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## A Colorful Christmas in Post

One of the most colorful Main Streets in West Texas comes alive every night during the holiday season as once again the community of Post has come together for a spectacular Christmas display of lights and music.

Founded by cereal magnate C. W. Post who meticulously planned the community, Post has a Main Street that simply begs for the sights and sounds of Christmas. Thousands of lights line the buildings and Main Street comes alive with flashing and dancing multi-colored lights in sync with Christmas music. Store windows are decorated and the median is filled with a giant Christmas tree, stars, giant gift-wrapped packages, a gingerbread man and candy canes - just to name a few!

The lighted figures and trees have become a favorite

spot for holiday photos. Bring the kids and grandma and grandpa and take a leisurely stroll by the many decorated store windows and while you're here, take a ride on the Post Toastie Express!

Saturday, December 4 is Old Mill Trade Day Downtown in Post. The first Saturday every month approximately 30 sidewalk vendors join over a dozen unique shops on Main Street. The serious shopping begins at 9 a.m. and will continue into the evening. The annual lighted Christmas parade begins at 6 p.m.

Save time during the day to visit the OS Museum and its legendary Christmas exhibit. For many years this privately owned art museum, open to the public, has displayed pieces from its vast Christmas collection

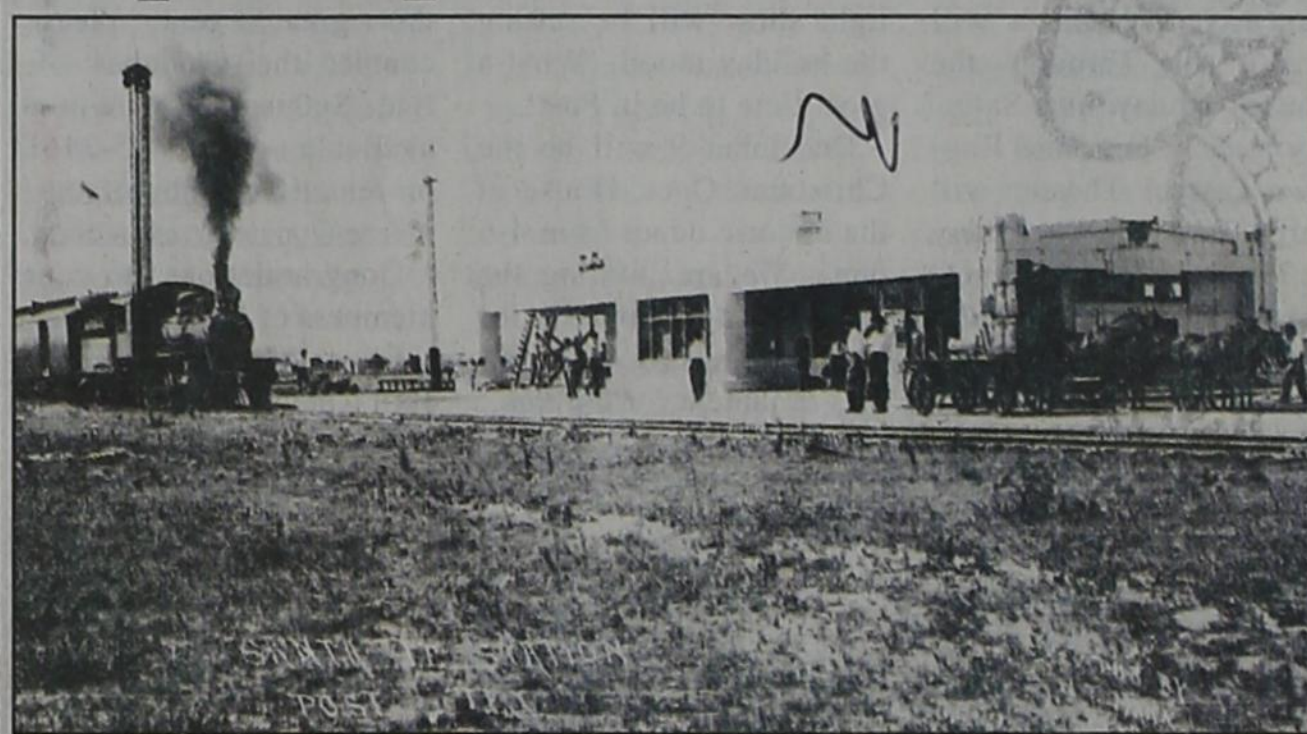
including Faberge' eggs, nativities and other religious art. Located 1/2 block off Main Street on Avenue I, the museum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon, 1 to 5 p.m. No admission charge and there is an elevator for your convenience.

The first three weekends of December you can enjoy an outstanding musical production, "Bethlehem" at the Ragtown Gospel Theater. (Go to ragtown.com for details.) This theater has gained national attention for its matchless dramatic offerings; "Bethlehem" will be the twelfth production at the theater and the first musical.

Long known for its creative energy, Post offers

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## Depot Open House Dec. 9



Courtesy photo.

The Post Santa Fe Depot, shown here soon after construction was complete in 1910, is one hundred years old this month. The Post Area Chamber of Commerce has completed restoration of the building and will soon locate the Visitor Center and Chamber office in the depot. A reception celebrating the 100th anniversary of the historic building is Thursday, December 9, 4 to 6 p.m. The community is invited.

Restoration of 100 year-old building complete

One hundred years ago this month the community of Post celebrated the completion of the Santa Fe Depot and awaited the arrival of the first train in January, 1911. On December 9, Post will celebrate the 100th anniversary of this historic

building with a community-wide reception sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, 4 to 6 p.m., at the Depot. The building is located approximately 1/2 block off East Main Street, west of the railroad tracks and will soon house the Visitor Center and Chamber offices.

Everyone is asked to bring a Christmas ornament to the Open House to place on the depot Christmas tree. "We will write the date and the family or individual's name on each ornament," explained Lisa Kirkpatrick, Chamber

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## A service of dedication and celebrations

The First Presbyterian Church of Post has a new (to us) Rodgers "American Classic" Sanctuary Organ and would like to ask you to join us in a celebration service as we dedicate this beautiful instrument. The beautiful instrument will be dedicated as part of a celebration concert on Sunday afternoon, December

5, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

The featured artist for this event is Dr. Robert E. Beckley, Organist Emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church in Canyon, Texas. Dr. Beckley will be playing from the works of Johann Sebastian Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, and others as he shares his talent in bringing the music to life on

our new organ.

Also providing music for this event are Margie Maestas, Organist of the First Presbyterian Church in Post with Lynette Thuett joining Margie in a piano-organ offertory duet.

A reception with refreshments will follow the dedication.

### Post Notes

**Christmas Parade and Miracle on Main Street Light Show Sat. Dec. 4th**

Come out and watch the Post annual Christmas parade at 6 pm Saturday on downtown Main Street. The light show will begin that evening and it is an amazing sight to see. The Post Toasties Express will also be in the parade. The train will begin running on a regular schedule beginning Dec. 4th. The train will run Thursdays from 6:30 to 9pm, Fridays

6:30 to 9pm, Saturdays from 10:00am until 9pm and Sundays from 6:30 to 9pm.

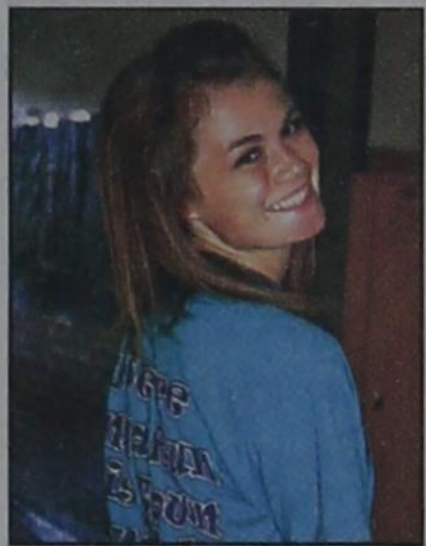
Tickets will be available at J. Cruse Christmas Gallery. The tickets will go on sale Dec. 4th and will be \$3.00 for adults, \$1.50 for children 10 and under and children under one year ride free.

**Annual Christmas Sing To Be Dec 8th**

The Methodist Church will be hosting their annual Christmas Sing on

Wednesday, December 8 at 7pm. The public is invited to attend and those who wish may sing at the event and can contact Pixie at 806-990-2942 at the church. An offering will be taken up and the proceeds will go to Post Cares to help needy families in Post at Christmas. Let's all go out and enjoy a night of Christmas music and fellowship.

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Courtesy Photo

**Macy Blair**  
By Jodi Lincoln  
News Editor

Macy Blair was one of three students who attended weekly luncheons at the Post Rotary Club for the month of October. Macy attended all four weeks of October, meeting one of the requirements to be considered the scholarships awarded annually by the Post Rotary Club to the most

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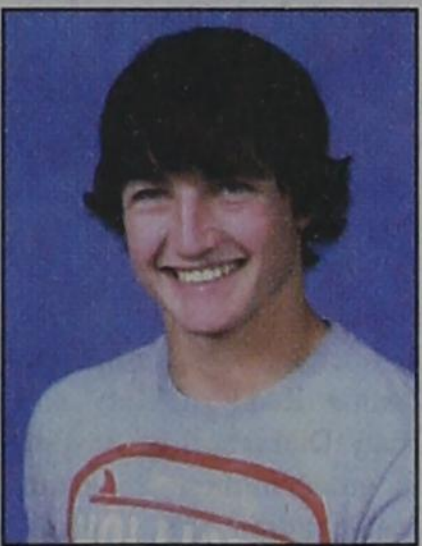
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**Allisha Jones**  
By Jodi Lincoln  
News Editor

Allisha Jones was a guest student invited to attend the Post Rotary Club's weekly luncheon meetings during October. Allisha, along with classmates Macy Blair and Ben Mason will be vying for one of the scholarships given each year by the Post Rotary Club to deserving

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Courtesy Photo

**Ben Mason**  
By Jodi Lincoln  
News Editor

Ben Mason, son of Roy and Celia Mason of Post, was among the guest students who visited the Post Rotary Club luncheon meetings in October. Ben is one of several students invited to attend a month of Rotary Club meetings as he completes his last year of high school. Each student is

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### Speakup

I think you should have just skipped the Nov.26 Post Dispatch: most of the information was about local events that were over by the time I got my paper. And what's with the full page of Childress basketball info & ads? Of course O notice you got all the special ads in which

is an indication of an editor/publisher that is more interested in making money than actually putting out a product that serves the subscribers/readers. If you would focus more on the latter, you'd probably do OK on the money end, too. Our community is bursting with activity, and I see little reflection of this in what is

supposed to by our local paper. Since the change in local staff, there has been a definite drop in quality of news coverage, number of photos - pretty much everything.

### Speakup

Just want to say "THANK YOU" to the Post City Celebrations committee and especially Jackie Cruse, and Mike Holly who are responsible for the beautiful lighting

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## Chamber News

There will be lots to do this weekend in Post. Both theaters will be opening their Christmas performances. The Garza will have "All Through the House" Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Ragtown Gospel Theater will start "Bethlehem" Friday at 7:00 p.m. with a performance Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Old Mill Trade Day Downtown will be Saturday from 9-5 and the Christmas

Parade will be at 6:00 p.m. The Post Toasties Express will be running this weekend and, of course, the light show will be setting the holiday mood. What a great time to be in Post!

December 9 will be the Christmas Open House at the historic depot from 4-6 p.m. We are inviting the community to come by for a tour and bring a Christmas ornament for the tree.

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will be host-

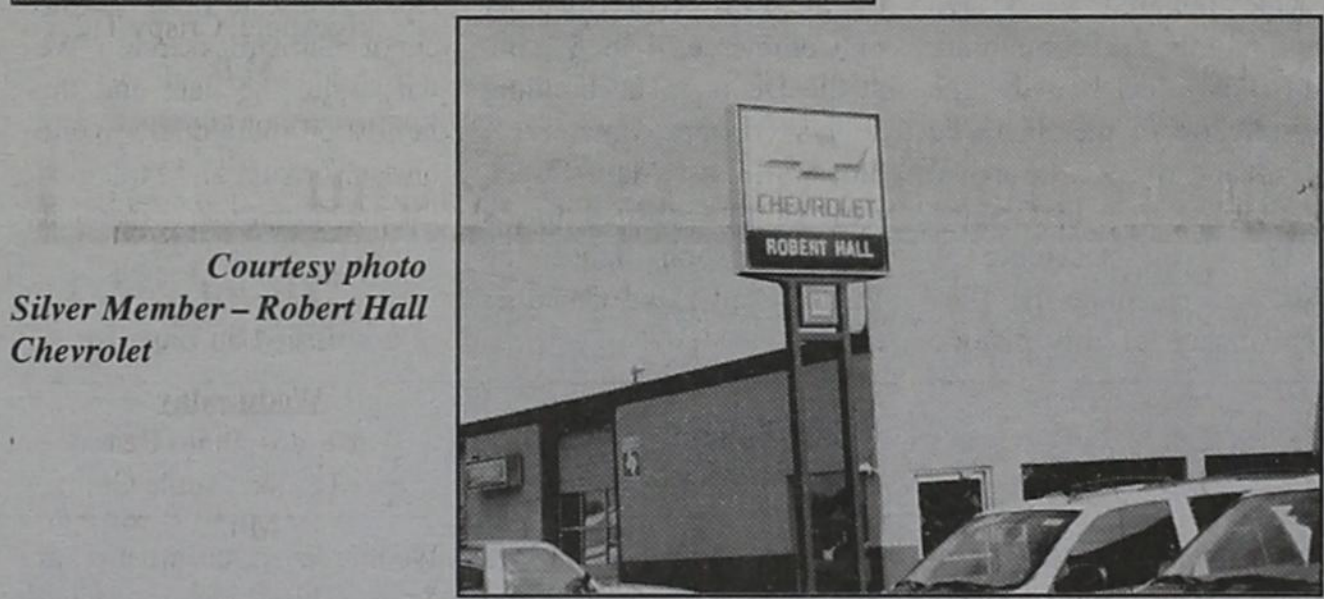
ing the Harlem Ambassador Basketball Show again in February, 2011. If you would like to be a part of this great event, please contact the Chamber office. Sponsorships are now available - call 495-3461 or email [chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com](mailto:chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com)

Congratulations to our members of the week:

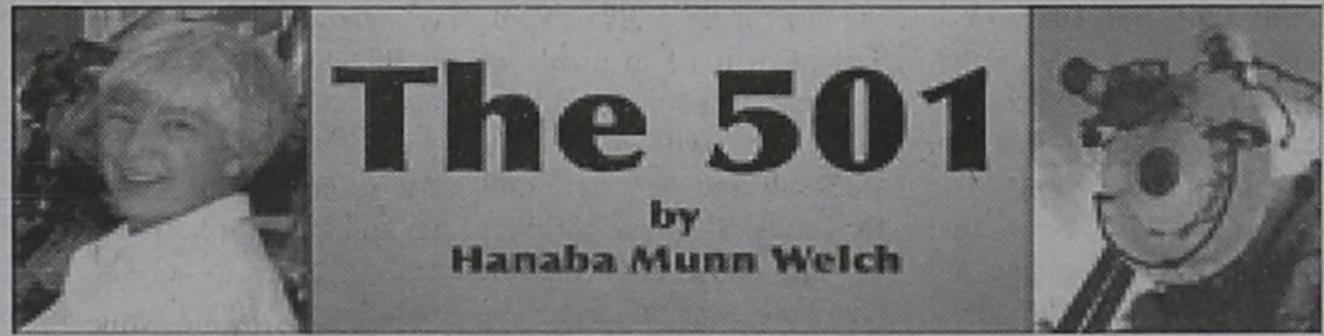
Silver Member - Robert Hall Chevrolet  
Silver Member - IRA Pump & Supply



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Silver Member - IRA Pump & Supply.



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Silver Member - Robert Hall Chevrolet



One thing led to another. You can drive that tractor right over that hydrant. No problem.

No need to hook onto that dead tree with a chain. You can push it down with the front-end loader.

Septic tank? What septic tank?

If Abbott & Costello didn't make a farm movie, they should have.

But the tractor didn't crash into the septic tank. What luck! I'd forgotten the septic tank was there. After all, we haven't worked on it for months. Out of sight, out of mind. Indeed, that expression could have been coined for septic tanks. I used to think it applied to boyfriends.

The old dead tree went down on cue.

As for the water hydrant, think of it as an old soldier standing guard over the backyard at my late grandmother's house. It's what I'd call a gypsy hydrant, somewhat encrusted in white gypsum.

Alas, my computer doesn't believe "gypsy" is a word. So what if I made it up? The acceptable word, it

seems, is "gyp" - short for gypsum. "Gyp" works as an adjective to describe gypsum-laced water - the kind of well water that clogs pipes, ruins coffee pots, voids water heater warranties and gives diarrhea to the uninitiated. I still think "gypsy" is a better word for gyp-plagued hydrants. I digress.

The tractor did indeed clear the hydrant, but the chain we didn't use to pull up the tree snagged the stalwart hydrant and left it askew. More than askew.

The next morning, a foot of water covered the underground water cutoff valves adjacent to the tilting hydrant - a big underground leak. The water level went down only when the over-worked well pump quit pumping. Not good. My friend-renter Terri and I dug down, found the broken rusty hydrant pipe and unthreaded it from its moorings.

Meanwhile, my husband, atop scaffolding and using his admirable carpentry skills to repair the roof eave, didn't mind letting us girls go to the far cor-

ner of the pasture to brave barbed wire and black locust thorns to descend into the varmint-ridden pit that houses the workings of the well. Unskilled underlings tend to get jobs that involve spiders.

Long story short, Terri's diamond nail file worked nicely to clean off the burned points on the pressure switch for the pump. Hum! The pump sprang back to life.

Meanwhile, back at the house my husband noticed water bubbling vigorously at the site of the leak. By the time I thought to call him on his cell phone, he'd found the cutoff.

Advice: If you want to get a well going again, leave a pipe uncapped. It's sort of like carrying an umbrella to keep it from raining.

A gypsy ending: Minus boyfriend and husband, respectively, Terri and I installed another hydrant. We didn't fret about the tiny drip at the base. By the next day gyp had sealed the leak.

Moral: In defense of gyp, it would be like the proverbial ill wind if it didn't stop drips. But it does.

## Obituaries



### Martha Arnold

Martha Faye Thomas Arnold, age 90, of Texarkana, Texas, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and sister-in-law, went to be with her Heavenly Father Friday, November 26, 2010.

Mrs. Arnold was born November 1, 1920, in Grassland, Lynn County, Texas, and had lived in Texarkana, Texas, since 1946. She attended the University of Texas and majored in Home Economics. She returned home and worked in banking in Post, Texas. Later she worked at the Republic National Bank in Dallas, Texas. She was an active member of First Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas, where she was a member of the WMU and served for many years as a teacher in the children's department. She volunteered as a member of the Wadley Auxiliary and was a member of Texarkana Law Wives and several local garden clubs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis H. Arnold, Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Martha Louise Arnold Stilwell of Texarkana, Texas; son, Thomas Hayden Arnold and wife, Mary Nell Arnold, of Texarkana, Texas; four grandchildren, Meagan Rachel Stilwell, of Houston, Texas, Thomas Conor Stilwell and wife, Alicia Stilwell, of Wimberley, Texas, Major Laurence Hayden "Bo" Arnold and wife, Megan, of Clarksville, Tennessee, and James Robert "Jim Bob" Arnold and wife, Erin, of College Station, Texas; seven great-grandchildren, Grace Merrie Stilwell of Wimberley, Texas, Samuel Hayden "Dutch" Arnold, Coburn Thomas "Coby" Arnold, Elinor Ruth "Ellie" Arnold, and John Wyatt Arnold of Clarksville, Tennessee, and Madeline Piper "Piper" Arnold and William Lane "Will" Arnold of College Station, Texas; sister, Julia Kathryn McLaran and husband, Charles McLaran, of Albany, OR; a niece, Joan Kerfoot, and two nephews, Mike McLaran and Dan McLaran, and a number of other relatives and friends. She also leaves behind her beloved friends, Mary Jo Essex, Arlene Shields, Freida Casey, and Louise Arnold, and her loving care givers, Paulette McBryde, Dorothy Russell, and Dorothy Sagers. Special thanks to the caring staff at Cypress Home Health Care, Dr. H. Patel, nurse Keisha, and the staff of Christus St. Michael Hospital.

Survivors include: Spouse: Ted Williams of Post. Three daughters: Freddi K. Wilson and husband William C. Wilson of Oklahoma City, OK., Kellye S. West and husband Jack West of Tulsa and Penny L. Mason of Post. Step-Mother: Vinita Warren of Hermleigh. Two half-brothers: Robert Warren of Houston and Stanley Warren of Oceanside, California. Three half-sisters: Joyce Lionberger of Hermleigh, Connie Reed of Katy and Tracy Dickerhoff of Snyder. 15 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter.

Pallbearers were: Brandon Wilson, Josh Bush, Blythe Wilson, Quinton Cooper, Will Wilson, Jr. and Luke Cooper. Honorary Pallbearers were: Crawford Edwards, Frank McClellan, Mike Huf-faker, Jose Flores, Rick Rig-gins, Giles Dalby, Jr., Gary Workman, Mike Johnson, Sonny Fry, Rusty Workman and Charlie Williams.

The family greeted friends Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church Christian School.



### Imogene Bevers

Graveside services for Imogene Bevers, 81, of Lubbock were at 3 PM Thursday at Terrace Cemetery in Post with Rev. Steve McMeans of Indiana Avenue Baptist Church officiating. Memorial services will be at 2 PM Friday at Southcrest Baptist Church with Rev. David Brooks officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010 in Lubbock. She was born March 23, 1929 in Post to Garmon and Mattie (Stinnett) Hagood. She married Herschel (Happy) Bevers on Sept. 29, 1946 in Close City. She and Happy farmed in Garza County for many years.

Survivors include her husband: Herschel Bevers of Lubbock, 3 Daughters: Sherry Farquhar of Southland, Peggy Young of Abilene and Tina Marsh of Hurst, 1 Son: Mark Bevers of Lubbock, 1 Sister: Betty Moseley of Lubbock; 8 Grandchildren and 7 Great Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 1 Grandson: Justin Haire on Aug. 29, 1998.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations to "United We Build" fund at Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock or to the "Justin Haire Memorial Architecture Scholarship" at Texas Tech.

Visitation will be from 6 until 7:30 PM at Hudman Funeral Home in Post.

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## Extension Extras

**Did you know that 4-H is free to join and open to all kids in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or 9 years old to 19 years old in Garza County?**

**Christmas Party**  
Our 4-H Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Snacks will be provided and we will have a scavenger hunt for

canned food for our Community Service Project.

**Hometown Holiday**  
Join us December 15, 2010 from 11:00-6:00 for Hometown Holiday at the Extension Office.  
You can pick up your 2010 Cookbook then. They will be \$10.

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The Post Dispatch!

# Lions Club selects Post Lions Club Queen

Julie Boren has been selected as Post Lions Club Queen for the 2010 - 2011 school year. Julie is a sophomore at Post High School, plays flute in the Pride of Post Band and is

a varsity cheerleader. She is the daughter of John and Susan Boren. You may see Julie as she represents Post Lions Club in the Lighted Christmas Parade at Post Trade Days Downtown on

Saturday, December 4th. Julie will also represent Post in the Lions Club Queen Scholarship Pageant - District 2-T2 Mid Winter Conference to be held in Post on January 22nd.



Post Lion Club Queen Julie Boren.

Photo by Shirley Ariaza

## Trailblazers ISD Menu

<b>Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Green Beans, Roll, Peach Cake	Chicken Strips, Mashed Taters, Black-eyed Peas, Roll, Fruit
<b>Monday</b>	BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Fried Okra, Biscuit, Grasshopper Salad	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Meatloaf, Au gratin Potatoes,	
<b>Wednesday</b>	King Ranch Casserole, S.W. Potatoes, Salad, Biscuit, Banana Pudding	
<b>Thursday</b>		Lasagna, Fried Zucchini, Salad, Garlic Toast, Pineapple Cake
<b>Friday</b>		

## Texas Indigent Health Care Association elects new board members and officers

Austin, Texas- October 12, 2010 — Local government indigent health care directors from across the state attended the Annual Texas Indigent Health Care Association (TIHCA) Conference ending October 15<sup>th</sup> in Austin, where members elected new officers and board members who represent a broad spectrum of experience in the field.

TIHCA was created in 2004 as a program of the Texas Conference of Urban Counties, with the cooperation of the Texas Association of Counties, after county indigent health care directors asked for organizational assistance in response to the State of Texas' discontinuation of the Texas Department of Health Regional Coordinators in 2003.

The basic goal of TIHCA is to provide timely information on upcoming legislative issues and continued staff training on program administration. This year's training included topics on health care reform; indigents in jails and juvenile detention; controlling pharmacy costs; as well as program administration.

The following individuals were installed as board members:

- Eva Cruz, Director, McLennan County Health Services
- Brandy Fannon, IHCP Coordinator, Garza County Health District
- Josie Michael, CIHCP Director, San Patricio County
- Lena Saenz Morgan, Financial Counselor, Guadalupe County
- Penny Wilson, HCAP Coordinator, Montgomery County

The following current board members were installed as new officers:

- Chair-Elect Dianna Spieker,

Tom Green County Treasurer  
 • Secretary -Lesa Gilbert, CIHCP Coordinator, Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
 The following board members were elected for another term of service:  
 • Lesa Gilbert, CIHCP Coordinator, Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
 • Linda Dickerson, IHC Director, Jasper County

TIHCA relies on its volunteer board to govern the association direction.  
 A quote from Brandy "Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness, to pull another hand into the light, for it is only then that you make a difference."  
 For more information on TIHCA, please contact Windy Johnson at (512) 476-6174

## Spotlight on Education

By Michael S. Comeaux  
 Post ISD Superintendent

We are quickly approaching the Holiday Season with our second six weeks report cards being handed out today. Things are going fairly smoothly as we are completing the elementary roof project this week. We have also had a few issues with the high school roof which we are currently working on with our contractors to resolve.

This past week has been a very difficult in our district and in particular, at our elementary school. As you may already know, DPS trooper Jonathan McDonald passed away as the result of a car accident Monday evening. Mr. McDonald was the husband of one of our kindergarten teachers, Laura McDonald. I hope you will join us by keeping Laura and her family in your thoughts.

Over the past few weeks we have begun meeting with Roy Ramos, Program Specialist for the Texas Department of State Health Services. Post ISD has been designated as the Point of Dispensing (or POD) for Garza County. A

POD is where members of a community go in a disease outbreak to receive pills or shots. We are working closely with Judge Lee Norman and other Garza County personnel to coordinate resources.

On a brighter note, I want to share with you some recent results from the state. District wide Post ISD received 8 Gold Performance Acknowledgments for the 2009 - 2010 School Year. Known as GPAs these 'awards' recognize school and districts for performance on a range of indicators including test results and attendance rates. To be considered for the GPAs the schools must have an Academically Acceptable rating or higher - Post ISD is rated "Recognized". The district received two for College Ready and Recommended High School Program/ Distinguished Achievement Program (RHSP/DAP). Our High School was awarded acknowledgements for College Ready, RHSP/DAP, and Commended Performance -Social Studies. Our Middle School was awarded Comparable

Improvement - Reading and Commended Performance - Writing. Our Elementary was awarded for Commended Performance - Science. These Gold Performance Acknowledgments are a demonstration of the work that has been put into accountability by our District. Please congratulate these folks if you get a chance.

This has also been a good week in extracurricular activities. Our Middle School One Act Play was awarded First place in our Zone. The kid's rendition of "The Little Matchstick Girl" was fabulous. The students swept the awards with winners in all categories. Best Technical Crew - Kelbie Oden, Katie Colvin, Blaine Reece, Tristan Fannon. Honorable Mention - Trey Havens, Lauren Record, Zayra Pizana. All-Star Cast - Katelyn Walden, Brogan Macy, Jayson Walden, Kelsey Griffin. Ms. Traci Heflin and Ms. De'Sanne Fluitt both have done an outstanding job leading this production.

I hope you all have a great week!

## Post ISD Menu

<b>Breakfast Menu</b> Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup> - Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Friday</b> Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday</b> Oven Crispy Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fancy Gelatin, Milk
<b>Monday</b> Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk	<b>Lunch Menu</b> Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup> - Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Thursday</b> Nachos Grande, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Orange Smiles, Cornbread, Milk
<b>Tuesday</b> Churros, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk	<b>Monday</b> Stuffed Baked Potato, Carrots w/Ranch, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk	<b>Friday</b> Corn Dog, Oven Fried Potatoes, Broccoli w/Ranch, Sparkly Apple, Crispy Treat, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b> Oatmeal, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Milk	<b>Tuesday</b> Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fresh Banana, Chocolate Cake, Milk	
<b>Thursday</b> Cowboy Bread, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk		

## Southland ISD Menu

<b>Breakfast Menu</b> Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup> - Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Milk	Breadstick, Orange-Pineapple Salad, Milk
<b>Monday</b> French Toast, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>Friday</b> Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday</b> Beef Tacos, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Apple Cake, Milk,
<b>Tuesday</b> Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk	<b>Lunch Menu</b> Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup> - Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Thursday</b> Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Roll, Tropical Fruit, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b> Cereal, Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>Monday</b> Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Roll, Fruit, Milk	<b>Friday</b> Hamburgers, Baked Chips, Pickles, Carrots w/Ranch, Salad, Brownie, Milk
<b>Thursday</b> Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit, Juice,	<b>Tuesday</b> Chicken Spaghetti, Corn, Tossed Salad, Garlic	

**18 Days of Christmas!**

COME JOIN CAPROCK HEIRLOOM IN CELEBRATING THE 18 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS. WE WILL BE OPEN 18 DAYS IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS DAY. TO CELEBRATE OUR FIRST HOLIDAY SEASON, WE ARE OFFERING 18 DAYS OF SAVINGS ALLOWING YOU TO SHOP OFTEN AND MARK EVERYONE OFF YOUR LIST.

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 DECEMBER 24: BUY \$20.00 IN BELLA MAGNETS, KEY CHAINS, BLOCKS, OF JEWELRY AND RECEIVE A FREE TOGGLE PENDANT.  
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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

**Bale Count**  
Our bale count as of Wednesday at noon sat at 6,199. We have a few that have finished but several still going.

**News**  
Lots of out of town family members in the county for Thanksgiving last week; those that I know of were.....at the Bush's; Jon, Salli Bess, Journey and Jolie Page. At the Child's; Joe, Mandy, Raul, Abbi and Alli Guerro;

Tad, Rhianna, T.J. and Emily Ellis; Skipper and Connie Prather. At the Wilke's; Jerry and Lilly Wright; Chris and JoAnn; Efrain, Jenny, Lexi and Jake Gonzalez. I'm sure there were more but those are the ones that I know of.

Christmas is in the air out here, the Christmas lights are starting to go up and speaking of lights, the downtown looks great! The parade is this weekend, I'm sorry we won't have a float in it but we have

a pretty busy year out here this year and we are not going to complain about that! Anyway everyone go out and enjoy the parade and the downtown activities this weekend.

If you haven't seen Charles Morris' modules on 84 you missed the artwork created by Tim, Barry and Kayla wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas and even a "Go Tech" I have posted a pic of it on our Facebook page.

Our sympathies go out to the family of Imogene Bevers who passed away on Tuesday morning in Lubbock. Thoughts and prayers are with Happy, Mark, Sherry, Peggy and Tina.

**Cookbooks and T-Shirts**  
The first order of T-shirts are in, if you ordered some you can pick them up at the gin or call us and we'll be glad to deliver them to you. If you haven't gotten one yet you can pick up an order form at CoCara's as well as get a cookbook from

there. Christmas is not far off at all and either of these would be a great gift.

**Visitors**  
Ricky and Judy Bush came out on Friday as well as Lexi Gonzalez; coming out Saturday was Josh Bush; Robert, Mandy (Shults), Katherine and Sean McDonald. We love visitors so come out have a snack and visit sometime. Remember, they're the cheapest in the county! =)

**Get Wells**  
John Shults is in Lubbock in the hospital; do not know much more but we keeping you in our prayers, John, hurry

and get well!  
**Close City Birthdays this week**

December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Veronica Contreras  
December 4<sup>th</sup> - Barry Morris; Troy Nelson; Kristin Massey  
December 5<sup>th</sup> - Steve Gonzales;  
December 8<sup>th</sup> - Lane Norman; Amanda Quisenberry  
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

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## Weekly Inspirations

### PLEASE, NO PUSHING

By: Michael F. Taylor

Easter Sunday and Christmas Sunday always seem to be the two most favorite services for mom and dad to dress up their little ones in brand new Sunday best clothes. Little Suzzie was no exception and Mommy had spent the better part of an hour preparing Suzzie; brushing her hair just right, making sure that the bright red bows were placed just so, and making sure that her beautiful red and green piped Christmas dress was immaculately pressed and fluffed. Unfortunately, all the time spent on getting Suzzie ready had made the family a few minutes later than normal arriving at church. Now, Suzzie knew that the Sunday School teacher Mrs. White, had promised to give every student an extra present if they arrived on time for class. As Mom, Dad and Suzzie stepped through the large arched front doors of the church, she said, "Love you Mommy and Daddy, but I have to hurry to class!" Suzzie hurriedly walked down the aisle and into the side door which led to the children's department. With every step she took, she increased her pace and was quietly praying to herself, "Please God, don't let me be late to Sunday School. Please God, don't let me be late!" As Suzzie turned the corner, she lost her balance and fell flat on her face. As she rose to her feet, Suzzie noticed that her brand new Christmas dress was now very ruffled and had a small tear on the left sleeve. However, Suzzie was not going to be dissuaded from her mission to beat the Sunday School Bell and receive her extra present, and took off again like a shot. As she headed on to the classroom, Suzzie said one more prayer, "Dear Lord, thank you for not allowing me to be hurt when I fell, and please help me to not be late for Sunday School." And then she concluded her prayer, "BUT LORD, PLEASE DON'T PUSH!"

Isn't it wonderful to know that there are those such as little Suzzie who are not dissuaded from the mission set before them? Just as Suzzie wanted without fail to arrive on time to her Sunday School class, we as followers of Christ should spiritually not give up even when we stumble on our path. The Lord would have us to get back up, brush ourselves off, and continue in the trek. We are taught in Hebrews Chapter 4, "14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." NIV

Just as Suzzie was praying for grace to make it on time, so should we each seek the grace and mercy of the Lord in our times of need. This week, my prayer for each of you is that God would reveal His grace and His mercy when you experience one of those times of need. God bless and watch out for a nudge from the Lord!

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

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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

**Deuteronomy 6:5**

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## From the Saga Legends.... the journey ends

By: Linda Puckett  
From the archives of the  
Garza County Historical  
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### ALEC'S GREAT LOVE

The Negro Alec drove the last wagon, and he too had oxen. Alex's great love however was for horses. Stonewall Jackson, a big handsome dark bay was Alex's principal love. At night we would hear Alex prowling around over by the horses; he would talk to them by the hour. It was rather comical at times, for perhaps half an hour at a time he would stand, holding Stonewall Jackson's bald-faced head between his big black hands, telling the horse over and over, "your name is Stonewall Jackson, your name is Stonewall Jackson...." Whether the animal ever learned the significance attached to the name is doubtful, but at least Alec did his best to impress the proud horse with its importance.

We had crossed the Conech, the Alabama, and the Tombigbee Rivers and were well into Mississippi, when Pa decided that our caravan had one wagon too many. The expenses were running too high. Sometimes we have to pay as high as \$3.50 a bushel for corn. So driving into a little town in Middle Mississippi, Pa hitched his teams on the square and let it be known that Alec's wagon and all its content were for sale to the highest bidders. This was a part of the country that for nearly five years had been cut off from the world, and the people were anxious enough to pay high prices for our second-hand dishes and utensils and bedclothes.

### HE NEEDED A BUTTERMILK PITCHER

There was one old pitcher with the handle broken off, I remember, and the bidding ran fairly high for it. Ma laughed telling the man who finally obtained it, "why that

is exactly what I gave for that pitcher when I married twenty-five years ago."

"I don't care, he said, for now I will have something to drink buttermilk out of."

Now with Alec's wagon sold, there was little for him to do, and he began to linger along the way in towns, talking with rough looking whites. Gradually we became to distrust him. One night Pa awakes to find someone rummaging about his head. It was Alec. He pretended that he was merely hunting a bridle, but the excuse was too flimsy. The next morning when we pulled out we left him by the side of the road. We couldn't afford to take chances; we even locked the horses with chains to the wagon wheels at night.

It was long leaf pine country before we reached Jackson. The streams that until now had been clear water creeks fed by springs the year round now began to get sluggish and muddy. Occasionally we would come to bridges not burned, but they were often too shaky that the oxen refused to cross them. Sometimes the beasts were so stubborn that we had to hitch horses or mule to their teams and pull them on by force or else they swam across.

Eighteen to twenty miles were considered a fair day's travel. Some days though, especially while going through river bottoms, the going would be so difficult that we would have to double team often. Then we would make no more than seven to eight miles from dawn to dark. Ordinarily Pa would rest the horses and teams at least one day a week. It was not always Sunday; for many times, being scarce of food or corn, or perhaps because we were in dangerous or undesirable territory, we would drive all day Sunday and rest some other day.

### CAVES WITH HISTORY

Just before we reached Vicksburg, while we were still in that torn up region, we began to notice other signs of the war that had been - old abandoned cannons and graves. The road coming into Vicksburg led down into a huge ditch and followed between its narrow and house high banks for more than a mile. This had once been covered on top but was now caved in; it must have been the tunnels the Yankees had used in trying to undermine the city.

Late in the afternoon we reached the banks of the Mississippi, the last ferry for the day having run just a few minutes before we pulled up to the landing. That night we camped on the banks of the river, just a hundred yards from the Yankee barracks. Persons prowled about our camp all night long, and there was little sleep to be had, for the soldiers kept firing guns at irregular intervals until day-light. They were not intentionally firing at us, but never-the-less through their carelessness bullets whizzed through our camp several times.

The next morning before crossing the river we went back into the business section to buy supplies. It was necessary too, to buy camp fire wood with which to cook breakfast, rotten drift wood hardly fit to burn but costing fifty-cents for a mere armful.

### CROSSING THE GREAT RIVER

We crossed the Mississippi about noon on an old-time river ferry. The loading of the wagons and teams, the crossing and the unloading - all must have totaled an hour's time. It would not have been necessary to unhitch, since the lower deck was large enough to carry eight or ten wagons and their teams, but again the oxen proved stubborn and refused to go on deck. Consequently, we had to hitch the mules to them

and drag them on board.

Going up the Louisiana bank of the river the mud was ankle deep and so sticky there was a sound like the popping of a pistol. Several places in the Louisiana we found stretches like this. The Devil's Race Track one was called - and appropriately. A stretch of three miles, it required all day to get through it, the wagons sometimes sinking to their axles. Indeed, the ruts were so deep we left the center of the trail smoothed by the dragging of the wagon bed!

Just after crossing the Mississippi we turned north and went up the levee by the side of the river until we reached Milligan's bend-nearly two days travel. We girls walking behind as usual, would tarry along the way to watch the river steamers go by, old Mississippi packets, their water wheels churning the river into foam.

### GRAVES ALONG THE BANKS

There were graves along the levees here, lone graves. Strung out over that thirty miles there must have been 100 such graves. Simple wooden slabs, with the date and name of death (sic) written in ink now almost obscured by forces of weathering, proclaimed that most of them were the resting places of Northern soldiers. Some had been disinterred, and the remains carried back North.

One morning early, nearly ten days after we had crossed, we stopped at a man's house, some sixteen miles east Dehi, asking if we might buy some corn for the oxen. "No, he said, I haven't any, but Mr. Justice in here has several thousand bushels. He will be glad to sell you some." So it was that we came to meet Archibald Justice, no relation of Pa's but thereafter referred to as Uncle Arch. Indeed, Mr. Justice did let us have some corn; loaded our wagons full and refused to take a cent of pay. A very hospitable old fel-

low, he insisted that we spend the night with him and tell him the news from Alabama. For supper we had chitterlings and Uncle Doss said he ate one so long that it was stretched out it would reach from there to Delhi. Delhi was sixteen miles away. Uncle Arch was wealthy and so carried away with Pa that he offered us free sixty acres of rich bottom land to settle near him. An excellent opportunity-but Pa had Texas on his brain. Now that we were in Louisiana, the boggy stretches began to grow worse. And the animals showed signs of tiring. Pa wanted to go on before they gave out entirely.

### A PARLOR TURNED INTO A STABLE

Taking our leave reluctantly in the morning, we pushed on through Louisiana. Houses there were fine homes, but vacant. We camped in one of them that night. The luxurious parlor had been used by soldiers for a stable and the hay and stock manure were strewn about on the once highly polished floors. Back near the Mississippi we had found houses like these, houses abandoned because the levees during the war had been broken and the floods had sent the occupants scurrying to high ground. I don't know why the country this far from the river had been depopulated. It must have been that with husbands, sons, and brothers killed in war and with the financial ruin staring them in the face, those left living had like we decided to go West in search of a new home.

Passing through Monroe we headed toward Shreveport. Christmas Day we spent traveling; it was that day we passed through Minden, one of the prettiest towns I have ever seen. Just before we reached Shreveport we again ran out of corn and had to pay the exorbitant price of \$4 a bushel. And, what's more, we had to go two miles off the road down in Red River bot-

tom and help gather it!

Leaving Shreveport we headed toward Marshall, Texas. Here Pa hoped to find a suitable home. We could go no further it seemed. The hair was wearing off the animals, and where the harness should go was rubbed raw. They were getting tired, the oxen were, and some of the mules were getting sick and lame. Never the less, Pa was determined to get inside the boundaries of Texas before the teams gave out completely.

### OUR FIRST NIGHT IN TEXAS

I shall never forget the first night I spent in Texas. We did not know until the next day we had crossed the State line. And somehow having heard so many fabulous tales about Texas I expected a sudden change at the State line-like entering a new enchanted world. But it was prosaic enough; just more woods and creek bottoms and bad roads. The first night I cooked our supper by the side of an old log, which soon caught fire and set up an annoying shower of sparks. I was scorched a dozen times before the meal was prepared, and twice my dress caught afire. So it was that Texas gave me the first night something to remember her by.

It was the first day of January, 1866, the second day after we had reached the State that Pa returned to our camp and announced that he had found us a new home a few miles out of Marshall, down on Caddo Lake.

So after traveling several weeks over 1,000 miles, after spending \$1,000., we had at last our journey by oxen wagon completed-and we took up life in a new and virgin state. Like so many others, we had found a new home in the West.

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As told by Mrs. J.L. Parchman, the former Nancy Jane Justice. She was 84 years of age at that time.

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### Lady Lope Basketball Round-up

**VARSITY GIRLS**  
**POST 37, CROSBYTON 34 (11/30/2010)**  
 Crosbyton 7 10 7 10 — 34  
 Post 12 6 12 7 — 37  
 Leading scorers: Crosbyton; M. Bass 10; Post; Cravy 12.  
 Record: Post 3-4.

**POST 44, RALLS 38 (11/23/2010)**  
 Post 7 14 8 15 — 44  
 Ralls 11 8 6 13 — 38  
 Leading scorers: Post; Berry 13, Short 7, Jones 6, Cravy 6, Wilson 5, Araiza 4, Williams 4. Ralls; Diaz 16, Martinez 9.

**SNYDER 67, POST 21 (11/22/2010)**  
 Post 3 5 6 7 — 21  
 Snyder 22 18 11 16 — 67  
 Leading scorers: Post; Wilson 10; Snyder, Driggers 13, McCullar 11, Medina 10, Medrano 10, Brooks 10. Record: Snyder 6-1. JV score: Snyder 64, Post 34.

**JV GIRLS**  
**POST 24, CROSBYTON 21 (11/30/2010)**  
 Post 7 4 8 5 — 24  
 Cros 4 0 6 11 — 21  
 Post Scoring: Mattie Smith 10, Kayla Comeaux 6, Macie Merritt 3, Katelyn Elmore 2, Jaycee Johnson 1.

**POST 41, RALLS 23 (11/23/2010)**  
 Post 15 5 8 13 — 41  
 Ralls 2 13 0 8 — 23  
 Post Scoring: Mattie Smith 19, Sara Greer 10, Miranda Solorzano 3, Cheyenne Gill 2, Brandy Benavides 2, Katelyn Elmore 2, Becca Fannon 2, Jaycee Johnson 1.

**SNYDER 64, POST 34 (11/22/2010)**  
 Post 5 9 11 9 — 34  
 Snyder 21 14 15 14 — 64  
 Post Scoring: Mattie Smith 16, Madison Cash 11, Kayla Comeaux 2, Sara Greer 2, Macie Merritt 2, Katelyn Elmore 2, Miranda Solorzano 2, Jaycee Johnson 1.

**POST 33, ANTON 28 (11/19/2010)**  
 Post 6 9 10 8 — 33  
 Anton 7 8 4 9 — 28  
 Post Scoring: Mattie Smith 11, Jaycee Johnson 5, Katelyn Elmore 5, Sara Greer 3.

**POST 31, LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN HS 26 (11/16/2010)**  
 LCHS 5 6 6 9 — 26  
 Post 9 4 8 10 — 31  
 Post Scoring: Mattie Smith 12, Madison Cash 5, Miranda Solorzano 4, Cheyenne Gill 3, Jaycee Johnson 1.

**SEMINOLE 50, POST 21 (11/13/2010)**  
 Post 4 2 10 5 — 21  
 Seminole 13 13 18 6 — 50  
 Post Scoring: Jaycee Johnson 5, Mattie Smith 5, Miranda Solorzano 5, Macie Merritt 2, Katelyn Elmore 2.

**SHALLOWATER 64, POST 10 (11/9/2010)**  
 Post 3 4 2 1 — 10  
 Shallowater 21 14 16 13 — 64  
 Post Scoring: Madison Cash 4, Jaycee Johnson 3, Macie Merritt 2, Mattie Smith 1.



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### Antelope Basketball Round-up

**JV @ Ralls (11/23/2010)**  
 Post 23, Ralls 22  
 Post 11 6 4 2 — 23  
 Ralls 4 6 8 4 — 22  
 Post Scoring: Tyler Jones 9, Nathaniel Gill 6, Pake Jones 4, Chris Yarbrough 4  
*Coach Lackey:* Good hard fought game.  
 Post record: 1-1

**JV @ Anton (11/19/2010)**  
**ANTON 38, POST 35**  
 POST 6 12 8 9 — 35  
 ANTON 14 8 9 7 — 38  
 Post Scoring: Chris Yarbrough 10, Mondo Martinez 7, Nathaniel Gill 6, Campbell Kirkpatrick 5, Pake Jones 3, Josh Curtis 2, Travis Greathouse 2.  
*Coach Lackey:* Got off to a slow start in the first. But fought back in the game and had a chance to tie at the end of the 4th. Just came up a little short. Good effort by our boys. They played a hard fought game to the end.

**Colorado City @ Post (11/29/2010)**  
**8th Grade A-Team**  
 C-City 35, Post 23  
 C-City 9 9 11 6 — 35  
 Post 6 8 6 3 — 23  
 Post Scoring: Feddy Araiza 9, Blake Boren 7, Eric Gomez 3, Carson Kirkpatrick 2, Keaton Collins 2.  
*Coach Toney:* The boys improved from their first game, we are taking it one game at a time.  
 Post record: 0-2

**8th Grade B-Team**  
 Post 24, C-City 13  
 C-City 4 2 2 5 — 13  
 Post 4 6 4 10 — 24  
 Post Scoring: Brendan Cunningham 8, Jayson Walden 7, Christian Perez 7, Hunter Belongia 2  
*Coach Toney:* The team showed a lot of hustle and really got after C-City on Defense.  
 Post record: 2-0

**7th Grade A-Team Team**  
 Post 31, C-City 23  
 C-City 7 3 2 11 — 23  
 Post 8 6 10 7 — 31  
 Post Scoring: Kyle Jones 13, Blaine Reece 6, Cambry Gilbert 6, Jordan Solorzano 3, Jarred Curtis 2, Jaybren Rodriguez 1.  
*Coach Quinn:* We improved from last week. We played better on defense which helped our transition game that resulted in more layups. We still have some things to work on but the guys are working hard at getting better.  
 Post record: 1-1.

**7th Grade B-Team**  
 Post 26, C-City 10  
 C-City 0 2 4 4 — 10  
 Post 11 6 3 6 — 26  
 Post Scoring: Issac Massingill 10, Christian Pearson 6, Miguel Lopez 4, Fabian Marquez 4, Christian Armanderiz 2.  
*Coach Quinn:* The team showed great effort on defense. They also did a good job of pushing the ball up the floor and getting layups.  
 Post record: 2-0.



**Football Playoff Picture Results (as of 11/27/10)**  
District 2A, Div. II  
 Idalou 42, Crawford 6  
Regional Games of Interest  
 Littlefield 28, Colorado City 14  
 Holliday 21, Sanford-Fritch 6  
 Garden City 80, Ira 46  
**Playoff Schedule**  
District 2A, Div. II, Region 1 Final  
 Holliday (9-3) vs. Idalou (9-3) (2:00 Saturday @ Abilene Wylie)  
District 2A, Div. I, Region 1 Final  
 Wall (12-1) vs. Littlefield (11-2) (7:30 Fri @ Midland Grande Comm. Stad.)  
Six-Man Division 1, State Semifinal  
 Follett (12-1) vs. Garden City (13-0) (8:00 Saturday @ Seymour)

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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### Keeping secrets secret

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I wonder how many people will be killed as a result of the latest WikiLeaks bombshell?

Because of a breakdown in national security, a simple memory stick, smaller than your little finger, has resulted in the largest diplomatic blow in U.S. history.

When President Obama promised transparency when he was running for office, I don't think this is what he had in mind. The 1.6 gigabytes of text files on the memory stick from, or to, U.S. embassies around the world, contains 251,287 documents in all, from more than 250 embassies and consulates.

The data reveals how the government deals with both allies and enemies. Negotiating, pressuring and even denigrating foreign leaders - it's all out now.

Who's to blame? WikiLeaks? The U.S. Government? Bradley Manning?

Manning, 22, a soldier, is the alleged perpetrator. He has been held in solitary confinement for seven months and is facing a court martial in 2011. Manning, a former intelligence analyst, is charged with unauthorized downloads of classified material while serving on an army base outside Baghdad. He is suspected of taking copies not only of the state department archive, but also of video of an Apache helicopter crew gunning down civilians in Baghdad, and hundreds of thousands of daily war logs from military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Here's how he did it according to the published chat-log of a conversation Manning had with a fellow-hacker: "I would come in with music on a CD-RW labeled with

something like 'Lady Gaga' ... erase the music ... then write a compressed split file. No one suspected a thing ... [I] listened and lip-synched to Lady Gaga's "Telephone" while exfiltrating possibly the largest data spillage in American history." He said that he "had unprecedented access to classified networks 14 hours a day 7 days a week for over eight months".

According to Manning, "Hillary Clinton and several thousand diplomats around the world are going to have a heart attack when they wake up one morning and find an entire repository of classified foreign policy is available, in searchable format, to the public ... Everywhere there's a U.S. post, there's a diplomatic scandal that will be revealed. Worldwide anarchy in CSV format ... It's beautiful, and horrifying."

So I would say Manning, at the very least, committed treason. He will now face a court martial and, if found guilty, he should be executed.

The government, particularly the Department of Defense, is to blame as well. The people in charge of how information is disseminated and safeguarded were sloppy: It should be impossible for anyone without proper clearance to access classified files.

Thankfully, America's most sensitive "top secret" and above foreign intelligence files cannot be accessed from SiproNet, the defense department network involved. Hopefully, such information is being protected from the best hackers.

Australian former hacker Julian Assange and WikiLeaks are also responsible. Assange says all information, regardless of origin or sensitivity, should be in the public domain.

Perhaps in a perfect world. Assange can hide behind his beliefs, but make no mistake, he's in it for the money and the fame. What he's done can never justify the harm he's done.

Assange is wrong. As long as there are bad guys in the world, there will need to be secrets. Frankly, how the government approaches its diplomacy should be classified. Our government officials have to be able to communicate openly.

There is one more aspect of this story which needs to be touched on: The fact that publications like the New York Times insist on publishing sensitive information. I'm a newspaper man and I believe in freedom of information, but not to the extent that American lives are endangered.

To me, there is a difference between the public's right to know and a news organization posting government secrets just because it now has access to them. It's a poor judgement call, but not surprising given the NYT's recent track record regarding protecting those fighting for our country.

This story is far from over. For that matter, there are more sensitive documents to be released by Assange and WikiLeaks. Personally, I hope the government can plug their security holes and make an example of Manning to the degree that copycat crimes are limited in this regard.

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### Other Opinions

### Calling A Shamrock A Shamrock

By HOWARD RICH

As the European economy grapples with yet another bailout of a bankrupt sovereign state, a storyline is emerging that seeks to frame this latest instance of government interventionism along deliberately disingenuous lines. According to this misleading narrative, Ireland's abysmal fiscal condition did not come as a result of chronic state over-spending, but is instead due to the island nation's comparatively-low corporate income tax rate.

Sound like a familiar song? On both sides of the ocean there appear to be plenty of Keynesian apologists who believe that economic downturns are always caused by greedy capitalists — never by greedy politicians and government bureaucrats.

Now several European nations — led by France and Germany — are insisting that Ireland raise its 12.5 percent corporate tax rate as a prerequisite for receiving a Eurozone loan that would pump tens of billions of Euros into its banking system. Such a tax increase aims to bring Ireland in line with corporate tax rates in France (33 percent) Germany (30 percent), Spain (30 percent) and Great Brit-

ain (28 percent) — but it would also stifle productivity and job growth at a time when Irish citizens need their economy to be firing on all cylinders.

While it certainly makes sense for Europe's sovereign nations to minimize their financial exposure — it would make even more sense for them not to expose their taxpayers to such risks in the first place. Of course under "continental rule" it is often difficult for these nations to distinguish their own interests from those of the "collective." This creates an additional disincentive for sound sovereign financial management — as if European governments needed another excuse to act in a fiscally reckless manner.

But consider this: Why would one nation watch out for its bottom line when it can simply pass the buck — or in this case, the Euro — on to another nation's taxpayers?

Obviously, the solution that makes the most sense in all of this is for sovereign governments to confine themselves to a very narrow list of core functions on behalf of their own citizens — and then to perform these functions with maximum efficiency and transparency. Clearly such a rational view of government was long ago abandoned by Europe's

welfare statist, just as it has been cast to the curb in recent years by socialist-leaning politicians in the United States.

Yet while America's own Keynesian interventionists — led by U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke — continue to blame other nations' debt crises for the ongoing sluggishness of the global economy, very few are willing to "call a Shamrock a Shamrock" as it relates to the Irish debt crisis.

One analyst willing to do so is Daniel J. Mitchell, a tax expert at The Cato Institute. In seeking the real culprit behind the Irish implosion — and for that matter the broader European debt crisis — Mitchell examined nearly three decades worth of Irish government expenditures and tax receipts. In doing so he found that from 1983-2006 both expenditures and receipts in Ireland were on similar upward trajectories — a regrettable result of the Irish government's insistence on spending every new dime that came into its coffers. Beginning in 2007, however, these lines began moving in opposite directions.

"When the financial crisis hit a couple of years ago, tax revenues suddenly plummeted," explains Mitchell. "Unfortunately, politicians continued to spend like drunken sail-

ors. It's only in the last year that they finally stepped on the brakes and began to rein in the burden of government spending. But that may be a case of too little, too late."

In addition to profligate spending, Mitchell points to the adoption of the Euro as another contributing factor in Ireland's decline.

"The one thing we can definitely say ... is that lower tax rates did not cause Ireland's problems," Mitchell concludes. "It's also safe to say that higher tax rates will delay Ireland's recovery."

Irish negotiators are holding firm thus far against European demands — making the case that if Germany and France want to recoup their investment in Ireland, they will not choke off the nation's economic growth.

Frankly, no European taxpayers — Irish or otherwise — should be forced to pick up the tab for this disaster. Similarly no European taxpayers should have been forced to bail out Greece earlier this year. Governments on both sides of the Atlantic must learn the hard way that they are to restrict themselves to core functions — a process that starts with telling the truth about how they landed in their current predicaments.

### Other Views

### Is 2011, the year when med mal reform finally comes of age?

By FRANK McCAFFREY

There will be a lot of heat generated in the first month of the 112th Congress as the newly elected Republican majority in the House of Representatives moves, as they should, to repeal the signature legislation of the Pelosi era — ObamaCare.

It is common knowledge that Harry Reid's Senate will not vote for repealing the law, so where should the Republicans head from there?

One answer is pass the single most important health care reform that the Pelosi-Reid Congress left off the table — medical malpractice reform.

This makes sense from a cost perspective as the Congressional Budget Office estimated that medical malpractice reform would save \$54 billion over the course of the next ten years.

Savings in the cost of insurance premiums doctors are forced to pay, coupled with savings from ending the defensive medical practices that result from fear of frivolous lawsuits which result in doctors ordering multiple expensive tests just to cover themselves.

Medical malpractice reform will not only save money for everyone involved in the delivery of health care, it will in-

crease the availability of health care overall.

Currently, the high cost of medical malpractice insurance is killing the ability of expectant mothers in many parts of this country from having access to pre-natal care. Those who are most affected are low income mothers to be where Medicaid reimbursements don't cover the cost of providing the services.

Lower the medical malpractice costs to these doctors, and they will be able to afford to provide care to those who can afford it least, but in many cases, need it most.

It isn't just poor mothers-to-be who are caught in the vice of the high cost of medical malpractice insurance, it is also patients who are attempting to see specialists in high risk fields like neurology.

The high cost of doing business in these high risk medical fields is a major contributing factor to aspiring doctors choosing other, less costly, fields of emphasis. This cost-based choice threatens to leave our aging population fighting over fewer and fewer trained professionals to diagnose and treat our ailments.

House Republicans have the opportunity to force Harry Reid's Senate Democrats to confront the harsh reality of the deal they have made with the nation's trial lawyers, and with some aggressive work by Senate Republicans, they would

have to make a choice.

In the past two years, the Democrats chose their big money funders in the professional lawsuit industry over the needs of patients to gain access to quality, affordable health care. Republicans, if they hold every vote in their conference, have the opportunity to force them to choose again. While getting 13 votes to invoke cloture may be a bridge too far, it will only require the votes of four vulnerable or already partially supportive Democrats like Ben Nelson of Nebraska, Jon Tester of Montana, Tom Carper of Delaware and Virginia's Jim Webb to force Reid into the uncomfortable position of opposing legislation that a majority of the Senate supports.

The imagery of Harry Reid and the Democrats turning their backs on African American expectant mothers who cannot find an obstetrician due to their acquiescence to the wealthy trial bar doesn't fit nicely into the ObamaCare narrative for the 2012 election, and so the Republicans should have some political leverage.

Who knows? Maybe 2011 will finally be the year when our nation's lawmakers deal with one of the key factors denying access to medical care and stand up to the powerful trial bar. At least one can hope.

## Depot...

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president. "These will be used to decorate the Depot for the holidays in the future and we hope folks will come back at Christmas each year. This will be a memorable tradition especially for the children."

The Depot remodel project began in March of this year and was funded by private donations from approximately 30 individuals, businesses and charitable foundations. The Chamber also helped fund the project with proceeds from the Harlem Ambassador basketball game and the 2010 Chamber banquet. "Some work had been done in the mid-80s that certainly helped preserve this building," Kirkpatrick continued. "Now the building has a new roof, all new energy-efficient windows and exterior doors as well as new paint inside and out." In addition, the loading dock has been rebuilt; iron reinforcement added; all plumbing replaced including the sewer line and electrical work was done where needed.

The 33' x 106' Santa Fe Depot building in Post was built in 1910. The doors of the Post Santa Fe Depot were closed for the last time on July 24, 1978. In 1986 the Santa Fe

Railroad deeded the depot building to the Chamber of Commerce and leased approximately 2.8 acres of land surrounding the depot to the organization. Extensive renovations were made to the building and for a short time the Chamber office was located in the depot. Since reorganizing approximately 3 years ago, the Chamber has had a temporary office in the Algerita Art Center on Main Street.

The story of how C. W. Post brought the railroad to this community is legendary. He was well known by railroad officials and they were probably not surprised by his outrageous offer to pay the Santa Fe \$50,000 and to donate the required right of ways, if the Santa Fe line into Post was completed by the first day of 1911. The depot was complete in December, 1910 and the first train rolled into Post City on January 15, 1911. Actually it backed into the town since the engineer wanted a forward pull when climbing the Caprock and there was no way to "turn trains" at Post. The cost of laying 14 miles of track over the Caprock to Post City has been reported to be \$800,000.

The depot in Post is certainly an important piece of local history; however, the building is also a national historic gem because of its

designer. Internationally acclaimed architect, Louis Curtiss designed the Post building as well as depot buildings in Lubbock, Sweetwater and Snyder. Only the Post and Snyder structures are still standing. Curtiss' works range from cottages to railroad depots, theaters, hotels and a World's Fair building. He has been credited for making significant contributions to the evolution of modern architecture. The book "Stalking Louis Curtiss" by Sandy Wildy, describes the "Texas quartet of depots as pure late Curtiss, derivative of myriad styles including his interpretation of the Prairie School." The passenger depots were constructed of concrete and covered with elaborate tile work of geometric shapes. These terra cotta depots were used in conjunction with large frame freight houses. When the freight house at Post was retired during World War II, a portion of the passenger station was enclosed to allow space for a combination passenger and freight depot.

"We're very happy to have the Visitor Center and Chamber offices back in this significant, historic building," Kirkpatrick continued. "We look forward to sharing this 100th anniversary of the depot with the community."

## UIL results from Denver City meet

The Post Middle School district UIL Literary meet was held in Denver City on Thursday, November 18, 2010. We took 79 sixth, seventh, & eighth graders to UIL meet. The students and teachers have been working on these events since the first of September and all of that work has paid off. We were the smallest school out of the four in our zone and we placed first, Slaton middle school placed second, Denver City middle school placed third and Roosevelt middle school placed fourth.

### Editorial Writing coached by Vickie Bundick

7th Grade: Savina Gomez 1st  
Ragin Kimmons 4th  
Trey Havens 6th

8th Grade: Keaton Collins 6th

### Ready Writing coached by Gini Aldridge

6th Grade: Triana Curtis 1st  
Chase Morris 5th

7th Grade: Brogan Macy 5th

8th Grade: Jayson Walden 1st

### Impromptu Speaking coached by Bill Coltrane

7th Grade: Fabian Marquez 5th

8th Grade: Jaime Marquez 5th

### Modern Oratory coached by MaDawn Sherrin

7th Grade: McKenzie Ward 5th

### Oral Reading 7th Grade coached by Ashley Breshers

Jessi Isbell 5th  
Ragin Kimmons 6th

### Oral Reading Continued:

8th Grade coached by MaDawn Sherrin  
Kelsey Griffin 2nd  
Katie Colvin 3rd  
Chelby Morris 6th

### Art coached by Sandra Jones

7th Grade: Laurkyn Fluitt & Lexi Antillon tied for 1st  
Brogan Macy 4th  
The 7th grade Art team placed 1st (Laurkyn Fluitt, Lexi Antillon, Brogan Macy, & Victoria Gutierrez)

8th Grade: Dylan Pearson 1st  
Erik Gomez & Alejo Rodriguez tied for 2nd  
The 8th grade Art team place 1st (Dylan Pearson, Erik Gomez & Alejo Rodriguez)

### Calculators coached by Jason Powell

6th Grade: Yvette Armendariz & Triana Curtis tied for 3rd

Janikah Collazo 6th  
The 6th grade Calculator team placed 2nd (Yvette Armendariz, Triana Curtis, & Janikah Collazo)

7th Grade: Zayra Pizana 3rd  
Gabby Soto 5th  
The 7th grade Calculator team placed 2nd (Zayra Pizana, Gabby Soto, Kaitlyn Walden, & Ragin Kimmons)

8th Grade: Jonathan Castro 1st  
Kelbie Oden 2nd  
Ethan Self 3rd  
The 8th grade Calculator team placed 1st (Jonathan Castro, Kelbie Oden, Ethan Self, & Chelby Morris)

### Dictionary Skills coached by DeSanne Fluitt

6th Grade: Kally Comeaux 3rd  
Yvette Armendariz 5th  
6th grade Dictionary Skills team placed 2nd (Kally Comeaux, Yvette Armendariz, Janikah Collazo, & Triana Curtis)

### Dictionary Skills Continued:

7th Grade: Brogan Macy 1st  
7th grade Dictionary Skills team placed 2nd (Brogan Macy, Trey Havens, & Lauren Record)

8th Grade: Carson Kirkpatrick 2nd  
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