling \$2.8 million. The maximum grant amount that may be awarded to a single vineyard is \$25,000.

The Wine Grape Investment Grant Program

is housed under TDA's Rural Economic Development Division. Applications will be accepted through Aug. 12, 2010. For program details, producers may visit www.TexasAgriculture.gov and click on Grants/Funding.

Texas is the fifth-largest wine-producing state in the nation and home to more than 181 wineries. According to TDA, the Texas wine industry supports more than 9,000 jobs.

Rivera completes evening police academy

South Plains College recently hosted the 2010 Evening Police Academy Graduation in the Sundown Room in the Student Services Building on the Levelland campus. Yesina Rivera of Post was among the honorees.

The 16-week curriculum meets the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. This includes coursework in law, driving, shooting and other tactical skills. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the state licensure examination to become a Texas Peace Officer.

CRP general sign-up announced

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that a general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will begin on August 2, 2010 and continue through August 27, 2010. During the sign-up period, farmers and ranchers may offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general sign-up at their county Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. The 2008 Farm Bill authorized USDA to maintain CRP enrollment up to 32 million acres. Jim Miller, Agriculture Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services, made the announcement on behalf of Secretary Vilsack during a conference call with reporters.

"America's farmers and ranchers play an important role in improving our environment, and for nearly 25 years, CRP has helped this nation build sound conservation practices that preserve the soil, clean our water, and restore habitat for wildlife," said Miller. "Today's announcement will help us create a greener and healthier America, and I encourage all interested farmers and ranchers to contact their local FSA office to learn more how to take advantage of this opportunity."

To help ensure that interested farmers and ranchers are aware of the sign-up period, USDA has signed partnership agreements with several conservation and wildlife organizations, which will play an active role in USDA's 2010 CRP outreach efforts. Additionally, Secretary Vilsack has recorded two public service announcements, which are available to the press and public at www.fsa.usda.gov/psa.

CRP is a voluntary program that assists farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to use their environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolling in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for rental payments, cost-share, and technical assistance. CRP protects millions of acres of America's topsoil from erosion and is designed to improve the

nation's natural resources base. Participants voluntarily remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production by entering into long-term contracts for 10 to 15 years. In exchange, participants receive annual rental payments and a payment of up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing conservation practices.

By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, CRP also protects groundwater and helps improve the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. Acreage enrolled in the CRP is planted to resource-conserving vegetative covers, making the program a major contributor to wildlife population increases in many parts of the country. As a result, CRP has provided significant opportunities for hunting and fishing on private lands. Land currently not enrolled in CRP may be offered in this sign-up provided all eligibility requirements are met. Additionally, current CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall covering about 4.5 million acres may make new contract offers. Contracts awarded under this sign-up are scheduled to become effective Oct. 1, 2010.

FSA implements CRP on behalf of Commodity Credit Corporation. FSA will evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) for environmental benefits to be gained from enrolling the land in CRP. The EBI consists of five environmental factors (wildlife, water, soil, air and enduring benefits) and cost. Decisions on the EBI cutoff will be made after the sign-up ends and after analyzing the EBI data of all the offers.

Those who would have met previous sign-up EBI thresholds are not guaranteed a contract under this sign-up. In addition to the general sign-up, CRP's continuous sign-up program will be ongoing. Continuous acres represent the most environmentally desirable and sensitive land. For more information, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

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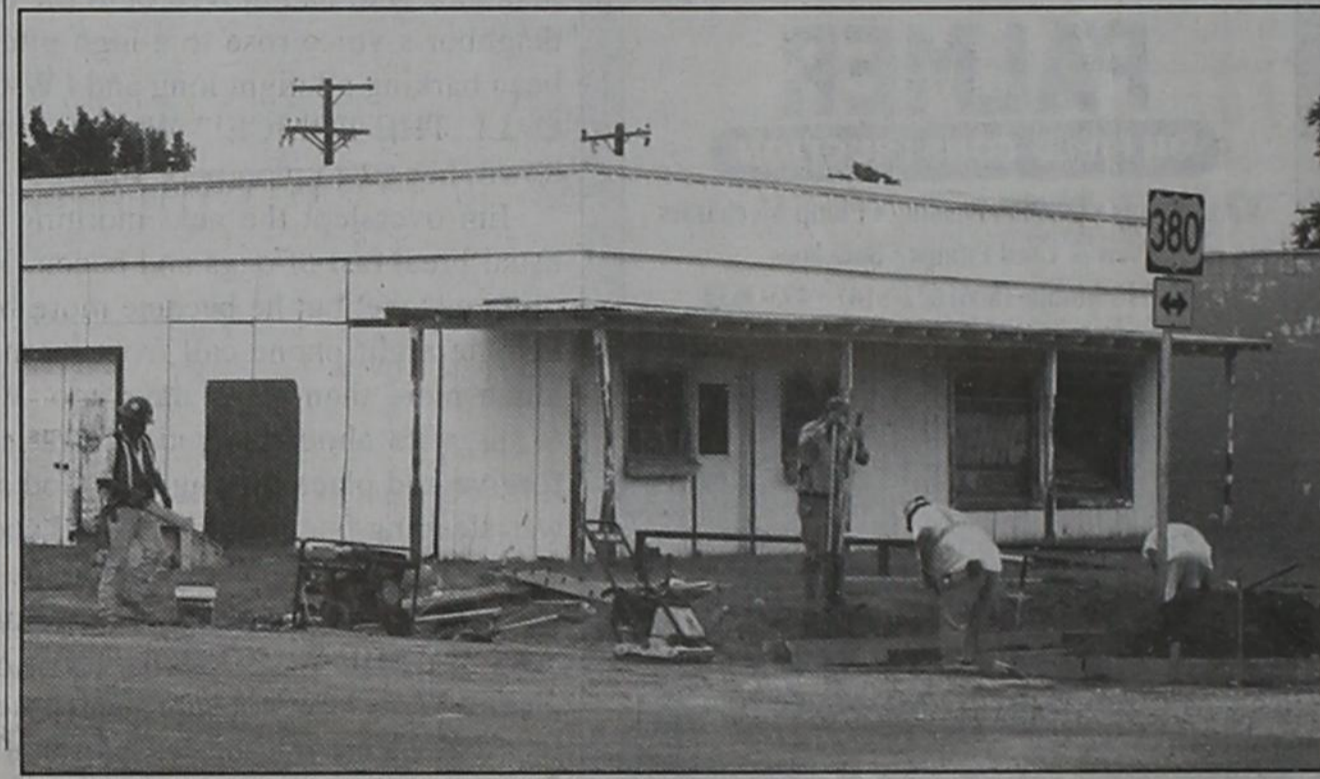


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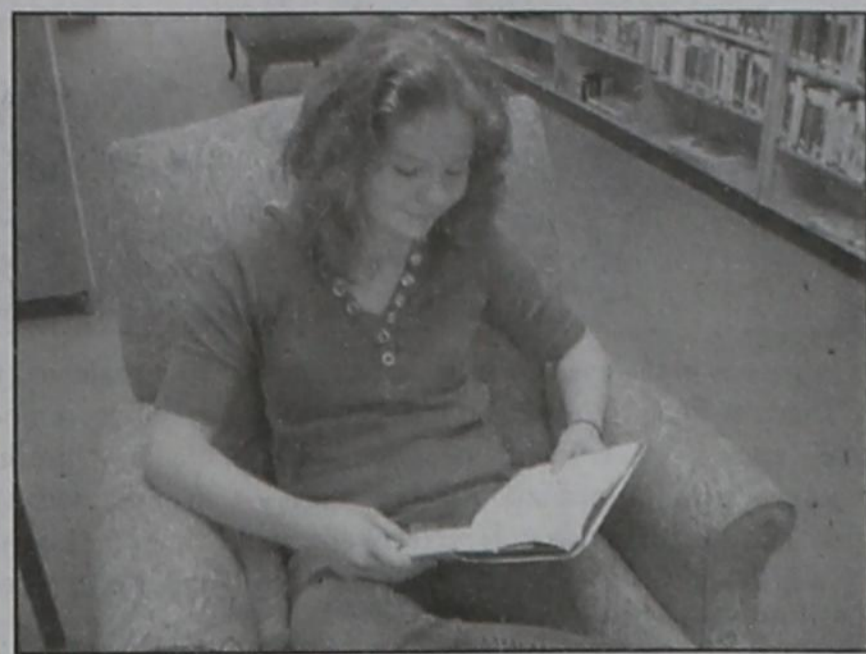
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Historical Marker Workshop Scheduled

The Lubbock County Historical Commission will host a workshop featuring the Historical Markers program of the Texas Historical Commission (THC). A THC staff person will conduct the workshop on successful research for obtaining an Official Texas Historical Marker. The free workshop is open to the public and will be held Thursday, July 29, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Lubbock County Office Building, 916 Main St. in Lubbock. Parking is

available in surface lot "L" at the northeast corner of 10th Street and Avenue G. An RSVP is required for participation. Please email lubbock.chc@gmail.com or call 806.775.1595 to reserve your space. This workshop is part of a series of statewide marker workshops providing an overview of important historical research fundamentals, as participants walk through a completed sample historical marker narrative and application in two hours.

Don't wait. Vaccinate your child now for the 2010 - 2011 school year. There are requirements that will affect students entering Kindergarten and Seventh Grade.



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781-1156 or 806-495-5371 Monday,
8 p.m., Community Recovery Center,
405 S. Ave. C. For more information
about the Monday meeting, call 495-
3173.

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

The Safe and Serene Group of
Post now meets on Fridays at the
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Avenue C. For meeting information
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Lubbock District
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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. That's a line from a long-ago "Twilight Zone" episode. A woman underwent plastic surgery to look normal. But the surgery failed, and she remained ugly. Except she really was beautiful, and the other people were uniformly grotesque.

Happily, there was a guy who, like her, also didn't fit the norm. He was very handsome, but everybody thought he too was ugly.

Ultimately, guy and gal ended up stuck with each other, matching examples of what was considered repulsively ugly. He comforted her by looking into her eyes and saying, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

And they lived happily ever after, I suppose. They had each other.

The reason I've been thinking about that series is that I now look like all the ugly people, especially my mouth.

I fell off my bicycle three nights ago, landing hard on my left elbow and my upper lip. Not good.

I was riding with one hand, holding my cell phone in the other, talking to my friend Norma. I didn't want to lose momentum as I rounded the curve in the sidewalk that skirts the soaring gothic-style Heavenly Rest Episcopal Church. I was soaring too. I couldn't remember if there was a drop-off from the sidewalk onto the asphalt parking area. There was.

At the last moment, I said something like, "Hang on, Norma. This may be rough." Understatement.

I managed to pick myself up, tell Norma goodbye, remount my bicycle and ride home, bleeding profusely. Picture a white-shirted matador who's been gored by the bull.

At the house, I hosed off some of the blood and used my cell phone to warn my husband I would be appearing at the back door and that there would be blood.

Having raised two other children, he took it in stride.

By about 10:30 p.m. we were at the hospital emergency room.

I had changed shirts. Whether we would have seen the doctor sooner if I'd looked bloodier, I don't know. But if I had it to do over again, I wouldn't change.

They gave me a compress to apply to my upper lip, but I chose to let it bleed. Doesn't bleeding help clean a wound? For lack of treatment, it seemed like the thing to do.

At my husband's advice, I passed the time pushing my teeth back into place. The dentist confirmed later it was the right thing to do.

Others in the waiting room ranged from some sort of prisoner to a delightful 2-year-old who told me I had a boo-boo.

My lip wound looked like fine-ground raw hamburger meat mixed with asphalt particles.

At 3 a.m. it was finally our turn.

The doctor deftly sewed my lip back together amazingly well and fixed my elbow too. I plan to heal.

But for now, when I look in the mirror, my incredibly fat distorted lip takes me straight back to "Twilight Zone." My kind of people.

Lake Alan Henry Report July 26, 2010

Conservation pool elevation: 2220.00 feet above mean sea level.

Elevation: 2220.68 feet, 0.68 feet above conservation pool elevation.

Water Temperature: 84 degrees F.

2010 cumulative precipitation: 19.00 inches.

Fishing is poor at the present time.

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

White River Municipal Water District Report

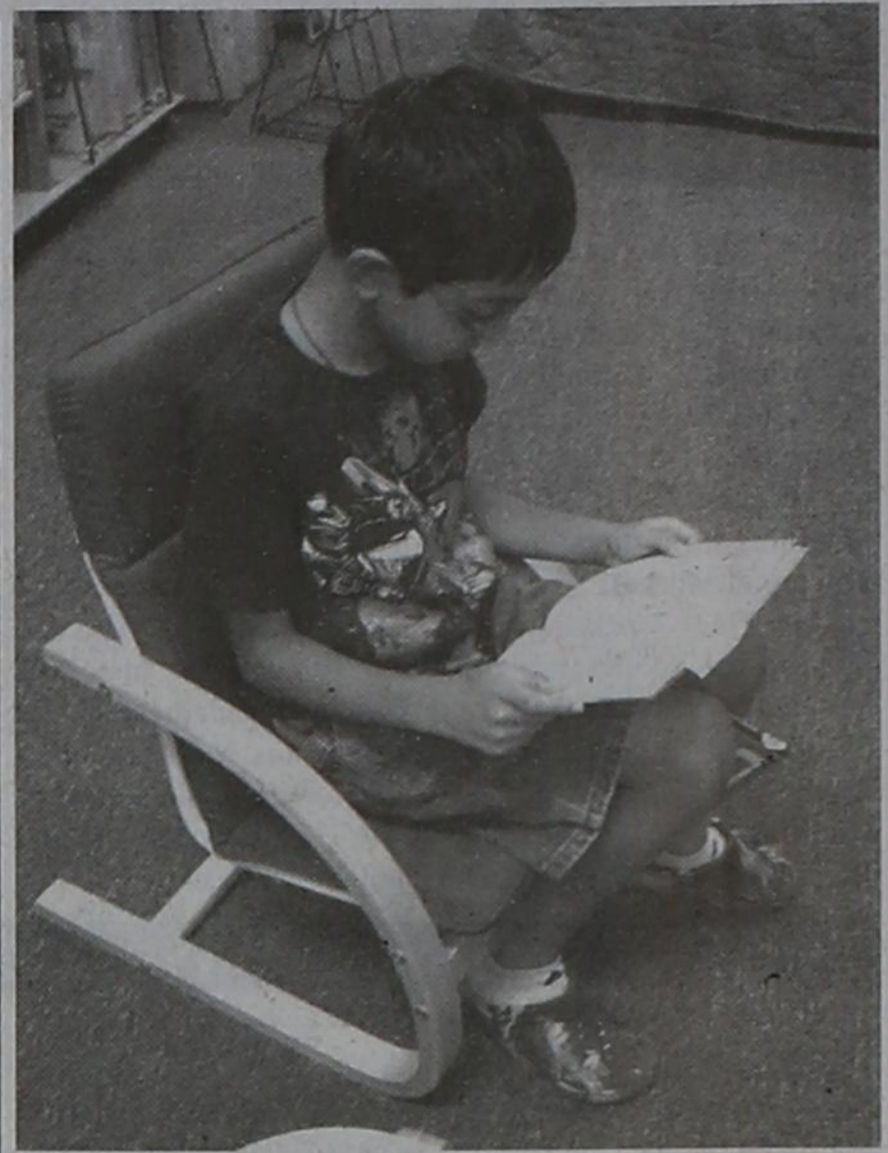
Gauge Reading: 2356.75
Feet below spillway: 15' 8"

Rise: 0
Rainfall past week: 0
Rain 2010 to date: 27.01"
Rainfall 2007: 24.19"
Rainfall 2008: 33.16"
Rainfall 2009: 12.70"

White River Lake has 4,213,905,132 billion gallons left available at the Intake or 40% capacity or 12,932 acre feet. Subtract 47,090,725 MG for evaporation this week in July that leaves 4,166,814,407 BG available as of today.

White River's daily average demand for 2009 was 1.36 million gallons per day for all White River Customers. The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the lake level rises. White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan, which is Voluntary Water Conservation.

Mickey Rogers, GM
White River



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Chris Dihenia keeps his reading skills sharp during the summer vacation. Visit the library and get caught reading!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Southland I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at _____ Monday, August 9, 2010, 7:00 P.M. in _____ Southland I.S.D. Administration Building _____ Southland, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.17 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	0 % increase or .05 % (decrease)
Debt service	0 % increase or 0 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	0 % increase or .05 % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 74,884,400.	\$ 81,565,692.
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 60,410.	\$ 0
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 73,340,028.	\$ 79,815,334.
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 60,410.	\$ 0

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$ 0
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* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.17	\$ 5633.50	\$ 4746.69
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.17	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.17	\$ 5886.07	\$ 4867.96
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.17	\$ 5886.07	\$ 4867.96

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 26,752.28	\$ 27,931.49
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 14,254.66	\$ 14,834.49
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 166.78	\$ 173.56
Increase in Taxes		\$ 6.78

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.17005. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17005.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 464,829.34
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

OPINION



The Paperboy

We want your help!

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

My vision for Blackburn Media Group newspapers is this: Provide a product full of news from your town and area you want to read from cover-to-cover.

I want them to have exclusive stories and business-oriented stories in each edition accompanied with pertinent information and coverage of events. Those of you living and working in these towns as well as those of you that have moved off, can become interactive and vital in this process.

I'm sure many of you have heard of Facebook. If you do enjoy Facebook and would like to help your local newspaper, we're establishing something new to enhance our coverage.

On Facebook, your local newspaper has a page. We are asking that you readers out there in the know find your newspapers' page and befriend it.

Believe it or not, some of you are pretty good at covering a variety of events in your towns and we want to use your coverage of local events in the newspaper.

As you may or may not know, producing a newspaper each week is expensive. We cannot afford to have a reporter at every event taking place. However, due to the technological climate in which we live, anyone with a decent digital camera

and a computer can interact with us and help us provide coverage of the area.

We welcome any coverage of any event you can think of. From family reunions to piano recitals, we want you to help us make your paper local from cover-to-cover. Even what you may think as trivial might be very interesting to some.

As this builds, there may be a time when everything submitted fails to make the print edition. Those items can still be viewed on our Facebook pages and we will place new content which has not run in the print edition online on the newspaper's respective websites.

We will gladly give you shutter-bugs and writers credit for the help and you will be doing a tremendous service to your community as well.

The bottom line is for us is to be the news source you want us to be and the place everyone goes to learn what is happening in your town. We also want to be the place to go when you need to know where to get that flat changed or that air conditioner fixed, so the added content should aid the other very important aspect of the business - our advertisers.

You may be wondering why the push for information from Facebook? Because most people in your community will never see Facebook. In rural America, only about 1 in 6 is online.

It may seem more because of how we communicate with cell phones and the rapid access to information, but many don't have any desire to go online.

By participating and interacting with us, those that are wired can help keep those who are not just as informed.

The Knox County News was our guinea pig in this endeavor and it has had wonderful interaction.

For those of you interested, here are the Facebook pages to look for:

- Knox County News - Knox County, Texas.
- The Wellington Leader - Collingsworth County, Texas.
- The Hollis News - Harmon County, Okla.
- The Altus Aviator - Jackson County, Okla.
- Childress Index - Childress County, Texas.
- The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon - Floyd County, Texas.
- The Post Dispatch - Garza County, Texas.
- The Hall County Herald - Hall County, Texas.

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Elena Kagan and the Empty Constitution

By RICK MANNING

"There is a widespread doctrine that the Constitution's underlying purpose - protection of individual rights to life, liberty, and property - has no legitimate role in interpreting the document's language," writes Tom Bowden, a legal analyst with the Ayn Rand Center. "This view, pioneered by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., in the early twentieth century and prevalent among judges today, holds that the Supreme Court presides over an empty Constitution - empty of purpose, of moral content, of enduring meaning - bereft of any embedded principles defining the relationship between man and the state.

"In recent hearings, Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan confirmed her allegiance to this modern orthodoxy.

"Kagan's views came out under clumsy questioning from Sen. Tom Coburn, an Oklahoma Republican and religious conservative. Coburn's questions mixed together several ideas: that individuals have natural rights--that those rights pre-exist the Constitution--that such rights are God-given--and that those rights include owning guns for self-defense.

"Inquiries about man's natural rights are irrelevant to her fitness for the Supreme Court, she testified, because they are 'outside the Constitution and the laws.' As such, she told Coburn, 'you should not want me to act in any way on the basis of such a belief.'

"What would it mean for such a judge to abide by Kagan's view of conscientious judging? It would mean deliberately setting aside all these facts as mere personal views, 'outside the

Constitution and the laws.' It would mean following Justice Holmes in treating the Constitution as a document 'made for people of fundamentally differing views.' It would mean acting as if any political viewpoint with electoral clout--be it capitalism, communism, socialism, fascism, Muslim totalitarianism, Christian fundamentalism, or some other ideology--has an equal constitutional right to shape American law for its own purposes, while the Supreme Court sits idly by.

"This is an important issue--more important even than Kagan's views on the Twilight film series. It's a shame that our senators are not up to the task of making allegiance to our nation's founding purpose a litmus test for confirming a Supreme Court nominee."

Support the troops Pay Them

By RICK MANNING

Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid and Barack Obama are playing a game of chicken with the paychecks of our men and women who are in harm's way defending our nation, and it needs to stop.

Pelosi and her crew of future unemployed politicians failed to get the Senate to agree to their proposal to add \$10 billion more in deficit exploding spending on behalf of local teacher unions into the defense bill. Amazingly, even with all of their sophisticated polling, Pelosi still hasn't gotten the message that Americans are tired of politics as usual. Americans are tired of Congress larding on the pork and earmarks onto must pass legislation to fund our troops. Apparently, the reasons behind her Congress' 11 percent approval rating are lost on Speaker Pelosi.

The Senate is commended for partially getting the message in their rejection of Pelosi's \$10 billion teacher union bailout. But the Senate version is far from clean including such non-defense items as: agriculture subsidies, foreign aid, and reforestation spending.

This isn't just an academic exercise. Our fighting men and women are truly in jeopardy if this emergency appropriation is not passed by the end of July. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has identified the beginning of August as a drop dead timeline for getting the emergency appropriation passed before salaries may not get paid. In an early July article, Gates stated that "stu-

pid" cuts will begin occurring by mid-July in order to keep the troops funded. Additionally, General David Petraeus has called the supplemental, "essential" for the conduct of this mission.

In August, while Pelosi, Reid and Obama vacation away from Washington, our troops families will be going without paychecks, if the negligent trio don't get off the dime and do their jobs.

But it isn't only about military pay checks, the supplemental also includes emergency money for purchasing a little necessity called ammunition.

That's right, Nancy Pelosi has been willing to risk letting our brave men and women in arms go without paychecks and ammunition in order to try to get a few coins into her union boss masters' pockets.

It is rare for Americans for Limited Government to call for government spending, but if our leaders believe that deploying our military and fighting wars is in our national interest, they have a basic responsibility to fund them, and not leave them unpaid and unarmed. To do otherwise is immoral.

The deadline to do the right thing is rapidly approaching - August recess. Congress is scheduled to take their annual five week summer vacation beginning at the end of July. They have had this emergency supplemental in front of them since June, and yet once again have drawn out the process making it a last minute crisis rather than dealing with it responsibly.

A reasonable person might ask why Pelosi and Reid put our

troops at risk by continuing in their attempts to use the war as a means of passing other deficit exploding spending measures. The answer lies in arcane federal budgeting rules that allow "emergency spending" to not have to be offset with other cuts or tax increases.

If \$10 billion to bail out the education establishment can be shoved into an "emergency" appropriation, it is like if a husband put his purchases on an already overextended credit card. He doesn't have to choose whether to buy the new dress suit or shoes, he gets to buy both, and in this case, send the bill to his kids to pay.

The decision to borrow to pay for the costs of wars is supported by precedent as war bonds have been used extensively throughout our nation's history.

However, our nation can no longer afford the relatively new phenomena of turning the needs of our troops in the field into a special interest Christmas tree.

In this year alone, Pelosi, Reid and Obama have rung up a projected \$1.47 trillion in debt with their various spending schemes and faulty stimulus packages. Now, it is time that they stop playing politics, pay our troops through a clean war supplemental, and then cut up their credit cards.

Our troops need to be funded, but future generations should not be saddled with paying for any more election year goodies for their political allies.

Taking What is Not Yours

By REBEKAH RAST

The federal government has an insatiable spending appetite. Most Americans already know that. But it appears to have an insatiable land-grabbing appetite as well.

"The Obama Administration has a lot of ideas when it comes to deciding what to do with other people's private property," says Bill Wilson, president of Americans for Limited Government (ALG).

Don't be fooled by Obama's plan for America's Great Outdoors Initiative. The claims are more land is in need of protection and more American's should have the benefit of seeing the great outdoors in their natural state, but the government already owns 1 out of every 3 acres in the U.S. - 1 out of every 2 acres in the West, says Congressman Rob Bishop (R-UT), a member on the Natural Resources Committee and ranking member on the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

There is no end in sight to how much more land this current Administration seems to want. Claiming the need to create ecosystems throughout America, the National Park Service (NPS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service hope to extend their political boundaries and expand to privately owned land.

These organizations need the help of the Department of Interior, which ironically enough, is the only federal government department that holds the power of eminent domain.

Never mind that the 5th amendment in the Constitution of the United States reads, "No person shall be... deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." Instead, the government is working to a different end, hoping to circumvent Congress and put to practice the Antiquities Act and Endangered Species Act to complete its mission.

With the federal government already owning

about one-third of the land in the U.S., where is the money coming from to take care of these lands?

The truth is, there isn't enough money flowing out of the Department of Interior to support the budgets needed for the BLM or NPS.

"In order to keep up existing parks it would take billions of dollars we don't have," says Richard Pombo, former Chairman on the House Committee on Natural Resources.

The NPS claims it would need about \$9.5 billion just to clear its backlog of the necessary improvements and repairs. At a time when our existing national parks are suffering, it doesn't make sense for the federal government to grab new lands. How does the government expect to fund any of its new acquisitions?

On July 15, 2010, the Consolidated Land, Energy and Aquatic Resources Act (CLEAR Act) of 2009, passed in the Natural Resources Committee. This legislation, which was to deal with the oil spill crisis in the Gulf of Mexico, contains plans for the federal government to acquire more land.

In a speech on the House floor after the bill passed in Committee, Congressman Louie Gohmert (R-TX) pointed out that a provision tucked inside the CLEAR Act allows the federal government to spend \$900 million a year to purchase private land over the next 30 years.

"This is a new way to fund the Department of Interior and satisfy its need for more land," says Congressman Bishop. He also points out that none of this money would go to maintaining the land the government already owns, but only would provide funding for the acquisition of "treasured lands."

As if restricting use on about 30 percent of the total land mass in the U.S. wasn't enough, about 108 million acres owned by the government are labeled wilderness areas. Former Congressman Pombo explains that inside a wilderness area, motorized activity is allowed. While some restricted federal lands might let you go four-wheeling or snowmobiling, wilderness areas do not.

This poses a problem because state economies aren't able to prosper off the federally owned land contained in their own state by ways of real estate, mining natural resources, or even for building schools. Instead, they are told by the government that they will reap the benefits of tourism, former Congressman Pombo says. But when the area is so restricted that certain recreational activities aren't permitted, tourism to these lands takes a hit and so does the economy of the state.

"When the federal government owns the land, we can't fund schools or pay teachers - people don't have jobs - people in Washington, D.C., don't have to live in those conditions. They don't understand the consequences," says Rep. Bishop because most of the land grabbing is in the Western part of the U.S.

Former Congressman Pombo echoes those concerns. "The Eastern states don't understand, people in the West do," he says. "The government owns about half of California, people don't know that."

And yet that's still not enough for the government. And who can stop it?

Chuck Cushman, executive director of the American Land Rights Association located in Washington State, has dedicated his life to stopping federal land grabs.

"Our job is to protect private property and private land from being taken over by the government," says Cushman.

Cushman got his start 35 years ago when the NPS tried to take his house, which was near Yosemite National Park. "We stopped them and we formed an organization."

He has had many successes over the years. His organization has helped individuals, communities and other organizations fight against their private lands being taken by the government in states like Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. "We help people locally. We teach them how to fight back.

"Most local groups confuse emotion with ac-

tion," he goes on to say. "Most groups understand the problem but not the solution. We show them the solution."

Cushman says the solution is people - activists. "People need to get lists together and get them motivated to take action." Cushman has a rolodex of several million names. That is his best weapon against government land grabs - and it has worked well for him.

It is a continuing battle that isn't letting up. Cushman understands his rights as a property owner and doesn't buy into the government's agenda of roping off more land to create ecosystems.

"This Administration has largely ceded control of the environment to environmental groups," Cushman says. "The enemy is the landowner and people who use land for agriculture, mining and recreation."

Pombo agrees and goes on to say, "They are appealing their political supporters. That's all it is. They have gone so far as to making public lands off limits."

Despite consequences of destroyed local economies, higher unemployment, over population of breeds and lack of money for upkeep, the federal government is hell bent on restoring heavily rich land to unusable ecosystems.

"It is a silly idea that land has to be wild and free," says Rep. Bishop.

ALG's Wilson concurs and adds, "The idea of returning land back to its original state before people walked the earth is simply an attack on humanity. The government already has control of more land than it can take care of. Enough is enough."

Throughout America's history, citizens of this country have fought for what is theirs. If the government thinks it can take more of what constitutionally belongs to its people, it won't happen without a fight. How wrong and corrupt a government must be that it would seize the private property of its citizens and cordon it off to serve no further purpose.

Atteberry Station plans CD release concert at Ritz in Wellington

By Bev Odom
Wellington Leader
News Editor

Atteberry Station has already produced a CD after being together only since January of this year. The CD will be released at their concert at the Wellington Ritz Theatre on Saturday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Justin Mixon, Joe O'Rear, Ed Campbell and Dickie Johnson have played together a little over a year. Kyle Stegall joined them in January and Atteberry Station was born from their various backgrounds and influences. "With all our band members living in Collingsworth County, we wanted our name to reflect the area. Atteberry Creek is a little creek east of Wellington that you cross on your way to Dodson," said Justin.

Fate, they say, is what brought them all together. Justin and Ed met at the Wellington Fairgrounds at a Christian Rock Youth revival where they were both performing at a little over a year ago. Ed has worked in Lubbock with Pat Green, a major singer - songwriter, in the 1980's. "We have day work but this is our job," smiled Justin whose day work also involves music. He is the band director and music teacher for Wellington ISD. Justin has played the guitar and sang for thirteen years. He started writing music at the age of 19.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri and the son of a preacher, Justin has lived

in Nebraska and Oklahoma but mostly Texas. His family moved back to Dodson his sophomore year in high school and he graduated from Wellington High School. Justin did a three-song demo with Dixianna in 2008 in Nashville with his original songs. He is a vocalist and guitarist for Atteberry Station.

Kyle also began playing at the age of 13 and started composing songs at the age of 17. He was born in Oklahoma City, spent some time in Mustang and Hollis, then the Houston area. He has lived in Wellington for three years and previously performed with the band Broken Jonez. Kyle's day job is at Greenbelt Electric and is the other vocalist and a guitarist for Atteberry Station.

The only band member born and raised in Wellington is Joe. All of his life he has played some sort of drums beginning with his mom's pots and pans. He played drums in the WJHS band and WHS band. Drumming for a punk rock band in Shamrock and a jazz band in high school broadened his horizons. Then he attended college all the way down at the University of Texas in Brownsville where he studied criminal justice. Joe farms and ranches in Collingsworth County in addition to owning a hunting business, Rolla Outfitters.

Ed was born in Dallas then moved to Amarillo.



Atteberry Station band members Dickie Johnson (left), Ed Campbell, Joe O'Rear, Kyle Stegall and Justin Mixon stop by the old train depot in Wellington. Courtesy Photo

Playing Christian contemporary and southern gospel music for about 15 years in South Carolina shaped his technique. "With such diverse backgrounds, Atteberry Station has a great deal of depth and meaning behind our songs," he commented. Ed's family has roots that go back 150 years in Collingsworth County with lots of musical talent. Ed moved to Wellington five years ago from Ama-

rillo and plays the guitar with Atteberry Station. He works at Owens Supply by day and teaches guitar lessons and enjoys the ranching business by night.

Since Quitaque, Texas doesn't have a hospital, Dickie was born in Matorador. He serves the band as the bass guitarist. He started playing the piano at the age of six and moved to Wellington when he was nine years old. A partner in

the family business, OJD Engineering LLC, Dickie adds a wealth of musical ability and experience to the band. Dickie, along with Justin, Joe and Ed, were formerly 83 South.

Kyle describes their music as "Red Dirt Texas Country." Hitting the circuit right here in Texas would make them content. The group has created their own record label, Three 38 Records, to produce their

CD with all original music that they have written themselves.

Tickets to the Atteberry Station CD release concert are \$10 and may be purchased at the Ritz Theatre box office, the Ritzy Pizzeria in Wellington, Owens Supply in Childress or Thriftway in Memphis. For information, call 940-732-0755. For a taste of Atteberry Station, visit www.myspace.com/atteberystation.

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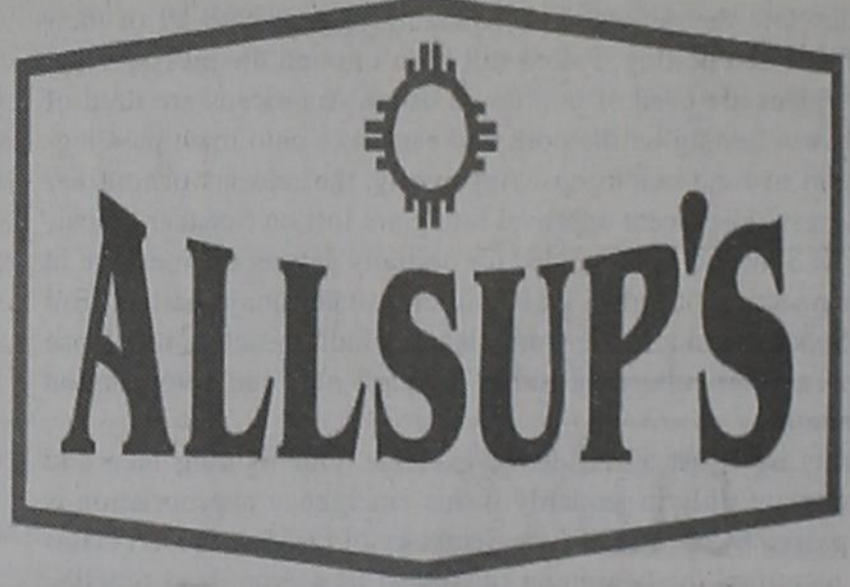
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Post Notes...

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Rodeo Parade

The Post Area chamber of Commerce is accepting entries for the Post Stampede Rodeo Parade scheduled for Saturday, August 14, at 3 p.m. Groups, families and individuals can enter floats, 4-wheelers, golf carts, bicycles, any vehicle, or your unique entry. Parade line up will be west of the Courthouse at 2:15. There is no charge to enter the parade and cash prizes will be given to the best entries. Go by the Chamber office, 131 E. Main, or call 495-3461 so they can put you in the line up.

Howdy Y'all Day at Trailblazers

Enjoy a great hamburger lunch before or after the Rodeo Parade! Second annual "Howdy Y'all Day at Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center, 205 E. 10th St., Saturday, August 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hamburger, chips, drink, dessert and all the trimmings \$5/plate. Raffle for BBQ grill \$5/ticket. This is our main fundraiser for the year so come on out, enjoy a good meal and support Trailblazers!

Southland Reunion

The annual Southland Reunion will be Saturday, August 7 at the Southland School Gym. Registration begins at 3 p.m. and a meal catered by River Smith's will begin at 5:30 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$9.50 per person. Send a check with RSVP by August 1 to: Southland Reunion, P. O. Box 455, Slaton, TX 79364. For more information, call 806-828-6070 or 806-495-2097. This event is for everyone who has lived in Southland, has gone to school in Southland or taken part in the community.

Post Elementary Open House

Post Elementary will host its annual open house on Thursday, August 19, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Students will be able to meet their

teacher, see their classroom and drop off any supplies they may already have. Parents will attend a brief Title I meeting, meet the teacher, see the classroom and receive beginning of the year paperwork. We look forward to seeing you then!

School Supply Drive

A local car club along with area car clubs is sponsoring a school supply drive for local school children. Place your donations in the drop box at United Supermarket in Post. Any donations will be greatly appreciated!

A World of Art

New exhibits at the OS Museum exemplify the unique art and culture of other countries. Located upstairs at 201 E. Main Street & Ave. I, the museum is open Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is handicap accessible with an elevator for your convenience. This exhibit will be displayed through September 28, 2010.

Conferencia de Damas

Conferencia de Damas el 28 de agosto 2010. Invitada de honor Felicia Payano De Huston Texas. Ven llenate de la precencia. De Dios y sera Bendecida almuerzo y comida precio \$25.00. Iglesia de Dios de la Profecia, Post, Texas

Funding For Housing Available

Application packets for USDA rural development home remodel or, in some cases, the purchase of a home, are available in the County Programs office on the first floor of the Garza County Courthouse (north end of hall, next to Driver's License office) or at the front desk at City Hall. The USDA Rural Development program provides low-interest, no-down-payment loans to help eligible families and individuals living in rural communities.

Helping People...

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and planning, and Life Skills Training.

Recently, the Center has expanded their services to include parent education classes approved by CPS and the Texas Tobacco Youth Awareness Program. They are also working on providing certification of staff as Anger Resolution Therapists so as to add an Anger Management Component to the offered services. There is an established, professional relationship with the

Family Protective Services. The Texas Department of Family Protective Services is charged with protecting children, adults who are elderly or have disabilities living at home or in state facilities, and licensing group day-care homes, day-care centers, and registered family homes. The agency also manages community-based programs that prevent delinquency, abuse, neglect and exploitation of Texas children, elderly and disabled adults. Services

are provided through Adult Protective Services, Child Protective Services, and Child Care Licensing divisions.

The Community Recover Center's motto is "helping people to help themselves," and the goal is to "allow people to instill a sense of belief in themselves" and see that there is hope. The CRC has been serving the citizens of Garza County, free of charge, to learn about, get help for, and recover from

alcohol and/or drug abuse since 1982 and continues today at 700 Ave. C, in the old Post mill building east of the former Old Mill Trade Days north entrance. Alcoholics Anonymous has an open meeting at the center every Monday at 8 p.m. and Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday at 8 p.m. Parent Education Classes will begin September 13. For more information or to receive assistance, please call 495-3173.

Visitor's Guide...

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Post Dispatch and publisher of the local Visitors' Guide. "With the help of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Post and local businesses we have distributed 10,000 copies each year." In addition to local brochure holders, the Visitors' Guide is included in all relocation packets mailed by the Chamber and given to anyone who signs up for water service at City Hall. "The Chamber also mails boxes of these to Texas Department of Transportation visitor's centers throughout the region. This means that our advertisers are reaching a broad audience."

This year's edition will feature pictures by local photographers as well as information about places to stay and things to do in Post and Garza County. A church directory, Garza County historical marker guide and contact information for city, health, senior adult, children and youth services are also included along with a map of Post and Lake Alan Henry. There are four sections in the magazine: Celebrate Our Great Outdoors, Celebrate Our Heritage, Celebrate the Arts and Celebrate Our Good Life. This information helps visitors and potential newcomers understand all there is to enjoy in Post and Garza County.

"The information in this magazine is helpful and makes it a publication that people will keep," said Blackmon. "That gives added exposure to advertisers throughout the year."

Garza...

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where Mr. Post was born and grew up. The pair also visited Ann Arbor, MI, where Mr. Post's official documents are kept and Battle Creek, MI, where Post began his multi-million dollar career as a cereal magnate. Puckett and Mock brought back several pieces of history from their journey to fill the museum and Puckett's new book. According to Puckett, "If I don't put things on [the museum] walls or in a book, no one else knows what I know."

Mrs. Puckett believes that "this books presented such a wonderful opportunity" because her research allowed her to learn so much about both C.W. Post and the people of Garza County past and present. She also believes that she is fortunate because Mr. Post's heirs support her efforts. By writing this book and compiling this history, she has tried to make it much easier for the next person who becomes the director at the museum and for everyone else interested in these events.

Aside from being a published author, Puckett has also written an autobiography for her children entitled With Mulberry Stains on My Feet. She is a member of the Library Board, Post Art Guild, Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, and several historical organizations. She is also president of the Cemetery Board and chair of the Garza County Historical Commission.

Mrs. Puckett's book, Images of America: Garza County will be available for sale at the Garza County Historical Museum beginning August 2. A book signing will be held at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main Street, on August 7 from 1-3 p.m., after which the book will be continue to be available for purchase in the bookstore. There will also be a signing at the National Cowboy Symposium September 9-12 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Whether you have been interested for years or just getting started, this

pictorial history is a great way to learn more about the history of Post and Garza County. Take time to visit the Historical Museum at 119 N. Ave N and have a look around. Linda Puckett and her assistant, Pat Cruse will be happy to share the history and the stories behind the museum exhibits.

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DISTRICT 8A Rule 37 Case No. 0266072
 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 30, 2010 Status/Permit No. 696801
 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 10, 2010
 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
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 P. O. Box 12967
 Austin, Texas 78711-2967
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 Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

CORRECTED NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the MERIT ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 561136] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the RECOMPLETION permit in Sec. 1303, Bk. 1, EL&RR RR CO Survey, A-295, STORIE (SAN ANDRES) Field, GARZA County, being 8 miles NW direction from POST, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug 10, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: STORIE (SAN ANDRES)

Lease/Unit Name : STORIE, S. C.
 Lease/Unit Well No. : 5
 Lease/Unit Acres : 167.5
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 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 425.0
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

STORIE (SAN ANDRES) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.
 This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9300 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Anneliese Biasetti, at (972) 628-1603.



The Houston Solar Race Team from Houston, MS, whose solar car Sundancer is shown here, won the Classic Division of the Winston School Solar Car Challenge. Post was fortunate to have this event make a pit stop on Main Street July 19. The group began the race in Fort Worth July 18 and finished in Boulder, CO eight days later after covering 853.5 miles. Sundancer II, the all-girl racing team also from Houston, MS won the Open Division and the Choctaw Central High School team from Choctaw, MS placed first in the Advanced Division. Photo by Eleya Richards

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ELECTION CORNER 2010
Information regarding the Garza County General Election November 2, 2010

CANDIDATE & OFFICE HOLDER INFORMATION
Write-in Candidacy: July 25th through August 24th, 2010 by 5:00 PM is the period prospective candidates may file declaration of write-in candidacy (Election Code, Sec. 146.023) with the County Judge (Sec. 146.024(2)).

VOTER INFORMATION
Voter Registration: October 4, 2010 is the last day a person may submit an application to register to vote in the November 2, 2010 General Election. Also, October 4, 2010 is the last day for a voter who has moved to a different election precinct within the county to submit a change of address to be eligible to vote in the precinct of his or her new residence.

For more election information, go to www.GarzaCounty.net and click on "Elections."

Construction/road closure notice

Beginning Monday, Aug. 2, FM 211 will be closed for construction. Construction on the overpass will begin one mile east of Highway 84 and is expected to take six months. People who use FM 211 to come to Post will need to find an alternate route during this time.



Marlin Recognized for Promoting Post
Hildegard Marlin, Manager of the Allsup's on Hwy. 84 received a cash award from the Post Area Chamber of Commerce recognizing her participation in the Chamber's "Promote Post" project. Marlin has posters displayed in the store to provide visitors with information about things to do in Post and Garza County as well as helpful local telephone numbers. Photo by Janice Plummer



Enjoy Reading this Summer
Sandra Alexander (center) reads to her grandchildren, Emly Parrott, aged 2 and Lincon Parrott, aged 6. The children's parents are Sara (Alexander) and Josh Parrott. Courtesy photo



Donna Porter got caught reading to her son Drew in the Post Public Library. It's not too late to get caught reading this summer. Visit the Post Public Library and get your library card today. It's free! Courtesy photo

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Wildlife...

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County Attorney Mike Munk in discussions about outside representation for the county.

The commissioners voted not to engage the services of Joe Heflin and Associates and gave authority to Judge Norman to work with Joe Heflin in a search for a firm to represent Garza County regarding wind energy issues.

The Commissioners' Court meeting that would normally be held the fourth Monday of the month was moved to Thursday, July 22 due to a scheduling problem with commissioners.

Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Isbell informed the court of the progress of the FEMA team evaluation of the damages associated with the flooding caused by remnants of Hurricane Alex. Isbell believes that there will be a declaration, which will result in another FEMA team returning to do a more

comprehensive evaluation. If assistance is approved, there will be a 75 (federal)/25 (local) percent match. Commissioner Morris explained that FEMA assistance for damages to private property is a separate program. Garza County is only required to have \$23,000 in damages to qualify for assistance. To date, damages in Garza County are estimated to be over one million dollars.

Judge Norman informed the court that a program exists to employ senior citizens that could be used to assist the commissioners with the filing of paperwork required to document damages from the flooding.

Trent Hendrick of Post Insurance came before the court to present information about employee volunteer supplemental insurance. Hendrick explained the dental coverage offered by Ameritas Group. The commissioners

voted to make this voluntary dental plan available to county employees during the open enrollment on September 2, 2010.

The court began a thorough review of the proposed 2010/2011 budget. Tax Collector/Assessor Judy Bush presented preliminary tax revenue figures explaining that there will be changes to these figures when more information is available. County Treasurer Ruth Ann Young reported that all departments except for a couple have submitted budgets.

During this meeting, minutes from the July 12 regular meeting and two called meetings on July 13 were approved as presented. Precinct and countywide accounts payable for July 13 through July 22 were approved. There were no line item transfers or budget amendment requests.

Thanks for Reading!