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## Another successful year for the Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding event

By Teal Blake

The 2010 Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding was held this past weekend at the Post Stampede Rodeo grounds. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the event, which began in 2006 to be held in Post. The event was founded by parents Kelly and Traci Butler, mother of the late Tom Butler and saddle maker and friend Jeff Gray. The event was originally held in Seymour, TX, but due to increasing size and attendance it was moved to Post in 2008.

In only in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, however the Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding has doubled in size and attracts visitors and spectators from all over the United States.

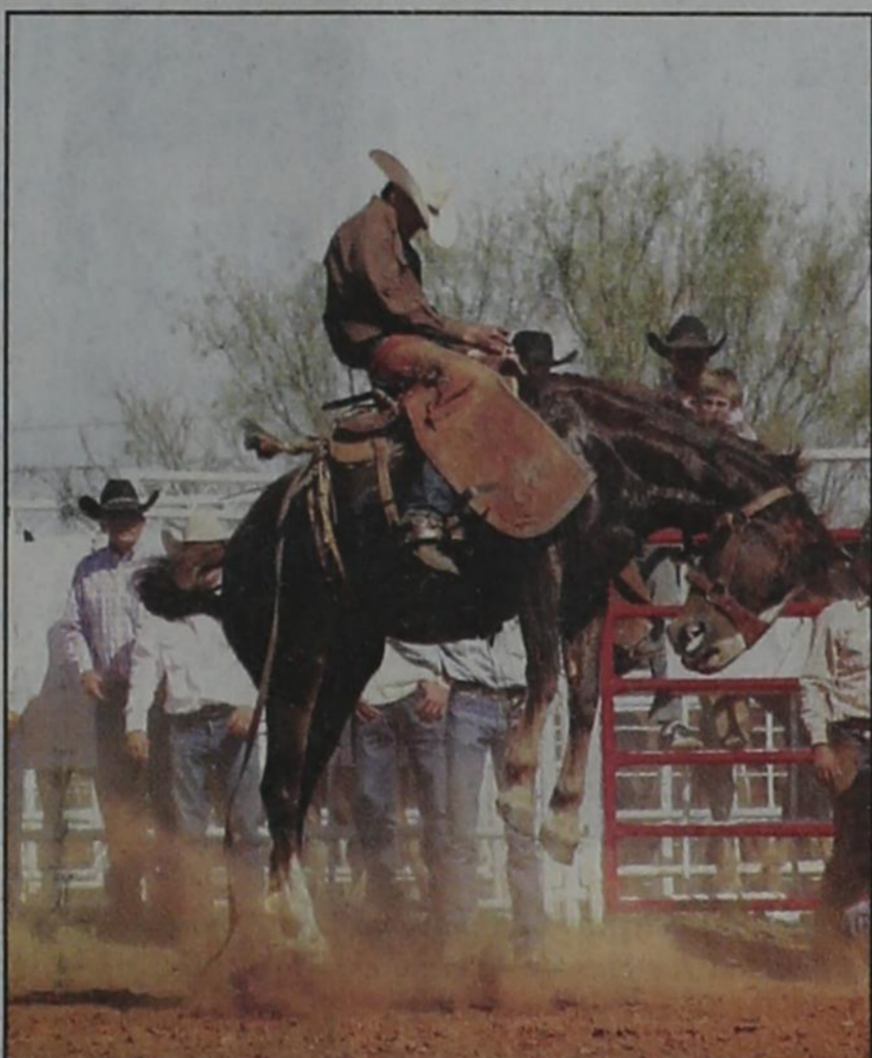
The Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding was created to honor the late Tom Butler of Guthrie, TX. Tom was only 18 while attending Texas Tech University when his life was tragically ended in a vehicle accident in February of 2006. Tom had earned the respect of the cowboys he worked beside, and was a rare and memorable individual. The annual event is a fund-raiser for the Tom Butler Memorial Scholarship foundation.

The 2009 event funded scholarships for 31 college-bound high school seniors. Scholarships awards vary from \$250 to \$1,000.

This year's event was kicked off with a chuck wagon breakfast provided by Terry Chandler aka the "Outlaw Chef" of Fort Worth, TX. This event was followed by a silent and a live auction, as well as a Calcutta of the entered

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Photos by Teal Blake



## Get ready, it's coming; the Lord's Acre Annual Fund-raiser

By Jodi Lincoln  
 News Editor

During tough times back in the 1930's, local farmers banded together, donating produce from one acre of their crops to help feed others in need. They called their project The Lord's Acre, inspired by the biblical tithe (gift of a tenth). From the first year that the Lord's Acre had its seed planted into the community of Garza County, it began to take root as many of the community churches joined together to raise funds to help those in need. And just as a seed becomes a sapling, and the sapling becomes a tree, the Lord's Acre has continued to grow for close to a dozen years now. The bearer of the seed that was planted into our community had wit-

nessed the amazing fruit being born into another small community much like Post, and the good that was being accomplished with the fruit of the Lord's Acre project.

The Lord's Acre has helped many Garza County community organizations each year with the funds raised at their annual fund-raiser. When funding from the United Way was lost sometime around eight years ago, the funds raised by the Lord's Acre helped ease the loss of that resource. Their annual fund-raiser continues to ease that burden each year. An added benefit of the funds raised by the Lord's Acre is that all of the funds remain in Garza County and ALL proceeds go back into the community since everything connected with the fund-raiser is do-

nated and volunteered.

Each year churches, individuals, merchants and other community organizations gather and decorate their tables, some of which may be elaborate in theme to those that are more rustic in design. As fund-raisers for the evening there will be a dinner, along with a silent auction and live entertainment. Come out and fellowship and be ready to enjoy a night of fun and entertainment.

This year, the annual fund-raiser will be held Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Heritage House at 109 N. Ave N from 6 until the guests get tired. If you or your group would like to set up a table, please contact Alexa Collier at 806-496-3739, cell 806-543-2937 or contact Tonya Kirpatrick at 806-629-4054, cell 806-787-1547.



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candidate that stands for our constitution, the way it was written and for the reason it was written.

There appears to be much false information being passed from door to door during the pre-election. I believe the commissioners court consist of five people, the judge and four commissioners. These five people take care of the county business, present and future, including personnel.

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men can make or carry out a decision alone. Any decision is by majority vote only. Let's not permit untruths to influence our votes.

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## Post Notes

### Stitchin' Club to Begin Nov. 4

The Stitchin' Club at The Heritage House will begin again Thursday, November 4 at 6 p.m. There is no charge and anyone interested in any type of needlework is invited to come. The group will continue to meet every Thursday at 6 p.m. For more information, call 495-4148.

### Holy Cross Catholic Church

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be selling Gorditas, Rice, Beans or Tamale plates for \$7.00 each on Saturday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 am to 2 pm in the Hall. On Sunday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> there will be Breakfast Burritos for \$2.00 each. Everyone is encouraged to come out and have some awesome food and help raise funds for the church.

### Post Stampede Rodeo Association - Annual Stockholder's Meeting

The Post Stampede Rodeo Association's annual stockholders meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. It will begin with an end-of-year business meeting and will complete with the election of new committee

members and officers.

### Thank You

Thanks to all who purchased tickets for the spur raffle to benefit Jim Marlin. Casey McNeely won the spurs. Thanks to Jody Mason for making the spurs and also thanks to Marcy and Linda at Family Cleaners, Jeff and Jami Williams, Shawn and Amy Pennell and Keith and Roxanne Osborn for selling tickets.

Mike and Clarice Johnson

### Family Harvest Church no longer hosting Harvest Festival

Family Harvest church will no longer host the Harvest festival. We would like to thank you for joining us in years past and wanted to give you this notice so that you make other plans.

### Post High School Weekly Calendar

Friday, 22 - End of the Second 3 Weeks. Have grades in by the end of the day so we can run Progress Reports!

### TAKS Testing - Social Studies, Library Lab

Pep Rally, 3:00 at the Arena, "Pink Out the Buffaloes"

Varsity Football, 7:30 pm vs. Stanton

### Looking Ahead:

Oct. 26 & 28 - GED Classes, 5-8, SW entrance HS

Oct 25-29 RED RIBBON WEEK

Oct. 26 - Career Expo, Jr. & Sr. at Lubbock

Oct. 27 - PLAN Test, Soph. in Library

Oct. 28 - 5/6:30 PM MS at Hawley

Oct. 28 - 6 PM JV vs. Hawley

Oct. 29 - 7:30 PM V at Hawley

Oct. 30 - Fall Show, "Blithe Spirit" 7 PM

Oct. 30 - Girls Basketball scrimmage

Nov. 2 - Girls BB scrimmage

Nov. 3 - Senior Pictures

### Graham Ole Opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-10pm at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399.

There is no admission charge; a hat will be passed

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## Seniors of 2011 lead 'Pride of Post' to top contest rating



Courtesy Photo

Post ISD Marching Band competing at UIL Regional Marching Contest

By Aaron Rathbun

Post high school marching band stepped up to a division 1 win Saturday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at Lowery field. They took part in the University Interscholastic League

Regional Marching Contest. All three judges; Randy Hunsacker, Robert Littlefield, and Les Ross awarded them a division 1 for their performance of the great drum tune, "Sing, Sing, Sing"

and the all time greatest jazz tune "In The Mood."

"A division 1 is the best rating you can get," said

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- Voted to cancel the Trans-Texas Corridor

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## Superintendent Spotlight

By Michael S. Comeaux  
Post ISD Superintendent

Our School year is definitely off and running. Another month has flown by and we are eagerly moving forward. One piece of great news I would like to report is that our "Post ISD Recognized District" signs are up at the city limits. We are very proud of this accomplishment and we are working very diligently to move to an "Exemplary" district. Post Elementary received a rating of "Exemplary", Post High School received a rating of "Recognized", and Post Middle School received a rating of "Academically Acceptable". We are expecting great things as we move through this year.

Just to brag on our kids a little, we just completed the first six weeks and I am thrilled to report that every student on our middle school campus passed all of their courses. If you have a child on that campus or know someone directly

involved please congratulate them on this accomplishment.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requires each local education agency (LEA) to publicly report progress of the LEA toward meeting the highly qualified (HQ) teacher requirements.

To be HQ, a teacher must have:

- A Bachelor's degree
- Full State Certification
- Competency demonstrated in the core academic subject taught
- Meet the Requirements of HOUSE (high, objective, uniform standard of evaluations for experienced teachers-as documented by June 1, 2007)

The reporting of Highly Qualified teachers is completed in October at the start of the school year. Post ISD does not hire any teacher into the district that is not Highly Qualified from the first day. The reporting to TEA at this

time for 2010-2011 shows that 100% of our teachers in the core academic subject areas are Highly Qualified. If this changes throughout the year, additional reports will be made to TEA and this information will be updated.

This week we will be administering TAKS Exit Level retest to high school students who need to complete that portion of their graduation requirements. Next week we will be celebrating "Red Ribbon Week" in Post ISD please refer to our district website for updates and schedules for upcoming events.

Our board voted in last week's meeting to make some much needed repairs to some roof sections of our elementary school. The project should begin in the next few weeks and should last for six to eight weeks. Our planning meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

I hope you all have a great week!

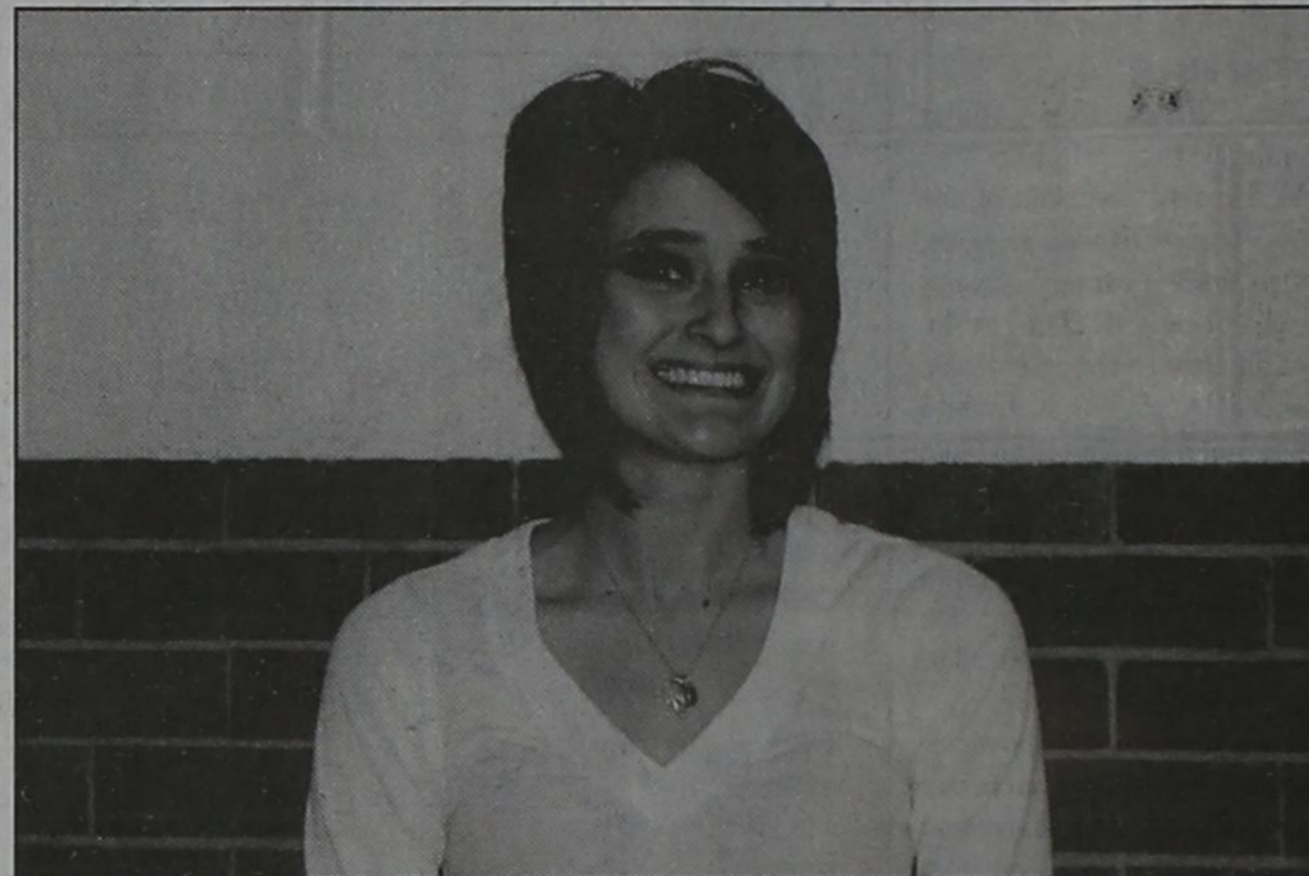


Photo by Lance Dunn

Cheree is the daughter of Randy and Lana Conner. Grandparents are Syd and Lil Conner; Ruthell and Joe Stanley. Cheree enjoys hanging out with friends and family and is employed by Crown Unlimited while she participates in the Career Prep program at PHS. Her hobbies include taking photographs for her high school photography class.



Photo by Lance Dunn

Alisha Jones is the daughter of Trey and Jona Jones. Alisha loves spending time with family and friends, working at City Hall, and is involved in the Career Prep program at PHS. Future plans include attending South Plains College and then Texas Tech University.

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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

We had a few spotty showers the other day but nothing that's gonna keep us out of the field. On Monday there was the most beautiful Rainbow. I took a picture of it over the gin and put it on our Facebook page, if you haven't seen it you should check it out, its really pretty.

We have a few more that have started pulling this week and some that will start next week so we are moving right along. As of Wednesday at noon our bale count was

573. Please keep in mind that we are ginning and with that comes lots of trucks and equipment coming and going, so when you come thru here slow down and keep an eye out. We want everyone to stay safe.

The Wilke's took a family vacation to Ruidoso last week. While there they enjoyed some family time and also got to attend the Cowboy Symposium. Enjoying the trip were Robbie, GB, Jerry,

Lilly, Chris, JoAnn and Lizzy. Efrain, Jenny, Lexi and Jacob had to miss this one but will definitely make the next one.

The Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Ride was held this past weekend at the Post Stampede Rodeo grounds. It was a great time for all. I have to add that there were only a few participants from Post. Reece Belongia, Trent Babb and Kye Fuston who lives in Turkey but used to live in Post. They all three

made us proud.....way to go guys!!!

Robbie and I had an interesting trip over the weekend. We traveled to San Angelo to visit with some of Rob's family, his grandfather lives there. While there we also got to meet his cousin Daniella and her daughter, Juliann for the first time. Daniella lives in Germany with her family and she plans to make the trip to the states twice a year next time coming to Close City. We

had a nice visit and thanks to Poopsie and Brooke, were able to find our way there and back!!!

**Close City Birthdays**  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Cruz Beth Hernandez  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Alicia Lopez

**Visitors**  
Grady, Tom Henley, Bunny Smith, Emilie Ellis, Terry Williams were all out to visit this week. Ya'll come out and see us sometime, enjoy visiting with good people, have a snack and something to drink.

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, Joyce Overton in Post, 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.**

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## Weekly Inspirations

### The "Upper Room"

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

-Matthew 18:20 (NRSV)

I have a dear friend, Priscilla, whom I haven't seen in the many years since my husband and I moved to a new town. Each morning when I read The Upper Room devotional, the title, The Upper Room, conjures up fond memories of my friend. It was in the "upper room" of our church that we met many years ago on a hot, summer evening as we prepared with other church members to teach vacation Bible school. When asked where we met, Priscilla and I always loved telling people we met in the "upper room" (Luke 22:12, NIV, KJV).

Over the years as our friendship deepened, our prayer times together grew increasingly precious to me. Priscilla taught me to pray with complete spontaneity. If either of us needed prayer, the next words out of Priscilla's mouth would be, "Anne, let's pray." Initially, I would respond, "Right here? Right now?" She would always take my hands in hers and begin to pray.

It was important to me for Priscilla to take my hands in hers and say, "Let's pray." I felt God's presence in the touching of our hands. I would feel a spark of instantaneous hope, relieving any stress I was experiencing, giving me confidence that God was at work and would remedy whatever problem I faced.

Anne Sheffield (Virginia, USA)

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Deuteronomy 6:5

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# Wildcats Claw the Lopes; Still Chance at Playoffs

By Jim Plummer  
PostSportsPage.com

(Idalou) – The Bold Gold Antelopes entered last week's District 2-2A contest with a game plan that would keep the ball away from the high scoring Idalou Wildcats and increase Post's chances to win.

The Lopes hoped that Henry Apolarin's opening on-sides kick-off would give them ball possession to start the first and second halves at Olin Reddell Field, which it did, and Post at least turned the first possession of the second half into six points finishing a ten play 75 yard drive.

On second down and nine yards for the first down from the Idalou ten, Quarterback Ernie Saldivar found sophomore receiver Dalton Holly open for a touchdown completion. The score narrowed the game to 21-6, Idalou with about six minutes left in the third quarter.

The TD was the first score against the Wildcat defense in district play in just over ten quarters. The points were not enough to offset the 48-6 Idalou win over the Antelopes. The first place Wildcats remain undefeated in league play at 3-0 and improved their season record to 4-3.

The Bold Gold (3-5, 2-2) attempted to manage the clock and sustain drives from the beginning. But because of four fumbles lost to Idalou, trying to keep the 'Cats out of the endzone was more difficult.

Idalou converted all of Post's turnovers into touchdowns.

Top running back Nick Gary ran for four-of-five of his touchdowns for the evening garnering 174 yards rushing. Seven Wildcats ran the ball for a team total of 265 yards. They passed for only nine yards on two completions for one TD from quarterback Alec Estes to Gary.

Sophomore Vance Blair led the Lopes with 55 yards on ten carries and Saldivar ran for 38 yards on 13 tries.

### Playoff Hopes

The Antelopes still have a chance at playing in the post season. With two games remaining, the Bold Gold must win both and beat Stanton this Friday by at least 15 points. But, other things must happen too, I think. I'm not good at this type of stuff, so I asked Head Coach Chris Jones to explain. Keep in mind that the top three teams advance.

### Scenario A

If Post beats Stanton by 15 or more, and Idalou beats Coahoma on Nov. 5. Then... Idalou 6-0, Post 4-2 (beat Hawley on Oct. 29), Stanton 4-2 (beat Forsan on Oct. 29 and Anson on Nov. 5), Coahoma 4-2 (beat Anson on Oct. 22 and lose to Idalou)

\*All 3 teams in games involving each other, lost by 15 or won by 15, which brings all 3 teams' "points" to zero which still causes a 3-way tie for 2 playoff spots. Next tie-breaker per District 2-2A Rules is to determine playoff reps by a coin flip.

### Scenario B

If Post beats Stanton by less than 15, and Coahoma beats Idalou on Nov. 5. Then... Idalou 5-1, Coahoma 5-1 (beat Anson on Oct. 22 and beat Idalou), Post 4-2 (beat Hawley on

Oct. 29), Stanton 4-2 (beat Forsan on Oct. 29 and Anson on Nov. 5).

\*Post is 3rd place because head-to-head is the tiebreaker.

### Scenario C

Obviously there are a lot of other scenarios if those things in parenthesis don't happen as listed above. So there's still a lot up in the air."

Thanks coach, I couldn't have said it better myself.

### Sidelines

The Antelopes host Stanton (6-1, 2-1) for a district matchup for Senior Night this Friday at 7:30 P.M. at Jimmie Redman Stadium. The Buffaloes beat Hawley, 42-2 and Post was beat by Idalou, 48-6.

If you can't attend the game in person, log onto the internet at PostSportsPage.com, click on the "Football" tab and then the Post helmet. Allen Grisham and I will start the pre-game at about 7:10 P.M.

And for always available coverage of Post Athletics, go online to the PostSportsPage.com web site. Stats are posted soon after the game.

### IDALOU 48, POST 6

Post	0	0	6	0-6
Idalou	14	7	13	14-6

### First Quarter

IDA—Nick Gary 19 run (kick failed); 1:23  
IDA—Gary 9 run (Kale Johnson run); 0:36

### Second Quarter

IDA—Gary 12 pass from Alec Estes (Gary kick); 6:07

### Third Quarter

POS—Dalton Holly 10 pass from Ernie Saldivar (kick failed); 5:56

IDA—Gary 16 run (kick failed); 5:07  
IDA—Bryce Schilling 34 run (Gary kick); 3:20

### Fourth Quarter

IDA—Gary 4 run (Gary kick); 11:54  
IDA—Garett Sosa 21 run (Gary kick); 0:47

### TEAM STATISTICS

	POS	IDA
First downs	7	12
Rushes-yards	39-123	28-265
Passing yards	10	9
Comp.-att.-int.	1-3-0	2-6-0
Punts-avg.	4-28	2-38
Fumbles-lost	4-4	0-0
Penalties-yards	1-10	1-5

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: Post, Vance Blair 10-55, Ernie Saldivar 13-38, Chase Greathouse 8-15, Ben Mason 7-21; Idalou, Nick Gary 14-174, Bryce Schilling 2-39, Aaron Ochoa 3-29, Garett Sosa 4-36, Kale Johnson 1-2.

PASSING: Post, Saldivar 1-10-1; Idalou, Estes 2-9-1.

RECEIVING: Post, Holly 1-10-1; Idalou, Gary 1-10-1, Schilling 1-11.

RECORDS: Post 3-5, 2-2; Idalou 4-3, 3-0.



Photo by Brian Osborn

#32 Vance Blair clears the way for #17 Ben Mason.

### IV (10/14/10 @ Home)

Post	7	14	0	0-21
Idalou	6	6	6	0-18

Coach Pyles – Pake Jones connected with Tyler Jones in the first quarter to tie the score at 6. Tyler Jones extra point gave the Bold Gold the lead 7-6. The Antelopes would add two more touchdowns in the first half to hold off Idalou 21-18 Thursday night.

In the second quarter, Campbell Kirkpatrick took a hand-off and dashed 30 yards to pay dirt behind the blocking of Elijah Garza, Travis Greathouse and Paden Babb who had a key block on the run. T. Jones' extra point made the score 14-6.

The Lopes defense held the Wildcats with 4:00 remaining in the half. P. Jones threw his second touchdown pass to DJ Brown a 30 yard swing pass. T. Jones PAT made the score 21-6.

Idalou scored late in the second quarter to make the score 21-12 at the half.

The Bold Gold Offense had two drives stall deep in Wildcat territory during the second half, but the defense held to secure the victory, 21-18.

The last game of the season is Thursday, October 28, 2010 vs. Hawley at home. Record 6-2, 4-0.

### 8th Grade (10/14/10 at Idalou)

Post	8
Idalou	20

Coach Soliz – Despite the score, the boys played well. Freddie Araiza scored a rushing TD and the 2-pt conversion and played well defensively. Hayden Belongia, Dylan Pearson and Allen Perez made big plays on defense as well.

Record: 4-2, 3-1.

### 7th Grade (10/14/10 at Idalou)

Post	26
Idalou	0

Coach Allen – The 7th grade football team had their toughest test of the year last Thursday, and still came up with the win and maintains the season shut-out.

The captains for the game were Tristan Fannon, Tallen Hodges, Fabian Marquez, and Chris Rosas.

The Bold Gold got the ball first and the Idalou defense was very stingy. Idalou held the Antelopes to a few short runs before Cambry Gilbert converted a third and nine with a 21 yard run. A few plays later, Kyle Jones scrambled on a bootleg for a 36 yard touchdown run. Idalou had a few good plays on their first offensive possession, but were forced to punt after great tackles from Wyatt Gray and Blaine Reece.

The Antelopes began driving down the field on a drive that carried over into the 2nd quarter. However, Idalou intercepted a pass and took it back to midfield. A few plays later, Idalou's quarterback hooked up with his Tight End on a pass that could have went all the way for a touchdown if it hadn't been for the hustle of Jared Curtis, who ended up tackling him on the one yard line.

Now the Antelopes had the tough task of holding out the Wildcats from the one yard line with four possibilities to score. The first play was a fullback dive that Christian Saucedo stuffed for no gain. The second play was a fullback dive to the other side that was again turned down by Jones and Jaybren Rodriguez. Cambry came up big on third down with the tackle for no gain on a quarterback run around the right end.

Now it was fourth and goal from the one yard line, 8 seconds left before halftime, and the season shutout on the line. Idalou decides to run another fullback dive to the right. Jaybren sheds his block and meets the back at the line of scrimmage and Christian Armendariz assists in bringing him down for no gain. The season shutout continues.

The defense quickly gets the ball back from Idalou after kicking off to them to start the second half. Gilbert takes a pitch around the right end for a 22 yard touchdown run on the first offensive play of the second half.

Just a few plays later, Jaybren blocks a Wildcat punt that gives the Antelopes a short field. Gilbert adds another touchdown run of 13 yards for the Bold Gold's third touchdown of the game.

After turning down the Wildcat offense again, the Antelopes begin the fourth quarter with a boot run from Jones for a 4 yard touchdown.

A sack by Alonzo Armendariz and a tackle from Miguel Gomez end the game for the Idalou offense.

RUSHING: Gilbert 12-85; 2 TDs, Jones 7-67; 2 TDs, Saucedo 2-2, Wiley 1-2  
Record: 6-0, 4-0.



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Pake Jones and the Antelope offense prepare to score vs Idalou.

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#5 Tyler Jones kicks and extra point out of the hold of #2 Pake Jones.



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## DSHS Encourages a seasonal Flu Shot for nearly all Texans

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vaccine about two weeks to become effective, so get vaccinated now to protect yourself and your family."

Lakey said this year's seasonal vaccine also protects against H1N1 flu. A nasal spray vaccine is an option for healthy people ages 2 to 49 who are not pregnant.

The flu is caused by various influenza viruses.

Symptoms include fever, coughing, sore throat, aches, chills and fatigue. Most healthy people recover without problems, but people over 65, pregnant women, young children and people with chronic health conditions are at higher risk for serious complications and even death. It is especially important for people in those high-risk

groups to be vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently broadened its recommendation, urging everyone at least 6 months old to get vaccinated. The CDC also says children ages 6 months to 8 years who have not previously been vaccinated for both seasonal and H1N1 flu should get two doses of the

vaccine at least four weeks apart.

A different flu vaccine is produced each year because different strains of the virus circulate. The three strains covered by this year's vaccine are A/California/7/2009 (H1N1), A/Perth/16/2009 (H3N2), B/Brisbane/60/2008.

Getting a flu shot is the best way to prevent flu from

spreading. Also, cover all coughs and sneezes, wash hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer and stay home if sick.

People should contact their health care provider, local health department or 2-1-1 to find out where to get a flu shot. Flu information and tips for protecting against the flu are at [texasflu.org](http://texasflu.org).

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# Feral hogs upstage picturesque fall weather

**COLLEGE STATION** -- Fall weather arrived, bringing cooler temperatures and, for most of the state, an improved agricultural situation, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

With the exception of some East Texas counties, soil moisture ranged from adequate to surplus, and producers were taking another cutting of hay, finishing up harvests, and planting winter pastures.

If there are any dark shadows falling on this pretty fall picture, it would be feral hogs, said Wes Utley, AgriLife Extension agent in Haskell County, north of Abilene.

Peanuts are an important crop in his area, representing a big investment with a potentially big payoff of \$800 or more per acre at harvest. But feral hogs are increasingly putting the crop at risk, he said.

"They can be very, very expensive for peanut growers," Utley said.

The trouble with wild hogs begins with spring planting, he said.

"The hogs will smell the seed in the ground and they'll come right to it, and root those seeds right out the ground," he said.

Count about 90 to 100 days later, and it's harvest time, Utley said. Rows are turned up so the peanuts, which finish growing underground, can dry out before being

combined. It's during this drying time that the peanuts are again at high risk.

"That's just easy pickings for the hogs to come right down the row and demolish them," he said. "Two or three hogs will go down a row, and if you get a herd of 20 out there, they can wipe out two or three acres in a night."

Hogs are nocturnal so farmers often hire farm hands or high school students to watch their fields.

"But of course, whatever fields they are sitting on, that's the one where the hogs won't come to that night."

East Texas AgriLife Extension agents in Shelby, Titus, Trinity, Nacogdoches and Henderson counties also reported increased feral hog damage to crops and pastures.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

**CENTRAL:** The cotton and Bermuda grass hay harvests were ongoing, though cooler weather slowed warm-season grass growth. Pecan trees were dropping nuts and the harvest was expected to begin soon. Winter rye began to emerge in pastures; a large percentage of winter small-grains had been planted.

**COASTAL BEND:** Cooler, drier weather arrived. The cotton and sesame harvests were ongoing where fields were dry enough. Cotton quality declined after rains from tropical storms brought

field conditions. Cottonseed quality also declined which will add to ginning fees. Producers were fertilizing and aerating pastures. Forage producers were taking another hay cutting, with high yields and good quality expected. Livestock were in good condition.

**EAST:** The region remained dry, and stock ponds were receding. Producers cut and baled hay where possible. Preparations for planting of winter pastures continued, but most producers decided to hold off for rain. Livestock were in fair to good condition with some supplemental feeding. Armyworms and grasshoppers remained a problem. Feral hog and deer activity increased.

**FAR WEST:** Hot, dry days depleted soil and vegetation of valuable nutrients and moisture. Farmers were applying harvest aids to cotton and some began to harvest. However, cotton was in a wide range of growth stages. The melon harvest was finished except for a few late fields. Rangeland grasses were curing out nicely and were expected to supply cattle a good bit of nutrition over the winter.

**NORTH:** Soil moisture ranged from short to adequate. A cold front brought fall weather, with mild days and cool nights. With the rains received from the last tropical storm and no early frost, some were hoping to take another hay cutting. Wheat growers have been actively planting, and some seed stores reported seed

stocks were running low. A small amount of ryegrass seed was left, but the price was steadily climbing. The higher seed prices caused producers to wait for more rain before planting winter pastures. The soybean and sorghum harvests neared completion. Cotton was being harvested; the crop was in poor to good condition. Peanuts were in very poor condition. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Some producers were already feeding hay. Sweet potato growers were harvesting their crop. Feral hogs and armyworms were still major problems. Rangeland and pastures were in poor to good condition.

**PANHANDLE:** Temperatures were above average for most of the week. Soil moisture was mostly short. The corn harvest was ongoing, with the crop rated fair to good. Wheat planting continued. Rangeland and pastures were mostly poor to fair. Cattle were in good condition.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** The region enjoyed mild, fall weather though some cotton growers were concerned their crop needed warmer weather to finish maturing. Other producers have sprayed some fields to condition them for harvest, but it will be a couple of weeks before harvest begins. Many wheat producers were waiting for the threat of armyworms and grasshoppers to pass before sowing. Others have already grazing cattle on earlier-planted fields. Wild hogs

continued to be a problem for peanut producers. Cattle were going into fall and winter in good condition and most producers have plenty of hay for the winter. Pastures and rangeland were in good condition with plenty of growth that was expected to hold cattle through the fall and into the winter months.

**SOUTH:** Mostly adequate soil moisture conditions were reported throughout the region except for Brooks and Cameron counties where there was surplus moisture. Rangeland and pastures were in very good condition. Cooler temperatures, particularly in the early morning, were slowing forage growth. However, there was still plenty of grazing left in most pastures, which helped keep livestock in good condition. Growers began planting wheat and oats. In the northern part of the region, peanuts were progressing well. In the eastern part of the region, the cotton harvest was finished and hay producers were taking a last cutting. In the western parts of the region, 50 percent of oats and wheat were planted, seedbed preparations for spinach and onions were under way, cotton ginning continued and the pecan harvesting began. In the southern part of the region, fall tomatoes and other fall crops progressed, and growers were preparing to plant onions.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** Fall came quickly, bringing cooler temperatures in the mornings and evening

hours with highs in the mid to upper 80s during the day. Soil moisture was short to adequate. The corn, sorghum, sunflower and peanut harvests continued. Other field operations included cotton defoliation and harvesting. Growers were planting winter wheat. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition but needed moisture. Cattle were in good condition.

**SOUTHEAST:** In many areas, fields remained saturated, but farmers in drier areas were able to continue harvesting hay. Some cotton was still in the field and yet to be harvested. Dry conditions in Liberty County caused crop conditions to worsen. The ratoon rice harvest was several weeks away from harvest. No wheat was planted yet. Some farmers planned to delay planting until next year. Livestock were in good condition.

**WEST-CENTRAL:** Days were warm and mild; nights were cool. Scattered showers fell in a few counties. Producers were either preparing fields or already planting. Hay growers continued cutting and baling hay. Armyworms were reported. Early planted cotton was being harvested. Rangeland and pasture conditions were good. Stock-tank water levels were dropping. Livestock remained in good condition. Livestock producers were working cattle. Pecan growers were irrigating orchards. The apple harvest was under way.

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## Texas quail join 'social media'

SAN ANGELO -- Fast-flying Texas quail are joining the "social media" craze thanks to a Texas

AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist. Over the past six months, Dr. Dale Rollins of San

Angelo has worked with the Texas Wildlife Association (TWA) to produce a series of YouTube videos

highlighting ongoing quail research and management tips.

Eight of those "webisodes" are now available on the Texas Wildlife Association's website at: [http://www.texas-wildlife.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=275&Itemid=263](http://www.texas-wildlife.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=275&Itemid=263).

Rollins said six more are in the works and more taping is planned for this fall and winter.

The videos are being funded by AgriLife Extension's Quail Decline Initiative in collaboration with other partners including the Texas Wildlife Association, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute and the William Stamps Farish Fund, according to Rollins.

"This new technology was a perfect fit for AgriLife Extension's Quail Decline Initiative, because it allowed us to show research-driven results to land managers in real time and on site from our Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch at Roby," Rollins said.

"Many landowners have a tough time attending traditional AgriLife Extension field days and programs these days. These webisodes are made especially for that audience," he said.

Rollins said the webisodes are ideal for absentee landowners, because they can be viewed by anyone, anytime as long as they have adequate Internet service.

"It's a great way of providing technology transfer and piquing someone's interest in quail management," Rollins said. The video clips will also be used for the Texas Wildlife Association's new Learning Across New Dimensions in Science (LANDS) classroom curriculum, which features lessons on quail biology and management.

For more information, contact Rollins at 325-653-4576, r-rollins@tamu.edu.

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Supports increased funding for state and local law enforcement to secure the border.

**BORDER SECURITY**

Voted to allow illegal immigrants to receive taxpayer funded health insurance. Does NOT support Texas border security enforcement.

Voted against Amendment 59 to HB 1 (80R), Record Vote 231; Heritage Alliance Candidate Survey.

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Pro-Life, Endorsed by Texas Alliance for Life PAC.

**PROTECTING THE UNBORN**

Supported taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood abortion clinics. A+ rating from pro-abortion group NARAL.

Texas Alliance for Life Primary Survey; NARAL Legislative Report Card.

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Opposes Obamacare and supports Attorney General Abbott's lawsuit against the federal takeover of health care.

**OBAMACARE**

Did NOT sign legislator letter supporting Abbott's lawsuit against Obamacare.

March 22, 2010 Texas Conservative Coalition letter to General Abbott.

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Believes federal government is spending too much, trampling states' rights, and that Texans can govern Texas better than Washington.

**DEFENDING STATES' RIGHTS**

Did NOT support legislation asserting states' rights under the 10th Amendment.

Unexcused absence on vote for HCR 50 (81R), Record Vote 1544, despite being present for the votes directly before and after HCR 50.

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Supports Voter I.D.

**VOTER I.D.**

Repeatedly voted AGAINST Voter I.D.

Twice voted against HB 218 (80R), Record Votes 618 and 621; Participated in chubbing during the 81R session, preventing SB 362 (81R) from reaching the floor.

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I smell a rat.  
It all started with artichokes. My husband, Hugh, referred to them as "third world country" fare, not that it's politically correct to disparage any food with the "third world country" label, the term itself effectively having been replaced with "developing nation."  
He and I had just consumed pseudo-grilled artichokes, little pork chops, corn, mushrooms, pineapple and a tangelo. I didn't take his remark personally, but I felt bad for the artichokes.  
In Hugh's opinion, they're more trouble than they're worth. Granted, much rubbish piles up during the tedious process of devouring what one can of the strange-looking vegetable with the dangerous-sounding name. He made his comment even after I'd scooped out a delectable heart and handed it right to him - true love, I'd say. I guess it was really half a heart, since it came from a split artichoke. I'd sizzled two in olive oil -- my attempt to recreate a meal I myself had recently consumed at a rather chic place near the beach in San Clemente, not a developing nation sort of town, except for the nomadic beach bums, who look somewhat like regular homeless people except for their vans, tans and surfboards.  
Anyway, in response to Hugh's slight against artichokes, I began searching, the Internet to affirm their traditional status as something of a delicacy.  
Artichoke trivia:  
Catherine de Medici took artichokes from Italy to France. The name is supposedly from the Arabic "al-qarshuf." Artichokes are thistles that get picked before they bloom. There's a Mafia connection. And so on.  
Though it didn't help my cause, I read architect Hugh this line:  
"Once, in ancient history, considered quite exotic, the many-leaved artichoke was more popular as inspiration for the ornamentation on Gothic buildings than as an edible vegetable."  
As I read, I noticed a banana ensconced in the artichoke treatise.  
A message accompanying the banana said "5 Foods to never eat: Cut down a bit of stomach fat every day by never eating these 5 foods." An arrow with the words "Never eat" pointed to the banana.  
Curious, I clicked on the banana and ended up at a site that promotes a for-sale diet plan called "The Diet Solution." Fair enough. That's what happens when you click.  
Next I listened to The Diet Solution spiel. They made butter sound healthier than margarine. My kind of diet.  
Next I tried to find reviews on The Diet Solution to know what other people were saying about the fabulous weight-loss plan.  
Strange. As much as I looked, I found absolutely no negative comments on The Diet Solution - not even when I looked up "scam."  
Some texts were garbled, as if they'd been cranked out in a developing nation copywriters' sweatshop. Overall, it was as if someone had jammed the airwaves. But instead of static, it was all positive Diet Solution propaganda.  
I'm not buying it. Not me. Anything that looks and sounds too good to be true usually is.  
That's something you can't say about an artichoke.

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## TxDOT cautions motorists to watch out for deer

AUSTIN - Tis the season to be cautious--deer season that is.

Along with cooler weather, fall months bring about an increase in deer activity so Texas motorists should keep a close watch for animals that occasionally wander onto the highway, especially at night.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation

(TxDOT) more than 7,000 animal-related crashes occurred on Texas highways in 2009, many involving deer. Twenty-five of those crashes involved a fatality.

"Deer-vehicle collisions increase during the fall because the animals are more active," said Carol Rawson, Traffic Operations director.

"It's this time of year that

motorists need to be extra watchful and take steps to avoid collisions."

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) biologists predict an increase in deer population this year because of plenty of rain that has created an ideal environment for wildlife to flourish.

Deer-car accidents tally to more than 1.5 million crashes in the United States, costing an estimated \$1.1 billion in vehicle damage, according to recent reports from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The Institute suggests the following defensive driving tips to avoid hitting a deer:

- Drive carefully in areas known to have high deer populations. Places where roads divide agricultural fields from forestland are particularly dangerous.

- If you see a deer, slow down. Others are probably nearby.

- Use high-beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic. The high beams will reflect off deer's eyes and warn you of their presence.

- If a deer is in your lane, brake firmly but stay in the lane. The most serious crashes occur when drivers swerve.

- Don't rely on deer whistles, deer fences or reflectors to deter deer.

- Wear seat belts.

If your car strikes a deer, don't touch the animal. If the deer is blocking the highway, call the police.

Remember, it is unlawful to possess a deer or part of a deer that has been hit by a motor vehicle. For more information on fish and wildlife laws, go to <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/annual/general/penalties/>.

For more information, contact Government & Public Affairs media relations at 512.463.8700.

When you consider your vote for Garza County Judge, determine which candidate can best fulfill these requirements:

While the County Judge has the rewarding opportunity to work closely with the Commissioner's Court, many other duties are the responsibility of the County Judge alone.

- Your County Judge must at all time follow judicial cannons or standards. These cannons are to be followed "without bias or prejudice and avoid impropriety or even the appearance of impropriety."

- The County Judge "must uphold integrity and independence of the judiciary." No department or group should be favored over another.

- These requirements are taken seriously and are upheld while hearing the facts and determining the outcome in any case heard by the County Judge.

- Each trial is challenging and the verdict is within the guidelines of the statutes as required by law.

- Your County Judge should work diligently with our state representatives to support our Garza County interests in the next legislative session.

- The County Judge is also responsible for juvenile matters within his jurisdiction.

- County probation is to carry out the cases as determined by the County Court.

- There are innumerable other issues that fall to the County Judge that are not the responsibility of any of the other elected officials.

- The varied responsibilities require a business-like approach and an understanding of business to adequately determine what is in your best interest.

If re-elected, I commit to continue to faithfully work for every person in Garza County and fulfill, to the very best of my ability, the responsibilities of County Judge. I ask for and want to work to earn your vote, again.

**Lee Norman**  
County Judge of Garza County

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# Community Birthday Celebration Oct. 26

The community is invited to a Birthday Celebration honoring our founder, C. W. Post, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at The Heritage House, 109 No. Avenue N.

Everyone is invited to come by, enjoy cake and punch and pick up a party favor: your choice of past Founders' Day posters or commemorative coins.

"The Board of Directors

of the Caprock Cultural Association was concerned that we no longer have an event in Post that honors our founder," said Rosa Latimer, Executive Director of the organization. "C. W. Post was born on October 26, 1854. This informal Birthday Celebration will be way of honoring Mr. Post and it will be a reminder of his accomplishments in our community." The Chamber

is providing to those who attend, at no charge, copies of past Founders' Day posters and Post commemorative coins. "This will be a good opportunity to get a set of these collectible posters to give as a gift or to complete a set if you do not have all of them."

The event is hosted by the Caprock Cultural Association. For more information, call 495-4148.

## Post ISD Menu

### Breakfast Menu Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>

**Monday**  
Waffles, Sausage, Butter & Syrup, Fruit, Milk

**Tuesday**  
Pop Tarts, Sausage Links, Fruit, Milk

**Wednesday**  
Malt-O-Meal, Sausage, Fruit, Toast, Milk

**Thursday**  
Donut, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk

**Friday**  
Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Milk

### Lunch Menu Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>

**Monday**  
Stuffed Baked Potatoes, Carrots w/Ranch, Fresh Fruit Choice, Texas Toast, Milk

**Tuesday**  
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fresh Banana, Chocolate Cake, Milk

**Wednesday**  
Oven Crispy Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Fancy Gelatin, Milk

**Thursday**  
Nachos Grande, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Orange Smiles, Cornbread, Milk

**Friday**  
Comdog, Oven Fried Potatoes, Broccoli w/Ranch, Sparkly Apple, Crispy Treats, Milk

## Southland ISD Menu

### Breakfast Menu Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>

**Monday**  
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Tuesday**  
Oatmeal, Toast, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Wednesday**  
Cereal, Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Thursday**  
French Toast Squares, Eggs, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Friday**  
Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk

### Lunch Menu Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>

**Monday**  
Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Coins, Fresh Apple, Hot Roll, Milk

**Tuesday**  
Crispy Tacos, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Spanish rice, Pinto Beans, Fancy Gelatin,

Milk

**Wednesday**  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Noodle Soup, Fresh Broccoli w/Ranch, Strawberries & Bananas, Saltine Crackers, Milk

**Thursday**  
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Seasoned Corn, Tossed Salad, French Bread Stick, Sliced Peaches, Milk

**Friday**  
Chicken Patty Sandwich, Tater Tots, Western Beans,

## Trailblazers Menu

### Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>

**Monday**  
Chili, Salad, Crackers, Cornbread, Peach Cake

**Tuesday**  
Smothered Chicken, Ranch

Taters, Beet Salad, Garlic Biscuit, Cobbler

**Wednesday**  
Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Taters, Green Bean Casserole, Roll, Fruit Salad

**Thursday**  
Lasagna, Broccoli Salad, Garlic Toast, Brownies

**Friday**  
Fish, Beans, Taters, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies, Fruit

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### Here's How It Works:

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

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ANSWER:

**United**  
Supermarkets



# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### Shovel ready?

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Back in 2008, when the stimulus package was being pitched by the Obama Administration, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid Speaker Nancy Pelosi, much of it was predicated on "shovel ready projects."

At the time, the stimulus package, aka the Recovery Act, was supposed to help with roads, bridges and other glaring infrastructure needs.

That's how it was sold. The stimulus would end growing unemployment and boost the economy.

I remember thinking at the time that if Congress passed the stimulus and kept their promise, we'd see a world of difference as the country would be on its way to replacing our aging infrastructure. I had a picture in my mind of how the country looked when the Interstate program began under President Eisenhower and the difference it made.

Nearly two years after President Obama signed his economic stimulus package, Mr. Obama now claims, "there's no such thing as shovel-ready projects."

Huh?

The president gave that remark in an hour-long interview with the New York Times.

The stimulus package, which the Congressional Budget Office said this year will cost \$862 billion, is a failure of epic proportions.

And who foots the bill for this mess? You and I do.

The common denominator between the stimulus package, healthcare reform, cap and trade, and so on, is us, the U.S. tax payer. We must pay for it all.

Is it a sound investment?

If you had money to burn, would you want it going for these policies?

Would you cut a check to Uncle Sam if you had a choice?

I doubt you would. The federal government is a poor investment. And we've not been shown very much in the

past two years which would give us confidence that things are changing for the better anytime soon.

The news concerning taxing doesn't get any better. Coming in January, if Congress fails to act, we'll be saddled with the largest tax increase in U.S. history.

Please tell me how in the world that will help the economy. I've got bad news for you, it won't.

This isn't about Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians, liberals, conservatives, independents or moderates. It's about money and how much Americans have left at the end of the day.

Increased government spending and huge entitlement programs have not and never will grow the economy. Less tax burden and more freedom will.

Speaking of taxes, it really is weighing down the economy. It's hard to play ball with one hand tied behind your back.

Here is a sample of taxes paid by families, individuals and businesses depending on where you live:

- Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)
- U.S. capital gains tax
- Corporate income tax
- U.S. estate tax
- U.S. excise tax (includes taxes on cigarettes and alcoholic beverages)
- U.S. federal income tax
- Federal unemployment tax (FUTA)
- FICA tax (includes Social Security tax and related programs)
- Gasoline tax
- Generation Skipping Tax
- Gift tax
- IRS penalties
- Luxury taxes
- Property tax
- Real estate tax

- Recreational vehicle tax
- Rental car tax
- Resort tax (also known as Hotel/Motel tax, occupancy tax)
- Road usage taxes (Commercial Vehicle Operators)
- Sales tax and equivalent use tax
- School tax
- State income tax
- State unemployment tax (SUTA)
- Tariffs
- Telephone federal excise tax
- Vehicle sales tax
- Workers compensation tax

One would think with all that income, how on earth could we have a \$14,000,000,000,000 debt?

Generations of poor decisions and government waste is the answer.

If we're going to pay this debt off, every man woman and child will have to demand it by electing better stewards of the economy.

Every person in this country is responsible for nearly \$44,000 as your portion of the debt. That's over \$122,000 for every taxpayer in the U.S.

By the end of the year, the national debt will have increased \$3,000,000,000,000 since President Obama took office.

To make matters worse, we now have nearly \$111,000,000,000,000 in unfunded liabilities (Social Security, Medicare, prescription drug benefits). That comes to nearly \$340,000 for every tax payer.

It's past time to wake up America!

Check out <http://www.usdebtclock.org/> if you dare. The numbers will shock you.

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### Lieberman the Kingmaker? Think Ben Nelson Instead.

By RICK MANNING

Speculation is running rampant on Capitol Hill that Connecticut Senator, McCain for President supporter, Joe Lieberman could be the tie-breaking vote on who is in control of the Senate if the Senate ends up with a 50-50 split after November 2nd.

The highly respected congressional newspaper, The Hill, even goes so far as to have a front page headline heralding Lieberman as a likely "Kingmaker." While the author of the story, J.T. Rushing has proven to be a reliable reporter on Senate issues in the past, he is missing the boat by a wide mile on this story.

Lieberman will not become a Republican, and he will not conference with the Republicans to make a majority.

Remember that Lieberman was defeated in the Democratic Party primary in 2006, and won his seat through an Independent bid, where he cobbled together Democrat, Independent and Republican supporters to defeat the D.C. Democratic establishment that threw in behind his opponent. Then Lieberman essentially rejoined these very same Democrat-

ic colleagues in 2007.

In 2008, Lieberman joined John McCain on the campaign trail in his failed presidential bid, and after the election, he once again fell into the arms of Harry Reid.

Joe Lieberman is the ultimate tease — he shows a little leg, but never delivers for Republicans.

However, the real wild card in the Senate sweepstakes is Nebraska's Ben Nelson. Nelson has actually voted with Republicans on a number of spending and policy issues over the course of the past year, as he tries to make amends to his dark-red state constituents for his disastrous vote and horse trading on ObamaCare.

If Nelson hopes to get re-elected in 2012, he cannot cast his first vote in 2011 for far left Illinois Senator Dick Durbin for Majority Leader. To do so would essentially be the equivalent of sending a news release announcing his retirement.

On many recent Senate votes, Harry Reid has seemingly almost written off Nelson's vote, and has focused upon getting the two Republican Senators from Maine instead.

Nelson has voted against Big Labor in

opposing Craig Becker's nomination to the National Labor Relations Board. He voted against Big Green when supporting Lisa Murkowski's attempt to stop the EPA from using the Clean Air Act to excessively regulate all American industry under the guise of "global warming". Nelson supported funding the war, a direct rebuke to the MoveOn/socialist wing of the Democratic Party.

While Ben Nelson still has to account for both his ObamaCare and Financial Services takeover votes, if any sitting Senator is likely to switch sides of the aisle, and vote for Mitch McConnell for Majority Leader it is Ben Nelson.

Obviously, this kind of talk about majorities is premature, but a 50/50 split in the Senate is becoming more of a possibility. Currently the Republicans hold 41 seats and the Democrats hold 59. According to RealClearPolitics, of the seats that are up for election, the Republicans are heavily favored to win Democrat seats in North Dakota, Indiana and Arkansas with the Democrat seats in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin leaning toward the Republican candidate. This puts the Republicans at 46 seats to 54 for the Democrats.

Tossup races in the currently held Democratic states of California, Colorado, Illinois, West Virginia and Nevada combined with the still closely contested Democrat seats in Washington state and Connecticut makes the 50/50 scenario at least plausible, particularly with no seats currently held by a Republican in danger.

If you wake up on November 3rd, and discover a tie in the Senate, expect Ben Nelson, not Joe Lieberman to become the most popular person in D.C. Of course, the Democrats are old hat at this game, and they will target Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins as potential party switchers. Somehow, I suspect they will be stymied in this effort by two words: Arlen Specter. He switched parties and lost a Democratic primary in spite of the best efforts of the D.C. Democratic establishment.

While all this palace intrigue makes most Americans somewhat sick to their stomach, the behind-the-scenes action during the lame duck session may be less about what bills pass, and more about who sits in the Senate majority in 2011. Pundits will have a field day, and the rest of America will just shake their heads.

### The Reverse Smoot - Hawley Act Kicks In

By BILL WILSON

Here's a "shocker": U.S. companies that operate overseas are keeping profits there and investing rather than repatriating the profits — because of punitive taxation. According to Frank Aquila at Bloomberg News, there may be as much as \$1 trillion of U.S. profits overseas that are simply not being repatriated.

Why? Because it would mean a stiff tax on those businesses.

Recently, Congress severely limited the use of the Section 956 foreign income tax credit by U.S. companies that operate overseas as a part of a bill that included a \$26.1 billion bailout to bankrupt states like New York and California. As a result, the U.S. is now simply missing out on foreign-generated capital flows back into the economy. This is a trend that will only grow worse unless the imbalance is restored.

U.S. companies are being incentivized to create jobs and expand operations overseas by our own punitive tax structure. This makes no sense. Through an anti-competitive tax environment, high labor costs, and inflated property values, the U.S. is driving investment and jobs into the arms of foreigners.

Aquila calls for a holiday on this tax, but why not eliminate it all together? Overseas companies are already taxed in the nations they do business in. The difference is that they are taxed at much lower rates than the U.S. where the corporate tax is 35 percent. Under the new law, companies cannot claim a tax credit for those overseas profits. So, they're just not repatriating the profits.

This tax is literally killing capital flows back into the economy. If there's really as much as \$1 trillion in U.S. profits not being reinvested here, we're committing economic suicide. If the tax were eliminated, the repatriated profits would more

than make up for the trade deficit to China, which was \$227 billion in 2009.

It is capital that could be used to create jobs here and increase the nation's productive capacity. Foreign companies like Toyota have more of an incentive to build a factory in America than some U.S. companies do. Because Toyota is not taxed when it wants to invest in America. But an American company is — if its profits are coming from overseas.

What's the sense of the nation exporting anything or expanding overseas if the profits are not reinvested here? China repatriates its earnings. Taxing foreign income is the equivalent of a business encouraging investors to put their money into competitors across the street.

So, while Congress and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner are busy obsessing over the Chinese yuan's fixed exchange rate, perhaps they should instead turn their attention to the globally uncompetitive situation the U.S. economy is in.

The House recently passed legislation that would make "undervalued" currencies be considered by the Department of Commerce as a subsidy under World Trade Organization (WTO) rules. This will enable higher countervailing duties to be imposed on Chinese goods, making them more expensive for U.S. consumers to buy.

Of course, in principle there would be nothing to stop the Chinese's own version of the Department of Commerce from defining the depreciating dollar as a subsidy under WTO rules, increasing the cost of U.S. goods overseas. Put another way, the U.S. can devalue its currency all it wants to boost exports — other nations are following suit, and the only impacts will not be on restoring the trade deficit or creating new jobs here, but on increasing inflation and the cost of living for average Americans.

Conversely, the U.S. could tell successful companies that

operate abroad to repatriate their earnings here tax-free. And keep it that way. The only way to restore global imbalances is to create an attractive environment to move capital back into America and to produce things here.

The other part of that necessarily is to rein in regulatory burdens, high labor costs, land use restrictions, and environmental regulations that make it cost-prohibitive to invest here. If these constraints are not removed from the economy, the flight of capital overseas will continue. The U.S. needs to lower the cost of doing business here.

Congress limited the foreign income tax credit under the bogus justification that it would make U.S. multinational corporations pay their "fair share" of taxes. Instead, that money is staying overseas, creating jobs and investment there — as was predicted by critics. This is economic suicide. U.S. companies that operate overseas account for nearly half of all American exports, and employ 22 million Americans. Why is Congress encouraging them to shift more operations overseas?

Critical investment capital is being diverted abroad that could instead be devoted here at a time when the weak recovery is slowing down and unemployment remains high. The tax should be completely eliminated, and companies incentivized to use foreign profits to enhance the nation's productive capacity: to build new factories here in the U.S., invest in research and development here, and create jobs here.

Once reinvested, the money will eventually be taxed anyway either through capital gains, income, and other taxes. So what's the point of the foreign income tax? It really is the Reverse Smoot-Hawley Act, punishing U.S. exporters and other companies that operate overseas. Only, it's the U.S. economy that is being punished through less investment and less jobs.



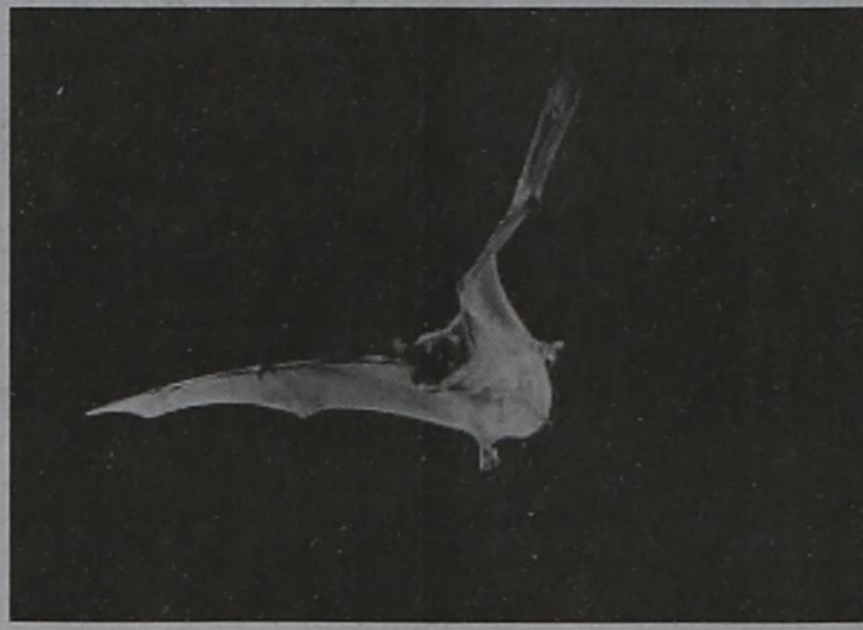
Candidates Forum



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Candidates who participated in the Candidates' Forum held last week are (from left): Harry Record, candidate for County Commissioner, Pct. 4; Charles Morris, incumbent candidate for County Commissioner, Pct. 2; Judge Carter Schildknecht, incumbent candidate District Judge, 106<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Judge Lee Norman, incumbent candidate Garza County Judge; Ruth Ann Young, incumbent County Treasurer; Eddie Pitts, write-in candidate Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2; Jayta Cravy, write-in candidate Garza County Judge; Benjie Smith, write-in candidate Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2; Angela Massey, write-in candidate Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2; Gordon Terry, incumbent candidate Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1; Jim Plummer, incumbent candidate District/County Clerk. Candidates who did not attend the forum were Dee Justice, incumbent candidate Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 and Jerry Benham, candidate for County Commissioner, Pct. 4. All candidates in the local and state November 2 General Election were invited to participate in the forum. State Representative, Dist. 85 candidates Joe Heflin and Jim Landtroop attended the forum, but left before this photo was taken. Early voting will continue through Friday, October 29 at the Garza County Courthouse, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 300 W. Main, Post, TX, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.. Election Day is Tuesday, November 2. For voting information including sample ballots and polling places, visit [www.garzacounty.net](http://www.garzacounty.net), click on "Elections" and then November 2, 2010 General Election.

Spiders and pumpkins and bats, oh my!



Halloween is well on its way. Bats are synonymous with Halloween, but they are prevalent in Texas year round  
Courtesy Photo

AUSTIN – From bats and pumpkins to spiders, the Lone Star State is home to many of the iconic symbols of Halloween, but Texans may be surprised to learn some are not as scary as commonly believed, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service experts.

"Texas is a large state with a diverse ecosystem which supports a variety of insects and wildlife, some of which are popular representations of Halloween," said Janet Hurley, AgriLife Extension statewide integrated pest management program school coordinator.

Hurley, who works at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Dallas and recently served as spokesperson for National Inspect and Protect Week, is referred to as "Batwoman" by her co-workers.

She said her statewide educational and technical assistance activities relating to integrated pest management in Texas schools often bring her into proximity with bats.

"Bats, as well as tarantulas, black widows and other creepy-crawlies, can all be found all over Texas," Hurley said. "And while a few pose some small degree of danger to humans, generally they're benign or even beneficial to the ecosystem."

With 33 known species, Texas has one of the most diverse bat

populations in the U.S., she said.

"The Mexican free-tail, cave myotis, Eastern pipistrelle and evening bat are among the most common bats here, occupying a variety of habitats, including caves, trees, bridges and, increasingly, buildings," she said.

Hurley said while many people have the impression of bats as scary pests or vectors for disease, especially rabies, they actually provide a great ecological and economic service to the state.

"They consume huge quantities of insects that can damage crops, including corn earworm and armyworm moths and beetles, with some species eating their own weight in insects each day," she said. "And research has shown that Mexican free-tailed bats in South Central Texas may save farmers up to \$1.7 million a year by consuming significant numbers of agricultural pests."

Bats are also pollinators and their fecal material, called guano, can be used as fertilizer, she said.

"As for rabies, over the past 25 years the U.S. has averaged only 1.5 deaths a year by people exposed to rabies by bats," she said. "And these people had not been treated after exposure, either because they did not realize they were bitten or scratched, or did not understand the danger."

Of course, nobody, especially a child, should ever touch a bat or any other wild animal, she said.

"Any bat that can be approached by people, especially a bat on the ground, is probably sick or injured and should be avoided," she said.

Hurley added that contrary to the notion that everything is bigger in Texas, the bats found here are "typically no larger than the size of an adult's thumb or a child's fist when they're folded up."

"And except for in zoos, there are no vampire bats in North America," she noted. "You'll have to go to South America to find the closest colony."

More information relating to bats in Texas can be found at [agrilife.org/batsinschools/](http://agrilife.org/batsinschools/).

Some of the iconic arachnids of Halloween also abound here, but AgriLife Extension experts agreed their dangerous reputation is mostly exaggerated.

According to the AgriLife Extension entomology website, <http://insects.tamu.edu>, there are 14 species of tarantulas in Texas, and tarantulas can be found throughout the state, especially in grasslands and semi-open areas.

Molly Keck, an entomologist at the AgriLife Extension office in Bexar County, is a long-time tarantula enthusiast who often keeps the large, furry creatures in her office and takes them to area schools as part of educational outreach activities for the agency, part of the Texas A&M University System.

"Although tarantulas are large and eerie looking, they are really docile and rarely bite, except to paralyze their prey and when threatened," she said. "And though their venom can paralyze an insect or very small animal, it rarely causes a severe reaction in humans."

Keck said when in danger some species of tarantula can rapidly dislodge prickly hairs from the top of their abdomen with their hind legs, and these hairs irritate the eyes or skin of the attacker.

"But tarantulas, like most spiders, are beneficial predators that feed on other insects," she said. "Some species even make good pets. But native species, like the Texas tan, are short-lived in captivity so it's better to buy one from a pet store. Tarantulas are low-maintenance and make good starter pets."

Texas also is home primarily to the southern and western species of black widow, according to Elizabeth "Wizzie" Brown, integrated pest management program specialist at the AgriLife Extension office in Travis County.

Brown said this particular harbinger of Halloween is most commonly identified by the red hourglass-shaped mark on its underside.

"The widow species in Texas can be differentiated by the shape of the red markings on the underside of abdomen and the location of the markings," she said. "But even though its venom is highly virulent, the spider itself is very timid. Even if it's disturbed while it's in its web, it tries to escape rather than attack."

Black widows can be found year-round in buildings and sheltered areas such as sheds, garages, attics and crawlspaces, she said.

"Females produce several egg sacs during the summer and these can contain up to 400 eggs," Brown said. "But contrary to popular myth, females do not usually eat males unless they are kept together in confined spaces where the male cannot escape."

Like other spiders, black widows benefit humans and the ecosystem by consuming insect pests, she said. Their diet consists of various arthropods, including fire ants, grasshoppers, beetles and scorpions.

Brown, however, noted the black widow's scary reputation is at least partly deserved.

"Their venom is a neurotoxin and can cause anything from elevated temperature, nausea and sweating to a painful cramping and constriction of the abdominal muscles and the chest, even death," she said.

Brown said while a death from a black widow bite occurs rarely, it is more likely to happen if the person bitten is either very young or elderly.

"But no matter your age, it's important to seek medical attention if bitten by a black widow," she said.

However, even this dangerous venom may have positive applications, and research has been conducted on its potential use in medical treatments.

Another Halloween icon, the pumpkin, has a strong tie with Texas, according to an AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist in Welasco.

"Texas is the fourth-leading state in commercial pumpkin production and generates \$2.4 million for our farmers with an economic impact of \$7.4 million to the state," said Dr. Juan Anciso.

Anciso said about 5,000 acres of pumpkins are planted in Texas annually with 90 percent of those planted acres in two West Texas counties.

"The pumpkin is a cucurbit, which is a family of plants that includes melons, squashes and cucumbers," Anciso explained. "More than 90 percent of the pumpkins produced statewide are used for seasonal ornamental purposes such as jack-o'-lanterns."

Pumpkins from Texas are shipped throughout the state and into nearby states, he said.

"As far as Halloween is concerned, Texas produces or provides a home for many of the things people typically associate with it," he said.

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## Almost half of house cats are obese

About 40 percent of cats in American households are obese. "Obesity is a serious medical condition and has been linked to other medical conditions such as diabetes mellitus, degenerative joint disease, and lower urinary tract disease," explains Liz Kelley, veterinary technician II at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM). There are a number of steps that you can take to ensure that your cat is healthy.

When choosing food for your cat, the primary ingredient should include a high quality meat product.

"Cats are obligate carnivores and have very specific protein requirements that must be met, and cannot metabolize plant proteins, such as wheat glutens and soy, as efficiently," notes Kelley.

In addition to the best primary ingredients, many cat owners wrestle with the debate over canned food versus dry food and which is the healthier of the two. Kelley recommends canned food for a number of reasons.

"Canned food is a better choice for your cat," says Kelley. "It is easier to get a higher protein content as well as more water with canned food. Dry food is a high carbohydrate food and has a low protein content. The high energy carbohydrates in dry food are also a major factor in causing obesity in

cats and dogs." If you feel your cat is obese you should consult with your veterinarian. They will give you a specific diet and exercise regimen for your cat. Kelley explains that exercise alone does not work for weight loss in any species.

"Diet must be the key to weight loss, and for cats a high protein, low carbohydrate diet is the best choice," suggests Kelley. "Protein is used for energy and also to maintain their muscle mass which increases metabolism and therefore weight loss."

In order for your cat to maintain a healthy lifestyle it needs to be properly hydrated. An eight pound cat should drink about half a cup of water every day.

"Cats get most of their daily water intake if they consume canned food," notes Kelley. "If cats are fed a dry diet, they do not get enough water from their food. You can make water more tempting by using water fountains or flavoring it with a little bit of low sodium tuna juice."

If you would like to give your cat a treat, Kelley says that it is okay as long as it does not exceed 20 percent of its daily caloric intake. The best treats to give your cat should include protein made from dehydrated meats.

"The most important thing to remember is to make sure the protein is from a high quality source and that

the diet is a balanced diet," stated Kelley. "Nutritional deficiencies can take anywhere from months to years to become apparent. There is a fee based website, www.balanceit.com, that is run by DVM consultants who are board certified veterinary nutritionists who can provide a balanced diet recipe or consult on a recipe that an owner is already using to make sure that it is healthy and balanced."

The clinicians and staff of the Small Animal Hospital have taken a progressive approach to applying the best nutritional practices for their patients. On October 18, the CVM will open a new \$70,000 kitchen donated by Nestle PURINA PetCare to help ensure that all of their patients' nutritional needs are being met. Not only will they house Purina products, but they will have other brands available so that they can guarantee to have the best options available for all of their patients as they are each given different meal plans by their veterinarian.

With the help of your veterinarian, you can make the changes necessary to prevent your cat from becoming obese and take the steps to give them a healthier lifestyle.

"Please remember that while working toward a healthier lifestyle for yourself, be sure to include your pets as well," Kelley states.

## USDA announces steps to maintain livestock trade between the U.S. and Mexico

LAREDO — Agriculture Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Edward Avalos today visited livestock inspection facilities and announced new efforts to protect the livestock trade between the United States and Mexico. After touring a temporary inspection facility in Laredo with Congressman Henry Cuellar (D-TX28), Avalos announced that USDA will be opening a temporary cattle inspection facility in Eagle Pass, Texas, the third temporary facility opened since the suspensions earlier this year. Tomorrow, August 15, Avalos will visit the new temporary inspection facilities in Eagle Pass with Congressman Ciro Rodriguez (D-TX23).

"The cattle trade provides an important source of revenue for American producers and buyers and we are committed to maintaining the important trade relationship between the U.S. and Mexico," Avalos said. "The new inspection location announced today is part of our ongoing effort to aggressively pursue opportunities to keep trade lines open in spite of the recent security challenges."

Since March 2010, USDA

has suspended activities at three different livestock inspection stations in Northern Mexico, due to security concerns related to drug cartel violence. USDA took this action to protect the safety of veterinary personnel who traveled into Mexico to inspect and clear shipments of cattle destined for the U.S.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining trade, USDA immediately began diverting shipments to other ports in the area. Additionally, in order to resume regular import activities as quickly as possible, USDA identified two new, temporary locations inside the United States at the border crossings of Pharr/Hidalgo and Laredo. Operations at the new location near Pharr resumed May 12, while Laredo operations resumed May 18. Because the Piedras Negras/ Eagle Pass port is a major cattle crossing area, USDA signed a lease with Amistad Pens for a temporary facility in Eagle Pass on Oct. 7, 2010. The Amistad Pens are expected to begin accepting shipments of cattle from Mexico by the end of October.

In identifying possible sites for temporary locations, USDA must ensure that imported animals are appropriately inspected to safeguard U.S. agriculture. This means that sites must have the appropriate handling and dipping facilities, can meet the anticipated volume of animals, and are readily accessible to cattle brokers and dealers. Throughout this process, the USDA has worked to ensure the reliability and consistency of the import process by coordinating closely with producers, industry groups, the Texas Animal Health Commission, and the U.S. Department of State.

"We have not made these decisions lightly," Avalos said. "We are constantly working to identify the best immediate and long-term solutions, and we will continue to work directly with producers and all partners affected by this ongoing situation."

USDA continues to work closely with the U.S. Department of State to identify ongoing security concerns. No additional closures are planned at this time.

## Ambulance company owner sentenced to 15 years in federal prison

DALLAS — The owner/operator of Royal Ambulance Service, Inc. and First Choice EMS, Inc., Muhammed Nasiru Usman, 50, of Arlington, Texas, was sentenced this afternoon by U.S. District Judge Jorge A. Solis to 180 months in prison, announced U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks of the Northern District of Texas. In addition, Usman was ordered to pay \$1,317,179 in restitution. Usman was convicted in May 2010 on all 14 counts of a superseding indictment charging various offenses, including health care fraud and money laundering, related to a health care fraud scheme he ran. Two co-defendants, Shaun Outen, 32, of Aubrey, Texas, and David McNac, 35, of Dallas, pleaded guilty to their role in the conspiracy prior to trial and are awaiting sentencing.

Specifically, the jury found Usman guilty on one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, 12 counts of health care fraud and one count of engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity.

When in business, Royal had offices in Dallas and DeSoto, Texas. First Choice EMS, Inc. was previously located in Carrollton, Texas. McNac worked as the director and/or manager of Royal and First Choice; Outen served as the director of operations and an upper-level supervisor.

Royal and First Choice

primarily transferred patients on a non-emergency basis to and from dialysis treatments three times per week. The government presented evidence that Usman, Outen and McNac conspired to defraud Medicare and Medicaid by submitting fraudulent claims related to the transportation of dialysis patients. As part of the conspiracy, the defendants told Royal and First Choice employees to omit facts when documenting their transports of Royal and First Choice patients, such as whether the patients walked to the ambulance, in order to qualify the transports for reimbursement. Additionally, many of the companies' records revealed that patients simply rode to their appointments in a captain's chair in the back of the ambulance rather than lying on a stretcher.

The government presented further evidence that Usman, Outen and McNac were responsible for submitting more than \$3.5 million in fraudulent claims to Medicare and Medicaid through Royal Ambulance and First Choice EMS, resulting in payments of more than \$1.3 million.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Inspector General, the FBI, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's Office - Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management

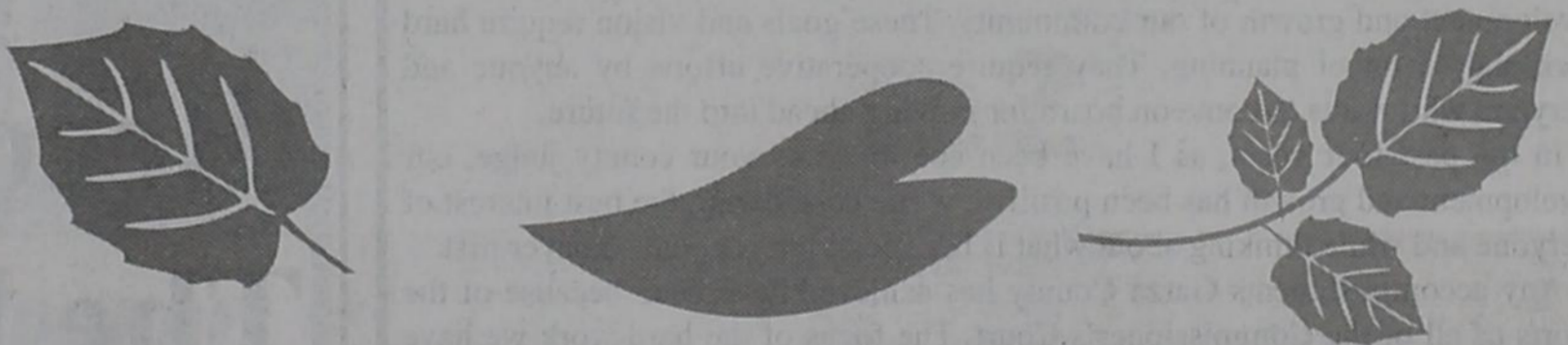
and IRS - Criminal Investigation.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Katherine Miller and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael McCarthy prosecuted the case.

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for donations to help with the upkeep on the center. Concession stand with drinks and snacks will be available. For more information contact Noel White at 806-495-3261

**GCJLA Raffle a 12 gauge automatic shotgun**  
GCJLA is raffling off a 12 gauge automatic shotgun to be given away during the January Stock Show.

Tickets are \$5 OR 5 FOR \$20. If you need tickets please contact Jason Porter at 787-4153, Keith Osborn at 632-7267 or any other GCJLA Board member.

The annual GCJLA Fall fundraiser with dinner and a live auction will be on October 23, 2010.

**High School Show**

Post High School is preparing for a Fall Show guaranteed to be funny and entertaining. Many of our students are busy working and rehearsing the play Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward. The show will start selling tickets this week and can be purchased from any cast and crew or any of the students involved with the show. The cast members are Macy Blair, Tyler Jones, Kelsey Isbell, Taylor Smith, Josh Curtis, Andi Soliz, Kaly Villalon, Kari Dunn, and Katie Dunn. Crewmembers include Becca Fannon, Taylor Fannon, Janis Curtis, Marco Enrives, Israel Gonzales, Jordon Barbosa, Courtney Hera, Shirley Ariza and Kelly Villalon. The cast

and crew are putting on a public performance on Saturday night, October 30th at the Post ISD Auditorium. The play is a great comedy dealing with an séance and ghost! The play is a fundraiser for Post High School One Act play season. We would love to have a great turnout for this event and will guarantee an eventful night full of comedy and laughter! Please come out and support our kids if you can. Anyone wanting more information can email Mr. Tatum at the school @ ttatum.post.k12.tx or ask a Theater student about this event. Tickets will also be available at the door. Doors open at 6:15 pm.

**Now accepting candidates for the 2010-2011 Lions Club Queen**

The Post Lions Club is accepting candidates for the 2010-2011 Lions Club Queen Scholarship Contest to be held on November 18th.

To be eligible for the contest, contestants must be a Sophomore or Junior student in good standing at Post High School, never have been married or had a baby, and be available for the Lions Club District 2-T2 Contest on January 22, 2011 - also to be held in Post.

Contestants will be evaluated on a judge's interview, verbal introduction with sponsor information, sportswear and evening gown. Prizes will be awarded - the winner

advances to the District T2 Contest where further scholarship opportunities are bestowed.

Applications can be obtained from the Post High School Office or by emailing postlionsclub@gmail.com

Applications must be received by October 30, 2010 @ PO Box 264, Post, Texas 79356, or in the Post High School Office. All contestants must secure a local business sponsor with \$50 entrance fee. For more information contact postlionsclub@gmail.com or Ruth Davis at 495-0304.

This is the Week! Let's All Pink Out at the Stanton home game!

We would like for everyone who plans to attend the Stanton home game to join us in wearing something pink. LET'S ALL PINK OUT AT THE STANTON HOME GAME to support the Susan G Koman Cancer Foundation.

**Elementary School Notes**

October 25th- Progress Reports go home

October 26th- Kindergarten field trip to corn maze. Parent volunteers are needed. Please ask your child's teacher for more information if you are interested in chaperoning.

October 25th-29th- Red Ribbon Week. Post Elementary will follow the same schedule as Post High School:

Monday- Wear red and

your red ribbon

Tuesday- "Put a Cap on Drugs" Day- Wear your favorite or craziest hat or cap

Wednesday- "Team Up Against Drugs" Day- Wear your favorite team t-shirt or jersey

Thursday- "Stomp Out Drugs" Day- Wear your favorite boots

Friday- "Black Out Drugs" Day- Wear black November 2nd- Jump Rope for Heart during PE class. Students are currently collecting money for Jump Rope for Heart. ALL monies collected will be donated to the American Heart Association. Parents may come to the gym during their student's regular PE time to watch them jump. Please help us support the American Heart Association.

November 5th- Kindergarten will hold their annual Community Fair to spotlight community helpers. Parent volunteers are appreciated. Please talk to your child's teacher to volunteer or for more information.

**Get your calendars now at the PHS Art Department!**

The Post High School Art Department will be selling Calendars that include a number of the photographs that the students took this past May. The photos are of several of the historical sites in and around Post. There are 2 sizes, the small one is 8.5" X 11" and is \$15.00; The large one is 11" X 17" and it is \$20.00. We will be at Trade Days Oct & Nov or you can call Juanetta Bocko at 806-778-0616 to pre-order. We will need payment when orders are placed. We will be taking orders until

Thanksgiving.

**Yearbooks on sale**

Post Elementary 2009-2010 yearbooks are on sale for \$20.00 a book. You may purchase your yearbook by coming to the Nurse's Office at the Elementary School any time Mon- Fri during school hours. Hurry in, they are going quick.

**Post High School Cheerleaders To Hold Weekly Pep Rallies**

The PHS cheerleaders will have a community-wide pep rally each Friday in the arena starting at 3:00.

**Post ISD Provides Important Information on Asbestos**

Post ISD is working to maintain its compliance with the federal AHERA regulations regarding asbestos management. The district currently re-inspecting and updating the management plan for each of the school campuses as required. A copy of the plan is available in each school principal's office for those who are interested. Any questions about the plan or this federally mandated program may contact Ollie Abraham at 806-548-4307.

**Christmas Celebration Schedule:**

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce is compiling a list of Post Christmas activities for publication and distribution. If your organization has a planned activity for the holidays which needs to be included, please contact the Chamber office at 806-495-3461 or email information to chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com We need to have the schedule prepared by the October

2 Old Mill Trade Day Downtown event.

**Post Lions Club Flag Subscription & Placement Service**

With a contribution of \$30 annually, the Post Lions Club places a 3' x 5' American flag, which is made in the U.S.A., on an 8 ft. pole in your front yard, or at your place of business, on the following holidays: Veterans Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Each flag will be placed close to the curb in your yard in the morning and removed in the evening on each of the six holidays. The Lions Club provides installation, removal, storage, and maintenance.

Locally, the proceeds of this program will be used to support needs in our community including our scholarship program for local students of Post. Check with your accountant...your \$30 yearly subscription fee may be tax deductible.

Show your patriotism and support your community by letting the Lions Club of Post place a flag in your front yard on the six designated patriotic holidays. To subscribe or obtain more information, please contact Richard Hudman, with the Post Lions Club at (806) 495-2615, email postlionsclub@gmail.com

2010-2011 Placement dates: Nov 11, Feb 21, May 30, June 14, July 4, and Sept 15

To subscribe mail your check for \$30.00 payable to Post Lions Club, mail to: Flag Subscription, c/o Hudman @ 301 E. Main, Post, Texas 79356

Go Antelopes!

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director Aaron Rathbun, "The band was at the top of their game. I have enjoyed just sitting back and listening to them, they are good." He added, "We appreciate the support from our community, administrators, and parents. We also want to thank Mr.

Bernie Tackitt, assistant band director for his work with the group."

Future events include a Christmas Parade and All-State Try-outs in December, All-Region try-outs in January, UIL solo and ensemble in February, and UIL Concert and Sight-

reading on March 10th at Lubbock Cooper. "We are really excited about that last one, if we get division 1's in March, we will have exceeded all expectations and done the absolute best we can do. "That will be two years in a row, and that is the beginning of tradition."

Open Letter to the voters and citizens of Garza County:

I want to share with everyone in the county my goals and vision for the development and growth of our community. These goals and vision require hard work and a lot of planning. They require cooperative efforts by anyone and everyone who wants to come on board for moving ahead into the future.

In the past four years, as I have been employed as your county judge, our development and growth has been positive, while considering the best interest of everyone and while thinking about what is beneficial for you, the taxpayer first.

Any accomplishments Garza County has achieved have been because of the efforts of all of the Commissioner's Court. The focus of the hard work we have jointly expended has been on developing a positive and better county.

These goals, our job and some of the accomplishments are:

- completing the addition to the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.
- continuing to work with management of the Giles W. Dalby Facility. This industry brings \$1.3 million dollars into the general fund of our county. The monthly payroll from the prison is \$650,000.
- keeping our tax rate one of the lowest in the region.
- long range planning to upgrade the courthouse and pay for projects as we go, with no debt. The addition of a courthouse elevator is in the very near future and will be completed without incurring debt.
- taking advantage of every opportunity to find grant funds from FEMA and the USDA to rebuild county roads damaged during the July flood.
- constantly striving for more efficient use of your tax dollars.
- developing a steering committee in the last four years.
- we have to look into opportunities of the wind energy industry and now we are at the threshold of bringing a \$100 million dollar wind power project into Garza County.
- continuing to meet the challenge of promoting our county jail and the juvenile detention center to keep contracts in place.
- assisting with development of the Lake Allen Henry area, through Garza County's support continues to build our tax valuation base. We are striving to continue this support in the LAH area.
- giving attention to the efforts to clean up our communities in Post and Southland.
- continuing to take every opportunity to strengthen the position of Garza County and the White River Water District while working for the best interest of the area water supply.

I ask for you vote for County Judge in the upcoming General Election, November 2. Don't forget Early Voting begins October 18.

Judge Lee Norman

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## New home decorating trends add wow factor

(StatePoint) Whether you like nesting at home or throwing big parties, you want your house to look its best and make everybody comfortable.

This season's decorating trends allow you to use your home as a blank canvas for self-expression, creating an atmosphere you and your guests will enjoy.

Unexpected Twists Many homeowners are opting to use traditional home furnishings in unexpected ways.

For instance, furniture is being incorporated in the bathroom. With the popularity of bowl sinks, homeowners are embracing vanities resembling tables and dressers. If you go this route, think realistically. The old dresser at the antique store is eye-catching, but if you're looking to hide a plumbing system within it, make sure there's enough space inside.

Lighting, too, is being used in new ways. For its part, the chandelier need not be limited to dining rooms and foyers. Designers are bringing the fixture into bathrooms, bedrooms and even closets.

Live Green

Green has become ingrained in our lives, and eco-friendly options abound for home decor. But savvy

homeowners don't just want to protect the environment; they want to look good doing it, and it's a triple bonus if they can save money.

"Growing in popularity are stylish LED lighting products that use 70 percent less electricity than traditional incandescent lighting and offer long-term energy and cost savings," says Jeff Dross, senior product manager at Kichler Lighting, which offers a variety of ultra-efficient LED solutions.

"Homeowners don't just want energy savings, however. They want style and flexibility so they can light their spaces their way. We kept this in mind when designing our new Design Pro LED linear lighting, which features a string of light 'pods' that bend around corners and tight spots to light cabinets, toe kicks, tray ceilings and more," he adds. Wallpaper is Back

Unlike grandma's floral schemes and duck-patterned bathrooms, today's wallpapers integrate modern textures and textures. Don't be afraid to go bold, but make sure other elements in the room, such as lighting fixtures and furniture patterns, are more subtle.

Chic Casual

Today's homeowners want relaxing spaces without com-

promising style and sophistication. Materials that were once deemed formal, such as crystal, are finding new life in casual applications. Even traditional Tiffany lighting fixtures are trending casual with art glass applications integrating softer hues in relaxed designs.

On the countertop front, quartz stone is gaining in popularity, incorporating innovative colors and patterns. Some even bind crushed glass within the solid, smooth surfaces. Embrace Blue

Sea-inspired hues are the colors of the year. While some are designing complete rooms against this scheme, others are implementing the trend through accents, from throw pillows to candles to table lamps. Kichler Lighting, for instance, recently introduced several flirty table lamps centered on sea-inspired palates, including Blue Casade, a collection of lamps combining glossy blue hues in a soft, wispy pattern.

For more home improvement ideas check out hgtv.com and visit kichler.com for home lighting inspiration. And remember, when updating your home, decorating is about expressing yourself and incorporating your own personal style.

## State launches MSTAR to target algebra readiness

AUSTIN - For many students, algebra is the stumbling block to graduation. Soon Algebra I and II will weigh even more heavily into students' high school success when rigorous end-of-course exam requirements are implemented beginning in 2011-2012.

Last spring, only 58 percent of the 101,887 students who took an Algebra I End-of-Course exam passed it.

Convinced that many students need more support to fully understand pre-Algebra, the Texas Education Agency has launched a program aimed at students in grades 5-8 called Middle-school Students in Texas: Algebra Ready (MSTAR).

Part of the Algebra Readiness Initiative, the goal of MSTAR is to beef up algebra readiness skills.

This summer, thousands of teachers were trained in MSTAR math academies designed to improve overall mathematics instruction and student achievement.

This week, the agency is rolling out the next wave of assistance. It is called the MSTAR Universal Screener. This new instrument will help teachers identify which students need extra support in developing skills for algebra readiness.

The screener, which is a formative assessment, will

help teachers make two important determinations:

- Are students on track or at risk for meeting algebra and algebra-readiness expectations?

- What level of support is needed by students who are at-risk?

"The MSTAR Universal Screener gives teachers a first blush look at students' performance. It gives them a sense of where students are struggling. This will help teachers improve students' algebra readiness," said Norma Torres-Martinez, deputy associate commissioner for standards and alignment and a former math teacher.

Agency staff believe this is a unique tool unlike anything used elsewhere in the country.

Texas math educators from both public schools and universities created the screener under the guidance of TEA and Dr. Leanne Ketterlin Geller, an associate professor of education policy and leadership at Southern Methodist University (SMU).

Ketterlin-Geller said, "The screener was developed to target students' knowledge and skills that form the foundation of algebra readiness."

Available at grades 5-8, the screening instrument

contains 25-30 multiple choice questions and can be accessed from the Texas Mathematics and Science Diagnostic System Assessment Center platform at <https://www.tmsds.org/>. The test is untimed but typically a student takes 20-40 minutes to complete it. It can be administered on a computer using a secure login.

"We hope that teachers will see that this tool complements other district efforts to increase all students' achievement," said Dr. David Chard, dean of the Simmons School of Education and Human Development at SMU.

Use of the screener is voluntary and is not designed to supplant other assessments. The screener is designed to be given three times a year. The beginning of the year screener should be administered no later than Nov. 5 this year. In future years, it is recommended to be given during the first six weeks of school. A second screener is given mid-year and the final screener is given in the early spring. The second and third administration will help clarify where additional support may be needed.

Torres-Martinez said the

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 0052-02-034 for SEAL COAT in BAILEY County, etc will be opened on November 04, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

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

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Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

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135 Slaton  
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771  
Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

**South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.**  
**News Release / Bulletin**  
**Availability of Texas Emergency Shelter Grants Program**

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (SPCAA) has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Texas Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) 2010.

The overall purpose of the program is to provide assistance to protect and improve the lives and safety of the homeless, with special emphasis on elderly person, handicapped persons, and families with children.

Eligibility: Individual or families forced to vacate their regular residence due to extenuating circumstances (including but not limited to financial inability to pay rent or mortgage, foreclosure, eviction, or natural disaster, excluding leaving the residence by choice), and forced to accept shelter from friend or relative, shall be defined as homeless if the individual or family seeking services declares that they are homeless and that the shelter being provided is temporary.

Income Eligibility: A homeless applicant is eligible for assistance under this program if his/her income is at or below the 125% poverty guidelines for their family size as established annually by the Department of Health and Human Services' Poverty Income Guidelines.

For additional information concerning this program, please contact:

**SPCAA Center Worker**  
**Diana Morales - Jones**

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# Post Sports



Photo by Brian Osborn

Carrol Williams joins in the pre game activities in Idalou Friday night for breast cancer awareness. She is joined by the Antelope team captains.

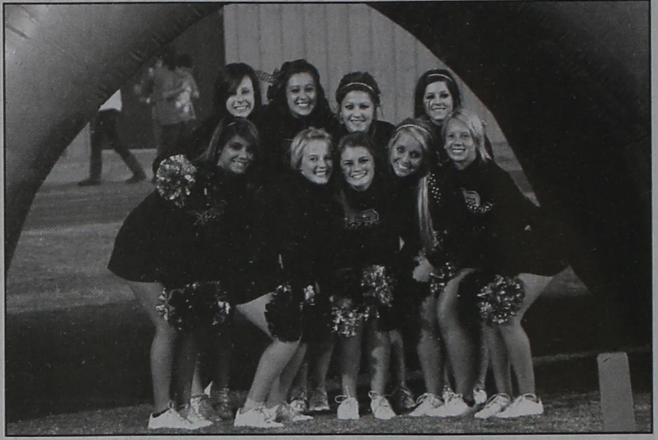


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PHS varsity cheerleaders back row L-R Morgan Dean, Skylar Jones, Haily Berry, maci Meritt front row L-R Kimberly Rivera, Kari Dunn, Macy Blair, Madison Cahs and Julie Boren.

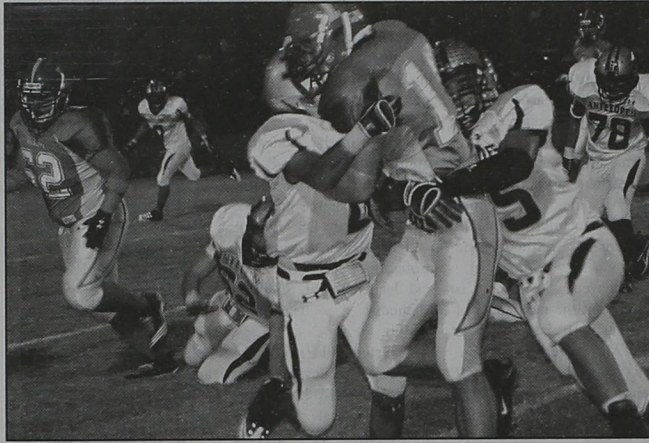


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Post Antelope defenders wrap up and Idalou running back.



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The Antelope defense prepares to stop the Idalou Wildcats.

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results are to be used to inform teachers' instruction and are not intended to be a graded assignment for students. Practicing, previewing or

disseminating the MSTAR Universal Screener is not appropriate.

Background information about the screener is available on Project Share, TEA's e-learning platform. For example, a tutorial

that shows teachers how to administer the screener is available on this site.

To date, 185,000 Texas teachers have registered and received Project Share logins.

### USDA announces steps to maintain livestock trade between the U.S. and Mexico

LAREDO — Agriculture Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Edward Avalos today visited livestock inspection facilities and announced new efforts to protect the livestock trade between the United States and Mexico. After touring a temporary inspection facility in Laredo with Congressman Henry Cuellar (D-TX28), Avalos announced that USDA will be opening a temporary cattle inspection facility in Eagle Pass, Texas, the third temporary facility opened since the suspensions earlier this year. Tomorrow, August 15, Avalos will visit the new temporary inspection facilities in Eagle Pass with Congressman Ciro Rodríguez (D-TX23).

"The cattle trade provides an important source of revenue for American producers and buyers and we are committed to maintaining the important trade relationship between the U.S. and Mexico," Avalos said. "The new inspection location announced today is part of our ongoing effort to aggressively pursue opportunities to keep trade lines open in spite of the recent security challenges."

Since March 2010, USDA has suspended activities at three different livestock inspection stations in Northern Mexico, due to security concerns related to drug cartel violence. USDA took this action to protect the safety of veterinary personnel who traveled into Mexico to inspect and clear shipments of cattle destined for the U.S.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining trade, USDA immediately began diverting shipments to other ports in the area. Additionally, in order to resume regular import activities as quickly as possible, USDA identified two new, temporary locations inside the United States at the border crossings of Pharr/Hidalgo and Laredo. Operations at the new location near Pharr resumed May 12, while Laredo operations resumed May 18. Because the Piedras Negras/ Eagle Pass port is a major cattle crossing area, USDA signed a lease with Amistad Pens for a temporary facility in Eagle Pass on Oct. 7, 2010. The Amistad Pens are expected to begin accepting shipments of cattle from Mexico by the end of October.

In identifying possible sites for temporary locations, USDA must ensure that imported animals are appropriately inspected to safeguard U.S. agriculture. This means that sites must have the appropriate handling and dipping facilities, can meet the anticipated volume of animals, and are readily accessible to cattle brokers and dealers. Throughout this process, the USDA has worked to ensure the reliability and consistency of the import process by coordinating closely with producers, industry groups, the Texas Animal Health Commission, and the U.S. Department of State.

"We have not made these decisions lightly," Avalos said. "We are constantly working to identify the best immediate and long-term solutions, and we will continue to work directly with producers and all partners affected by this ongoing situation."

USDA continues to work closely with the U.S. Department of State to identify ongoing security concerns. No additional closures are planned at this time.

### Researchers test sweet sorghums for best ethanol production

AMARILLO - The continued demand for cleaner-burning fuels has Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas AgriLife Research specialists working to determine which varieties of sweet sorghum will produce the most ethanol.

Dr. Brent Bean, an agronomist with AgriLife Extension and AgriLife Research, recently harvested sweet sorghum plots grown at the AgriLife Research farm near Bushland. Bean's plots are a part of a federal Sun Grant project examining the production of biofuels.

The research plots allow the comparison of different varieties and seeding rates of sweet sorghum, Bean said. With the use of a sorghum mill, which squeezes the juice from the sorghum stalks, he can take measurements that ultimately allow him to see how much ethanol would be produced on a per-acre basis.

Bean said the trial is made up of new sweet sorghum hybrids or varieties developed by AgriLife Research sorghum breeder Dr. Bill Rooney. Varieties are planted under both dryland

and irrigated conditions. In addition to comparing varieties, Bean is also comparing five seeding rates or seed populations planted.

In each of the 30-foot-long variety plots, 10 feet of the row is hand-harvested with a machete, he said. The stalks are bundled together and taken out of the field where they are weighed, then six plants from each harvested sample are run through the sorghum mill.

The juice from the six plants is collected and placed in an instrument called a refractometer, which measures the amount of light refracted in units called Brix. This Brix value is highly correlated to sugar content of the juice, Bean said, adding it is the sugar from sorghum that is converted into ethanol.

In 2009 studies, it was estimated that irrigated sweet sorghum produced 200 gallons of ethanol per acre, while the dryland sweet sorghum made about 80 gallons of ethanol per acre. Bean said this was assuming that 65 percent of the juice could be extracted from the sorghum.

He said it is possible that a commercial mill might approach 95 percent recovery of juice, which would greatly increase the potential amount of ethanol produced.

A byproduct of removing the juice from the sorghum is the plant material left over, Bean said. This material is called bagasse, and can be placed back on the field as crop residue, used as cattle feed or possibly burned at an ethanol plant as an additional energy source.

The final step to the harvest testing process, Bean said, is to take a sample from each 10 feet of row and run it through a limb chopper. The chopped material is weighed to get a fresh weight and then dried to get the dry weight, which will help determine the percent of moisture of each sample.

"By doing that, we can calculate how much either dry matter or fresh matter we had on a per-acre basis," Bean said. "By knowing that and also knowing our sugar content from our juice, we can calculate ethanol on a per-acre basis."

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# ELECTION CORNER 2010

## General Election November 2, 2010 Garza County

**VOTER INFORMATION**  
**Mail (Absentee) Ballot Applications:** Tuesday, October 26, 2010 is the last day for the early voting clerk to receive application for a ballot to be voted by mail. (Sec. 84.007). All applications to vote by mail (absentee) must be received by the early voting clerk before the close of regular business. Applications to vote by mail (absentee) must be submitted by regular mail, common or contract carrier, or fax. But not hand delivered.  
**Early Voting:** Early Voting

by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Garza County Courthouse, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 300 W. Main, Post, TX, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ending on Friday, October 29, 2010.  
**Election Day:** Tuesday, November 2, 2010 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Vote at your voting precinct location. (See GarzaCounty.net for polling place locations.)  
**Sample Ballots:** Garza County sample ballots are available on the county web site, GarzaCounty.net or at

the clerk's office at the courthouse.  
**CANDIDATE INFORMATION**  
**Campaign Finance Reporting:** October 25, 2010 is a deadline to file form C/OH. (Garza County and precinct candidates submit reports to the County Clerk's office at the courthouse.)  
 For more election information, go to GarzaCounty.net and click on "Elections". Or call the Clerk's office at (806) 495-4430.

# Calvert Home Health care recognized as top in nation

(LUBBOCK) – Calvert Home Health Care, Ltd., recently was recognized as one of the country's top providers in quality outcomes, quality improvement and financial performance measures for the second year in a row.  
 The 2010 HomeCare Elite list was released last week at the National Association for Home Care and Hospice (NAHC) Annual meeting in Dallas.  
 "This is a great honor for us," said Dana Madison, RN and administrator for Calvert. "We're proud to honor our employees for this achievement, but being the best at what we do is something we strive to provide the people of the South Plains each and every day."  
 Calvert, a home-owned and operated home health agency, has been serving the South Plains since 1987.  
 During this year alone, Calvert also has garnered awards as the 2010 South Plains Top Workplaces and the AJ's Best of Lubbock 2010.  
 HomeCare Elite is brought to the industry as part of a leading provider of home-care information compiled using publicly available data from multiple reports. Three domains of performance were included in the calculation of the score to become named as one of the nation's top performers: quality of care, quality improvement and financial performance.  
 For more information about HomeCare Elite, visit their website at [www.ochomecare.com](http://www.ochomecare.com). For more information about Calvert, please visit their website at [www.calverthomehealth.com](http://www.calverthomehealth.com) or call 747-8972.

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## Legal Notice

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
 OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

DISTRICT 8A  
 CASE NO.0266072  
 October 7, 2010

STATUS NO. 696801

### NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 2001 et seq. (2010), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on **DECEMBER 1, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.** at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 2001 et seq. (2010). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

The Commission will consider the application of Merit Energy Company for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.37 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37).

Applicant seeks an exception to the distance between wells requirement of the field rules for the Storie (San Andres) Field, because the proposed well is closer than allowed by the field rules to existing wells in the same field on the Storie, S.C. Lease, Storie (San Andres) Field, Garza County, Texas.

Applicant has made application for a recompletion permit for Well No. 5, Storie, S.C. Lease, Sec. 1303, Blk. 1, EL&RR RR Co. Survey, A-295, Storie (San Andres) Field, Garza County, Texas being within 8 miles northwest of the city limits of Post, Texas.

The location of this well is as follows:

1140 feet from the south line and 1140 feet from the west line of lease

1500 feet from the north line and 1500 feet from the east line of the EL&RR RR Co. Survey

The distance to the nearest well on this lease and this reservoir is 425 feet

Field rules for the Field are:

467 feet from the nearest lease line and 1200 feet between wells on the same lease in the same field and reservoir on 40-acre proration units

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9300 feet.

If you have access to the Internet you can view the documents filed by going to our website at [www.rrc.state.tx.us](http://www.rrc.state.tx.us) and accessing Data & Statistics, then go to Drilling Permits Application Query and enter the Status Number in the appropriate box.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Michael E. McElroy, at 512-327-8111. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify, including placement of the proposed well at a different location from that requested by applicant, and the establishment of the amount of acreage on the applicant's tract that can reasonably be considered to be productive of hydrocarbons for the purpose of assigning an allowable.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing by a Court Reporter, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

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by JK Rodeo Co., and 3 Lazy S Rodeo Co., and as the previous years have proved, they came to earn their pay. With wild rides, buck offs, and near misses the event was never short on excitement. Following the bronc riding Jake Hooker and the Outsiders serenaded the dance floor with some of that wonderful Texas Swing music. With vendor booths, great food, and tons of action, the day's events were not to be missed. There are not a lot of events left like this, especially with this level of camaraderie and history. There is always something very special about walking

up the dusty planks of an old rodeo arena and shaking hands with fellow enthusiasts and friends, and getting to watch the west come alive for a little while. If you haven't been to the Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding, I suggest you make a point of it this next year, same time, same place, and just as much fun.

For more information please visit [www.TomButlerMemorial.com](http://www.TomButlerMemorial.com) or call Traci Butler at 806.596.4632

### 2010 Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding Results

OPEN Bronc Riding: 1st- Cooper Dewitt of Rio Rico,

Arizona, 2nd-Kye Fuston of Turkey, Texas, 3rd-Tanner Johnson of Paducah, Texas, 4th-Tell Good of Dumont, Texas, Wildest Ride Zane Peters of Weatherford, Texas

ROOKIE Bronc Riding: 1st- Will Butler of Hedley, Texas, 2nd- Reece Belongia of Post, Texas, Wildest Ride Cayce Lewis of Throckmorton, Texas

SHETLAND: 1st-Kutter Johnson of Lampassas, Texas, 2nd-Jaci Lewis (the lone girl shetland bronc rider) of Goldwaithe, Texas, 3rd-Bonner Voss of Stamford, Texas, 4th-Hayden Wright of Paducah, Texas, Wildest Ride: Riggan Johnson of Guthrie, Texas

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