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Liam Flaherty Wins Guitar



Photo by Jodi Lincoln

Back Row From Left to right: Charlie Minnick, David Baker, Connor Flaherty, Melissa Flaherty, Dennis Flaherty and Jason Porter
 Front Row: Mayor Thressa Harp, Liam Flaherty, Ella Brooks and Steve Ritchie

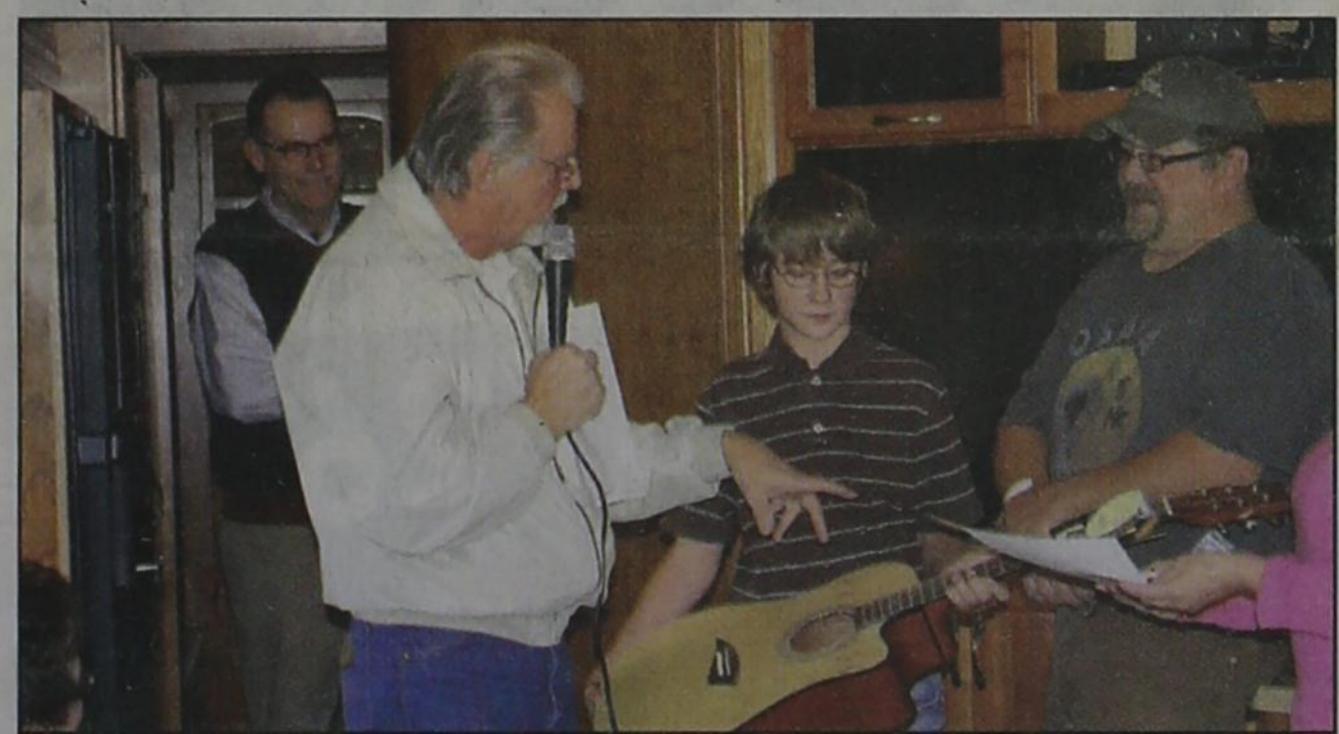


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From Left to right: David Baker of Post ISD looks on as Steve Ritchie of True Country 105.3 talks with Liam Flaherty receiving a Kona 6 sting acoustic guitar while his father Dennis Flaherty looks on

By Jodi Lincoln
 News Editor

True Country 105.3's Steve Richey teamed up with Charlie Minnick of Camper Coaches RV's in Lubbock to give away a guitar to a deserving youngster in the West Texas area. Individuals and groups nominated young people for the giveaway. Steve and Charlie were in Post December 13th to present this year's winner, Liam Flaherty. The giveaway was broadcast from the parking lot of McDonald's in a Camper Coach provided by Charlie Minnick of Camper Coaches RV's. Steve Richey broadcast the presentation live on air as Mayor Thressa Harp presented Liam Flaherty with a new Kona 6 string acoustic guitar. Liam was over the moon to receive the guitar since this had been a wish of his for a

long time.

Jason Porter of Porter Hardware nominated Liam after meeting Liam's father, Dennis Flaherty at a Lions Club Toys for Tots drive. As the two men worked side by side, Dennis talked of his son who is very talented with his hands and fingers. Dennis told Jason that Liam was also good with hand tools and often helped him in the shop and around the scout camp making repairs and doing regular maintenance at the Boy Scout camp. Liam moved to Post this past September with his parents and sibling when his father, Dennis Flaherty was hired as the new camp ranger at the C. W. Post Boy Scout camp outside of Post. During the conversation Dennis Flaherty spoke with pride about his son and the fact that everything Liam attempted, he gave his best

efforts to and strives to do well in everything he does.

Jason and Donna Porter of Porter Hardware in Post thought that Liam was deserving of the guitar for the effort he puts into his endeavors and the pride he takes in everything he does. Jason and Donna nominated him and sponsored him into the giveaway. Jason and Donna were truly happy to learn Liam had won the contest and Jason was present as Liam was awarded the Kona guitar. There were two proud fathers there that day.

Liam is a 6th grader in the Post ISD. His family moved here from Pennsylvania. Liam's family is originally from Indiana. They really like living in Post and especially living at the Boy Scout camp. They hope to be residents of Garza for a long time.

30th Annual KLLL Country Christmas Blood Drive

KLLL and United Blood Services invites everyone to be part of the 30th Annual Country Christmas Blood Drive in Post. This year's drive will be at the United Supermarket on Wednesday, December 22nd from 2:00- 8:00pm.

Each donor will receive a 30th Annual KLLL Country Christmas T-shirt and a pint of delicious Blue Bell ice cream. One donor every day will receive a \$100 Visa gift card and a \$20 ultimate Electronics gift card. At the end of the drive one lucky donor will win a 50" Panasonic plasma TV courtesy of Ultimate Electronics.

Blood donation requirements are simple. You must be at least 16 years of age, be in good health, and have a valid photo ID.

Find the hero in you, and join us in the Country Christmas Blood Drive!

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 La Iglesia De Dios De La Profecia Les Invita a Una Presentacion De Navidad Con La Noche Buena El Domingo 19 de December Alas 6:00 de la Tarde en Post, Texas 602 West 14th Street

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Presentacion de Navidad
 Con Poemas Por Ninos
 Coro de Angelitos
 Estrellas de Navidad por Las Damas
 Poems by Children
 Feliz Navidad----Merry Christmas
 Vengan Todos----Come All

Church of God of Prophecy
 Presents a Christmas Play "La Noche Buena" Sunday 19 of December 2010
 At 6:00 pm at 602 W. 14th
 Angels Choir - Poems by Ladies
 Poems by Children
 EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Christmas Eve Service
 Friday, December 24th, there will be a Christmas Eve service at 10:00 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend this special night's service.

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.

Reception to be held for Mike Sanchez
 Retirement Reception for Commissioner Mike Sanchez will be held December 20, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Garza County Courtroom 2nd Floor of Courthouse

Gospel Theatre needs help for non-speaking acting roles
 Ragtown Gospel Theater needs immediate help for extra people for the "Bethlehem" production. They are none speaking roles. Show runs three weekends, 12/3 through 12/19. Friday nights at 7:00 and Saturday afternoons at 3:00. One Sunday production at 3:00 on 12/19.

Free Christmas Meal
 The public is invited to a Christmas dinner December 25th at 6:00 pm at Trailblazers. If you have any questions, please call Bubba Smith at 806-549-1562. The meal is free to the public and open to those who have no place to go for Christmas, those who are in need and to the residents of Post.

Post Toasties Express Train Schedule
 The Post Toasties Express will be running on a regular schedule through Dec 31st. The train will run Thursdays from 6:30 to 9pm, Friday s 6:30 to 9pm, Saturdays from 10:00am until 9pm and Sundays from

Cellular Connection is now open and is a donation center for Toys for Tots.
 The Cellular Connection is now open in Post. Anyone wishing to donate to the Toys for Tots may bring them to the donation center at Cellular Connection at 1410 N. Broadway. This location is the first store location in Post with 20 additional stores across the state. Cellular Connection is a Verizon Wireless Premium retailer and is the largest retailer in the Midwest.

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I for one would like to say that I have enjoyed the newspaper the past few months. The coverage on the accomplishments of the youth in Post has been outstanding, as have the other articles. Yes, there is a lot of advertising as there is with any newspaper out there. It does help to pay for the expenses of printing a paper, but it is also advertising for our local businesses. I agree that I am not interested in the scores and stats of a

Childress team, but honestly if you look at the Lubbock paper for instance, it lists things from other towns as well. I am giving Kudos to the new editor and am saying don't give up. I think you're doing a great job and just remember, you will never make everyone happy so don't worry about it.

Thank you for running the full results of the Post Middle School UIL competition held in Denver City. A headline of "District Champions" would have been more than appropriate, one such as you would have run one for a sports championship.

UIL emphasis is part of our school's district goals, and this is very important for our hard-working students, faculty, and administration. It seems as though you would have used this to a marketing advantage.

Love the "New & Improved" Post Dispatch. It's getting better every week. I think we need to give our editor our support and encouragement as she continues to try to improve our paper. I personally wouldn't want her responsibilities or her job. I commend her on a job well done!!

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Chamber News

We want to thank everyone who attended our 100th Anniversary and Open House at the Depot last Thursday. We had a great turnout and lots of folks brought ornaments to go on the tree. We should

be moving our office after the first of the year, so make plans to stop by.

Both theaters will have Sunday matinees this weekend in addition to their regular Friday and Saturday

performances. The Garza will have "All Through the House" Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. "Bethlehem" will be at Ragtown Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and

Sunday at 3:00 p.m. What a great way to celebrate the holiday season.

On Christmas Day, there will be a Community Wide Christmas Dinner at Trailblazers. If you would like to

help, contact Bubba Smith at 549-1562.

Also, the Harlem Ambassador Basketball Show will be back on February 27, 2011. If you would like to be a part of this great event,

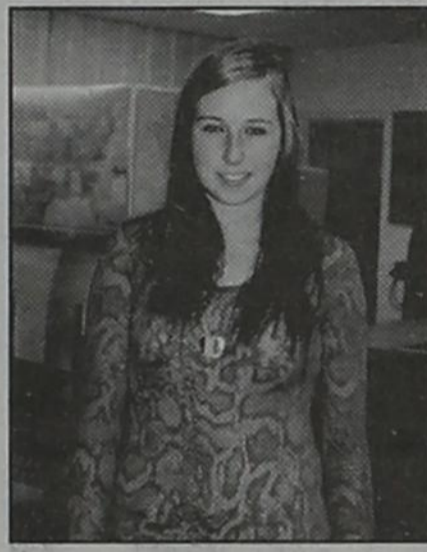
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Congratulations to our members of the week:

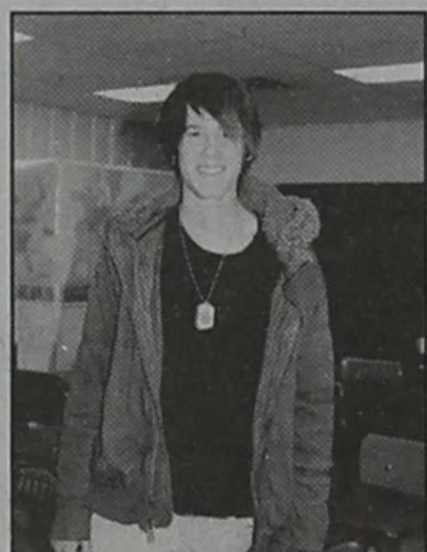


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Gold Member - Ruby Lane Book Store

Spotlight on Education



RAYLI ANDERSON
Rayli Anderson-daughter of Laura Blaylock and Steve Anderson She's attended PHS for one year. She enjoys to play video games. She plans to attend college in Dallas after graduation.



DYLAN MOODY
Dylan Moody-son of Sheila Moody He has only attended Post High school for a few months. He enjoys skateboarding, listening to music, and driving around. After graduation Dylan plans to attend college in either California or Dallas to become either a Computer Animation Specialist or a Graphic Designer.

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Silver Member - Garza County Animal Hospital

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Fun By The Numbers

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13 LORENZO 8:15 AM-3:30 PM	14 LORENZO 8:15 AM-3:30 PM	15 CROSBYTON 8:30 AM-11:00 AM	16 CROSBYTON 9:00 AM-3:30 PM	17 STAFF DEVELOPMENT
20 BROWNFIELD 8:15 AM-3:30 PM	21 BROWNFIELD 8:15 AM-3:30 PM	22 GESC 8:15 AM-3:30 PM	23 STAFF DEVELOPMENT	24 HOLIDAY
27 HOLIDAY	28 POST 9:00 AM-3:30 PM	29 ABERNATHY 8:30 AM-3:30 PM	30 ABERNATHY 8:30 AM-3:30 PM	31 HOLIDAY

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Post ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu Dec. 20 th – Dec. 24 th	Thursday Student Holiday	Tuesday Pizza, Salad, Corn Cobbette, Peaches, Milk
Monday Cheese Omelet, Toast, Fruit, Milk	Friday Student Holiday	Wednesday Student Holiday
Tuesday Donut, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk	Lunch Menu Dec. 20 th – Dec. 24 th	Thursday Student Holiday
Wednesday Student Holiday	Monday Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Coins, Fresh Apple, Hot Roll, Milk	Friday Student Holiday

Trailblazers ISD Menu

Dec. 20 th – Dec. 24 th	Carrots, Roll, Mandarin Cake	Thursday Closed
Monday Chicken Enchiladas, Rotel Potatoes, Salad, Fruit	Wednesday Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, California Blend Vegetables, Biscuit, Oreo Pie	Friday Closed
Tuesday Roast Beef, Oven Potatoes,		

Yesteryears

Year of 2000 – 10 Years

Santa Fest 2000 will help usher in the holiday season this Saturday at the Post Rodeo Arena. Several activities are planned, including food booths, face painting, cupcake walk, tortilla toss and pie throw. Photos with Santa will be offered. Mrs. Clause will be on hand to read stories. A Santa letter writing area will be provided and Santa's Post Office will be open, operated by a few of St. Nick's elves.

Associate warden James Frawner and Warden Joe Rasbeary manage to smile while accepting the special haircut he volunteered for. It was all part of the celebration for Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility exceeded its United Way goals. Stewart Norman served as special barber at the ceremony. He also shaved Warden Larry Bond and Capt. John Gearhart.

Jesse and Misty Basquez and brothers Heath and Hunter Fellhauer would like

to announce the arrival of their beautiful new baby boy. Holden was born at 12:49 pm November 29, 2000, weighing seven pounds, five ounces and 18 and 3/4 inches long.

Troy and Joyce Nelson celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 17 with a reception at the Graham Center. Hosted by their children. Troy & Joyce were married December 26, 1950.

Year of 1990 – 20 Years

Garza Theatre celebrated their Fifth anniversary. Audiences heap praise, applause at Garza Theatre's revival of "My Three Angels".

First Christian Church Youth celebrated the traditional live nativity scene last Sunday evening at the church on West 13th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane Tannehill announce the engagement to their daughter Traci Lyn, to Kirk E. Stevens. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory R. Stevens. The couple is planning a February 23, 1991 wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. William G.

Hall announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberly Kay to Corby Windham. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Windham. The couple plan to wed February 2, 1991.

Year of 1980 – 30 Years

Mona Boles of Radio Station KPOS (Post), chairman of Post's Toy Drive, is completely surrounded with gifts donated by the people of the community that will bring joy and happy smiles to approximately 72 area children on Christmas Day.

Mark Kirkpatrick of Post has been nationally chosen among Texas A&M University nominee for the 1980-81 Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Susan Solis daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Assencion Solis was crowned Virgin de Guadalupe queen on Saturday night at the Holy Cross

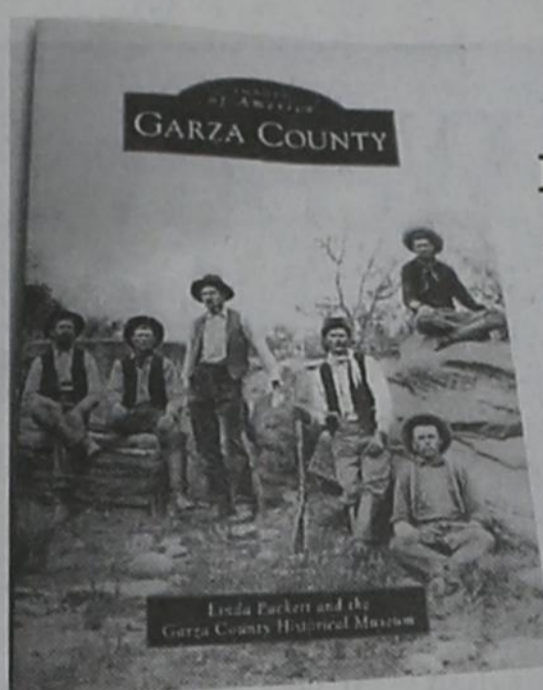
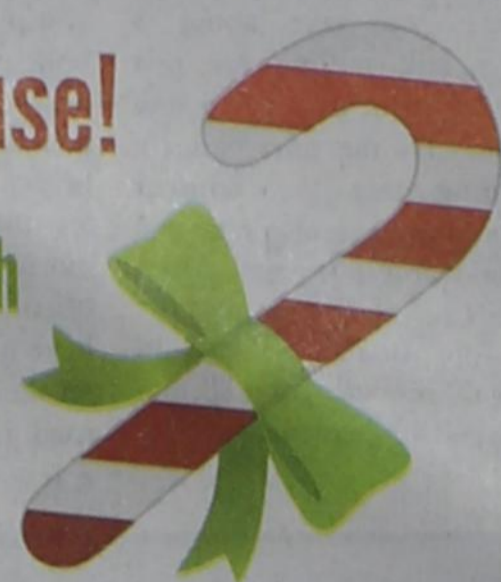
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Garza County Historical Museum

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Christmas Open House!

Saturday, December 18th
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Book signing by author Linda Puckett
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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Bale Count
Our bale count as of Wednesday at noon sat at 8,651, we have about 3 guys still pulling the rest are taking it easy for a few days. By the time you are reading this the weather should have really changed from warm to Brrrrrr. More like Christmas time than 4th of July weather.....only in West Texas can it be 80 one day and 40 the next.

News
If you haven't been out and about to look at the lights you must do that before the holidays are over. Of course downtown is once again beautiful as well as many homes in town, when you are finished their drive out in our neck of the woods; right off of 380 Chuck and Kristi have a beautiful set of lights on their house, on down the road is Robbie Wilke with a few of his tractors lit up,

"downtown" Close City there are a few including the wreath on the school a mile west of the school at the Childs/Ellis', there are a few more tractors lit up. Ya'll come on out and check it out.

The Charles Morris family all met in Lubbock to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. Enjoying family and food at the Cattle Baron were; Charles and Sharron; Tim and Diane;

Barry and Amy.

Speaking of the Morris', Barry and Amy's daughter, Kayla and her husband Dan'l have moved to Virginia where Dan'l is stationed in the Marines.

I have to address my "pet peeve" again.....SLOW DOWN when you come thru our community. Next week the kids will be out of school and I'm sure they will be out and about so slow down and watch out for them as well as the rest of us please!

Don't forget we have a new batch of cookbooks available just in time for Christmas; we also have a few extra T-shirts if you would like one, however we will place another order after the holidays.

Our next get together will be either January or February, when Nancy and I work out the details we'll let ya'll know so keep your calendars available.

Visitors
We have mainly just had the regulars out this week Remember.....We love visitors so come out have a

snack and visit sometime and have a drink and a snack..... they're the cheapest in the county! =)

Close City Birthdays this week

December 17th - Quincey Quintana; Stevie Gonzales
December 19th - Al Craig
December 20th - Renae Melton Thomas

The ones I forgot last week.....

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Terry celebrated

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Weekly Inspirations

THE PERFECT GIFT

By: Michael F. Taylor

My youngest daughter Brittany is a bass player and has been so ever since her grandfather passed away and left her his bass guitar. My mother gave it to her on Christmas Day the Christmas after dad died. It was a very beautiful and loving gesture on my Mother's part and Brittany has taken it to heart and has learned to be a fairly accomplished player in just a few short years. I will never forget several weeks into the new year, one of my church members coming up to my mother and I, and Brittany asking how the bass guitar lessons were going. Without missing a beat, my daughter chimed in, "Oh it was a wonderful present. In fact it was the best present I ever got!" The church member smiled and said, "Well, that is just great. Have you learned to play it very much?" Brittany never even missed a beat as she replied back, "Yea it has been perfect. But I don't really play it much - Mom gives me a dollar every day not to play it, and Dad gives me a five dollar bill not to play it at night! I'm LOVING IT!" Well a lot has changed since that time and Brittany does a wonderful job playing her Papa's bass for the Lord on our church Praise Team.

This is the time of year when each and every one of us should begin to think about all the good will and gifts that are exchanged among men and women. But we should always go back to the very first gift! We are shown in the gospel of Luke Chapter 2, "1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." NIV

What a beautiful gift the Christ Child was! A baby wrapped in clothes, lying in a manger. A Savior is born! The Savior of all mankind. The greatest gift that will ever be given. My prayer for you this week is that if you know anyone who has not accepted the gift, remind them that it is freely given to all who would accept it. God bless and have a wonderful week.

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

2 Timothy 3:16-17



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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
DISTRICT 8A
CASE NO.0266072
December 2, 2010
STATUS NO. 696801
Amended to include additional field

AMENDED 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

JANUARY 10, 2011, 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) and Storie (Glorieta), because the proposed well is closer than allowed by the field rules to existing wells in the same fields on the Storie, S.C. Lease, Storie (San Andres) and Storie (Glorieta) Fields, Garza County, Texas. Applicant has also applied for a permit at a regular location in the Wildcat Field.

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), Storie (Glorieta) and Wildcat Fields, 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 in the Storie (San Andres) and Storie (Glorieta) reservoirs is 425 feet

Field rules for the Fields 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.trc.state.tx.us and accessing Data &

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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.

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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.

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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.

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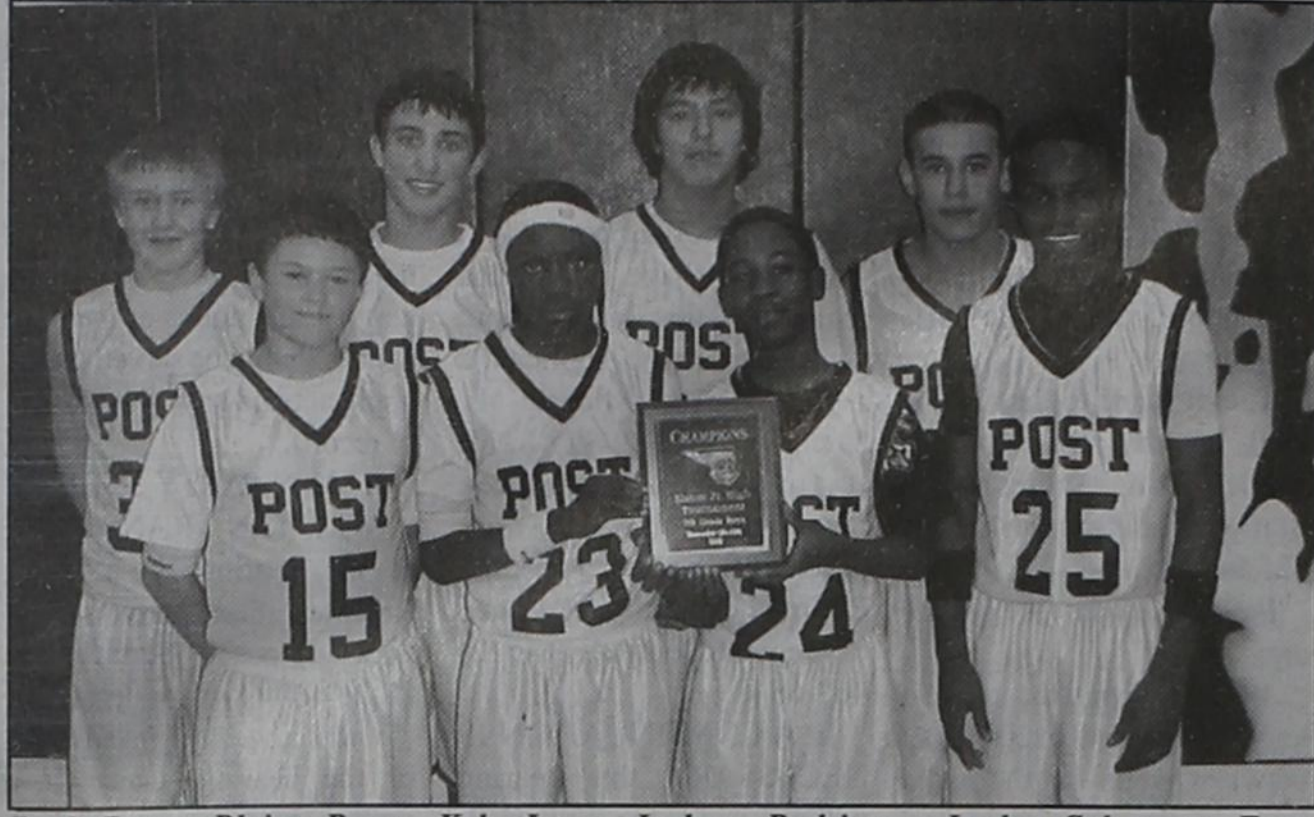


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Lady Lopes drop first district game in OT

By Jim Plummer
PostSportsPage.com

A one point loss is hard to swallow, especially in overtime. Both the Lady Lopes and the Colorado City Lady Wolves fought to the bitter end with C-City winning the opening District 3-2A game of the 2010-11 season, 30-29, December 7th at Antelope Arena.

With both teams trading baskets throughout the game, the largest lead of the game was two points, 9-7, by C-City at the end first period. The Lady Lopes closed the gap to one point, down 17-16 at the half. Post picked up two more points in the third period taking a one point lead, 24-23, into the fourth.

The Does received even team scoring from sophomore Haily Berry (7), freshman Taylor Osborn (6), and juniors Skylar Jones (6) and Shirley Araiza (5).

COLORADO CITY 30, POST 29 (12/7)
CC-9 8 6 4 3 — 30
P- 7 9 8 3 2 — 29
Scoring: C-City — Luran Meeks 8, Katy Spencer 6, Ava Macedo 6. Post — Haily Berry 7, Skylar Jones 6, Taylor Osborn 6, Shirley Araiza 5, Amber Wilson 3, Caitlin Cravy 2.
Records: Post 4-7, 0-1; C-City 1-0.

JV GIRLS
POST 41, COLORADO CITY 36 (12/7)
Post 11 12 5 13 — 41
C-City 12 6 10 8 — 36
Post Scoring: Matti Smith 16, Jaycee Johnson 8, Sara Greer 6, Madison Cash 4, Macie Merritt 4, Miranda Solorzano 2, Brandy Benavides-1

Coach Soliz: The girls played great despite the score. Abernathy hit most of their jump shots in the 3rd quarter to really pull away. Our girls are improved though, last year Abernathy beat us by 30 points...twice.

COLORADO CITY 24, POST 23 (11/29/2010)
POST 5 5 5 8 — 23
C-CITY 4 6 6 8 — 24
Post Scoring: Kelbie Oden 12, Rebecca Perez 3, Chelby Morris 2, Anahica Duran 2, Kortnee McKee 2, Dakota Greer 1, Tamara Moore 1.
Post Record: 1-2

Coach Soliz: This was a battle of 2 very evenly-matched teams. We had a very good offensive game with many girls putting up points so that shows good aggressiveness on our part. That is something that needs to continue. We had a few defensive miss keys late that probably cost us the victory. But overall, the girls played very well and just continue to improve as a team.

7th Grade A-Team
FORSON 20, POST 14 (12/6)
FORS 6 2 6 6 — 20
POST 2 5 1 6 — 14
Post Scoring: MACY 4, RECORD 4, WHITFILL 3, WALDEN 2, KIMMONS 1.

B-Team
POST 24, FORSON 10 (12/6)
Post Scoring: GARZA 8, PEREZ 4, GOMEZ, ROSAS 4, PENNA 2, PRISCILLA 2 SCOTT 2.

SLATON TOURNEY
FLOYDADA 32, POST 16 (12/4)
POST 5 5 2 4 — 16
FLOY 8 8 6 10 — 32
RECORD 6, MACY 4, WHITFILL 3, WALDEN 1, QUINTANA 1, KIMMONS 1.

SLATON 39, POST 14 (12/3)
POST 2 0 6 6 — 14
SLAT 16 2 12 3 — 39
WHITIFLL 4, RECORD 4, MACY 2, SOTO 2, KIMMONS 2.

POST 22, ABERNATHY 17 (12/2)
POST 10 2 2 9 — 22
AB 2 4 6 5 — 17
Post Scoring: RECORD 9, MACY 5, WHITFILL 4, QUINTANA 2, COLLINS 2, KIMMONS 2.

COLORADO CITY 23, POST 17 (11/29/2010)
POST 6 2 2 7 — 17
C-CITY 6 6 2 9 — 23
Post Scoring: Record 6, Whitfill 5, Macy 4, Quintana 1.

See more on PostSportsPage.com.



Back Row: Keaton Collins, Freddy Araiza, Blake Boren, Jayson Walden; Middle Row: Colton Stamey, Brendon Cunningham, Ethan Self, Josiel Delgadillo, Carson Kirkpatrick. Front Row: Ricky Fontenot, Hunter Belongia, Christian Perez, and Erik Gomez.

Photo by Jodi Lincoln

Lopes free throw way past Roby

By Jim Plummer
PostSportsPage.com

It was the Antelopes soft touch from the charity stripe that beat the visiting Roby Lions, 55-42, on December 7th in a non-district game at Antelope Arena. Seniors Chess Postell, Henry Apolinar and Manuel Lopez made eight of the team's 15 attempts down the stretch that gave them and maintained the lead for the Bold Gold.

With the game tied at 39 at the 5:55 mark in the fourth quarter, Postell hit two free throws to give the Lopes the lead. The Lopes increased their lead from there while holding Roby to just three points due to a successful full court press. Postell got seven of his 13 points in the final period.

Trailing 37-36 going into the fourth quarter, Post received offensive production from the aforementioned seniors along with junior Corbin McDonald's six points and Dalton Holly's two.

McDonald was the games top scored with 17 including two 3-pointers.

Also shooting well from the line was sophomore Tavish Soto sinking four out of six all in the second period.

Twice during the game, Post took and re-

took the lead with free throws. Earlier, with 4:20 in the second quarter, Lopez put the Lopes ahead for the first time in the game, 19-18, by sinking two one-pointers. Lopez went on to contribute 13 on the night including hitting five of six from the line.

As a team, the Antelopes shot 69% making 20 of 29 free throws.

POST 55, ROBY 48 (12/7)
Roby 16 11 10 11 — 48
Post 6 20 10 19 — 55
Scoring: Roby — Macias 13, Ta. Stevenson 8, Fells 8, Tr. Stevenson 6. Post — Corbin McDonald 17, Manuel Lopez 13, Chess Postell 13, Henry Apolinar 4, Tavish Soto 4, Dalton Holly 2, Vance Blair 1, Perez 1.
Records: Post 4-4.

JV BOYS
POST 51, ROBY 20 (12/7)
Roby 6 5 6 9 — 20
Post 16 12 6 17 — 51
Post Scoring: Campbell Kirkpatrick 18, Chris Yarbrough 13, Pake Jones 12, Dakota McDonald 3, Nathaniel Gill 3, Mondo Martinez 2.
Coach Lackey: Great effort and hustle.

Lope Basketball round up

VARSITY BOYS
ROBY TOURNAMENT
Consolation Final: SPUR 41, POST 31 (12/4)
SPUR 4 13 12 12 — 41
POST 9 8 7 7 — 31

Scoring: SPUR — Hinson 21, White 8. POST — Lopez 9 McDonald 8, Apolinar 4, Tay. Soto 4.

SCORES ...

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Lady Lope basketball round up

VARSITY GIRLS
ROBY TOURNAMENT

POST 63, SPUR 49 (12/4)
SPUR 11 15 12 11 — 49
POST 16 17 17 12 — 63
Scoring: SPUR — Hinson 11, Ayers 11. POST — Tiny Williams 17, Caitlin Cravy 12, Haily Berry 11, Amber Wilson 8, Shirley Araiza 6, Skylar Jones 5, Katelyn Short 2, Taylor Osborn 2.
Record: Post 4-6.

ROBY 63, POST 33 (12/3)
POST 10 10 5 8 — 33
ROBY 14 20 9 20 — 63
Scoring: POST — Berry 9, Wilson 8, Williams 6, Cravy 6, Osborn 4. ROBY — Estis 12, Williams 12. Record: Post 3-6.

SPUR 51, POST 48 (12/2)
SPUR 10 11 8 22 — 51
POST 8 8 7 25 — 48
Scoring: SPUR — Goodall 10, Hinson 23, Hale 9. POST — Williams 15, Berry 12, Osborn 8, Jones 5, Wilson 4, Araiza 2. Record: Post 3-5.

JV Girls
Sands Tournament
Championship Game
ROPES 34, POST 28 (12/4)
POST 4 6 8 10 — 28
ROPES 10 10 6 8 — 34
Post Scoring: Matti Smith 15, Madison Cash 4, Sara Greer 2, Katie Dunn 2.

POST 46, SANDS 28 (12/3)
POST 12 5 17 11 — 46
SANDS 5 8 9 6 — 28
Post Scoring: Sara Greer 12, Macie Merritt 9, Matti Smith 9, Jaycee Johnson 6, Miranda Solorzano 4, Madison Cash 2, Audree Williams 2, and Kayla Comeaux 1.

POST 30, WILSON 28 (12/2)
POST 5 3 14 8 — 30
WILSON 0 12 8 8 — 28
Post Scoring: Matti Smith 10, Kayla Comeaux 8, Sara Greer 4, Miranda Solorzano 3, Madison Cash 2, Macie Merritt 2, Jaycee Johnson 1.

Junior High Girls
8th Grade
FORSON 36, POST 21 (12/6)
FORSON 2 10 10 14 — 36
POST 4 6 3 8 — 21
Post Scoring: Chelby Morris 10, Kelbie Oden 6, Tamara Moore 4, Kortnee McKee 1. Post Record: 1-6

SLATON TOURNEY
ABERNATHY 28, POST 16 (12/2/10)
POST 2 6 4 4 — 16
A- 6 6 12 4 — 28
Post Scoring: Kelbie Oden 9, Paige Crispin 3, Anahica Duran 2, Rebecca Perez 2.

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OPINION



The Paperboy

It is okay to say Merry Christmas again!

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Perhaps you've noticed a resurgence of the term "Merry Christmas" this year. I know I have, particularly in national advertising.

To that I say well done!

Honestly, if store A is wishing me a "Merry Christmas" and store B is telling me "Happy Holidays," I'm headed to store A.

It's about time Politically Correct freaks realized they don't own the written and spoken word. We've been PC'd to death for 20 years and it's time to reverse that trend. Merry Christmas is a great start!

There are several hotspots on the planet and if you pay attention to such things, it's a real pressure cooker out there.

We all know about the ongoing fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, but tensions on the U.S.-Mexico border and between North Korea and South Korea are getting worse. Throw in the riots in various European countries due to the economic crisis and we could have a real global mess on our hands.

It's really too bad the United Nations is weak. I guess that's what happens when you let China and Russia dictate diplomacy and are guilty of atrocious acts and scandals. The UN also has a reputation of not enforcing resolutions so they lack a voice which could serve the globe.

This holiday season, President Obama could have to make several tough decisions. As severe as his domestic problems are, they could easily be overshadowed by issues on the foreign front. I certainly don't envy his position and I pray that he is receiving excellent intelligence and even better advice.

I was watching a show about the U.S. invasion of Japan during World War II on the History Channel the other evening and it got me to thinking: What is the cost of human life vs. that of a machine?

I wonder if a robot army, or remote controlled soldiers, will ever take the place of the human soldier?

Sure it sounds far-fetched, but have you ever looked at an iPhone or seen what our flying drones are capable of? We actually have the technology to take humans out of harms way and place them in a video game-type situation and fight wars.

How would the rest of the world view such a thing? How long before other countries developed similar machines?

There is no question North Korea, Iran and Venezuela are rogue and dangerous. They will all have long-range nuclear weapons very soon and as history has proven, insane dictators force their will on the innocent.

If find it sad and disturbing that the world allows these countries to indulge in nuclear weapons. I also find it ridiculous the leaders of these rogue nations are still breathing, but I digress.

We live in a world where technology consumes us. Barring a techno-disaster, we'll continue the march in this direction. The next technological leap in defense could be a large one.

While on the topic, any war machine of the future containing artificial intelligence should not be allowed. Maybe I've seen too many movies, but self-aware machines might not like how us humans do things...

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Other Opinions

Tax Deal a Diversion from Crippling Debt

By BILL WILSON

Starting today, Congress will begin the process of enacting the deal negotiated between the White House and the Republican Senate. It has been much more difficult than many had imagined to come to a clear cut position on this measure. As I and others have stated over the last several days, the country is on the horns of a dilemma.

If the deal goes through, with the automatic tax increases blocked for two years along with a host of tax "extenders", social spending and so-called "green" subsidies, the nation is likely to avoid a double-dip recession. But the price is we will be adding nearly \$1 trillion in more debt to the U.S. balance sheets because the deal will not address Washington's out-of-control spending.

If, on the other hand, the deal is rejected, taxes will soar, we will almost certainly get that dreaded double-dip and the budget deficit is likely to explode with added social expenditures.

Neither prospect is appealing. The \$120 billion payroll tax reduction is nothing more than Stimulus IV but by another name. Little can be expected from it except adding to the \$13.8 trillion debt.

While the outcome is in doubt, the odds favor the establishment. Their fear of another downturn in the economy has greater sway over the politicians than the legitimate

fear of opponents — real or feigned — of the growth in the national debt. This is yet another example of the American prejudice for immediate gratification.

But the debt must be addressed. An article in December 11th London Telegraph hit the nail on the head. It notes surging interest rates on U.S. government debt coming because Washington simply cannot rein itself in. "[T]he market is increasingly alarmed at the rate of increase of the U.S. government's already massive liabilities," writes Liam Halligan, adding, "America's government debt is set to expand by a jaw-dropping 42 percent over the next few years, reaching \$19.6 trillion by 2015 according to Treasury Department estimates presented (amid very little fanfare) to Congress back in June. Since then, government spending has risen even more. So U.S. debt service costs, like those of many other Western nations, are expanding rapidly in terms of both the volumes of sovereign instruments outstanding, and the yields on each bond."

That's awful news, and means that if spending is not brought under control in Washington, little else will matter. Rising interest payments on the national debt run the risk of cancelling out increased growth from keep tax rates steady.

In FY 2010, the \$228 billion in interest payments was \$19 billion more than the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) said

it would be in March for 2010. Back then they said it would be \$209 billion. So, interest owed on the national debt is already rising well above expectations, 9 percent more in 2010 alone.

The quicker those payments rise, the more likely those payments are to come into the 18 to 20 percent of revenue range Moody's has warned the nation against, resulting in a credit downgrade. Under CBO's previous projections, that downgrade would be in 2018. But, if CBO was off by 9 percent for each of those ten years, fiscal doomsday moves up to 2017, when interest payments would be \$735 billion instead of \$675 billion versus a projected \$3.869 trillion in revenue.

If CBO is wrong about revenue, too, the situation looks even worse. Its assumptions are based on the current tax rates expiring, and there being no recessions between now and then. But if growing fears about the debt overwhelm the markets, even if the tax rates are extended, we will not be able to grow out of this mess.

So, when all is said and done, what happens with the tax vote will be of momentary importance. The debt is killing us. The new, Republican-dominated Congress in January will have only one big choice to make. Either they will continue the head-in-the-sand policies, pretending to cut the budget by merely slowing the growth of spending; or, they can act decisively to

reverse course by addressing the dire debt situation head-on.

What would that mean? A meaningful set of actions would start with putting all spending levels in the next budget at 2007 positions totaling \$2.7 trillion instead of the current \$3.5 trillion, about \$800 billion of savings. And then they would have to cut from there. Only reductions to these levels can hope to stem the tide of red ink.

Unfortunately, it will be difficult to get tough on budget cuts. The weak-sisters and quislings are already shedding crocodile tears about being "too tough" on spending. They bring up revisionist stories of the 1995 so-called "shut-down" and warn that the GOP will lose badly in the elections if they take a stand now.

But what is obvious is that anything less than aggressive reductions in government spending, and the corresponding eliminations of government power over the lives of citizens and business, will be viewed as weakness and cowardice in the face of the greatest threat America has faced in more than a generation.

So, the vote on the tax bill is important and will have consequences on the lives of millions of Americans. But it is but a diversion compared to the work that must begin on January 3rd to drastically reduce spending below current levels. That's where the real action is regardless of the outcome of the vote on the "tax deal."

Other Views

Label Me Conservative

By DAVID BOZEMAN

The reason Democrats lost big in the recent mid-terms is labels. Yes, whenever the chattering classes start telling us that ideological labels impede constructive national dialogue, it usually means the liberal/progressive agenda is being soundly rejected again. So, buckle in, America, a well-organized campaign is about to tell you — for the umpteenth time this century — that you're too loud, too extreme, uncompromising, and limits on political advertising may well be prescribed to ensure a healthier civic dialogue.

And you may hear it from the right as well as the left. Columnist Kathleen Parker, who inexplicably passes for conservative, recently profiled a new organization called No Labels. I'll spare the reader the excruciatingly uninspiring details of its inception, except to say that it's a well-funded (more than \$1 million), bi-partisan effort to unite those independent voices alienated by the dominant extremes in the political arena.

Parker lauded their efforts, and though she cited Nancy Pelosi as an example of a leader whose rhetoric repels rather than invites opposing input, she offered at least three

examples of Republicans who reportedly lost for not regurgitating the anti-Obama rhetoric of the Tea Party. Maggie Hanson, a New Hampshire state senator, apparently lost because she was too moderate. In South Carolina, Republican congressman Bob Inglis lost to a Tea Party candidate because he (according to Parker) wouldn't claim that President Obama was a Muslim and not born in the U.S.

Cry me a river. Anyone who thinks the Democrats were crushed because of Obama's religion or birth status is drowning in the mushy middle and ignorant of the cold, hard economic realities of our time.

By virtue of our freedom, we Americans are passionate, excessive, sometimes loud and sometimes gaudy. We think for ourselves, but, out of necessity, we typically attach our ideas and agendas to movements of like-minded individuals. Unlike Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists, most of us are not bound by the etiquette of cocktail society, and because our individual opinions will never reach millions, our labels are the only megaphones we have, thus we, of all persuasions, proudly sport our buttons, bumper stickers and t-shirts.

America was built on the fiery, partisan voices of individuals with the guts to take a stand and identify themselves.

"Give me liberty or give me death" allows little room for compromise, wouldn't you say? "No taxation without representation" would be considered too divisive for the ill-educated tea partiers of the day to accept in a constructive context. And what compromise did Martin Luther King make to the segregationists of his time?

Politics certainly entails setting an agenda and picking your battles, but Americans, particularly conservatives, are leery of compromise, which they perceive works to the benefit of liberals, who are willing to unravel our freedom in increments, even tiny ones. Parker lauds Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski for not going away quietly and for "promoting ideas and solutions" and "rebutting partisanship." The latter presumably includes her dismal 70 percent rating from the American Conservative Union and blather about getting along with President Obama.

What a pair. Obama the Democrat and Murkowski the Democrat-lite. Freedom offers little room for compromise and demands passion and that we speak its name lest we forget it. Paint it red, white and blue and by all means label it. And label its adherents small-government conservatives — we wear the name proudly.

Post Notes...

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The Stitchin' Club
Call 806-790-0202 or 806-790-8695 for more info.

The Stitchin' Club will meet at the Heritage House Thursday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. The group will not meet Dec. 23 & Dec. 30, but will begin again Thursday, Jan. 6. For more information, call 495-4148.

Post-Garza Endowment

This is the season of charitable giving. Please remember the Post-Garza County Endowment when deciding on your charitable contributions this holiday season. Look for details at www.postgarzacountyendowment.org or call (806)762-8061 or you may send to PO Box 5, Post, Tx. 79356

Post Lions Clubs

accepting Toys for Tots
Post Lions Club/Toys for Tots is now accepting applications for needy families with children. Applications can be picked up at any Post ISD Campus office, with any Lions Club member and at some of the drop off locations or by emailing postlionsclub@gmail.com.
For those willing to donate, drop off locations

around town are: Wells Fargo Bank, Citizens Bank, United Supermarket, Hometown Pharmacy, Post Elementary and Middle Scho2010

Boy Scout Items Needed:
Old Boy Scout pictures and memorabilia needed to be loaned or donated to the Post Historical Museum for a display to be made. Please bring items to the museum Tues.-Sat. 10-12 & 1-5.

Harlem Ambassador Basketball

The PACC will be hosting the Harlem Ambassador Basketball Show on February 27, 2011, at the Antelope Arena. Sponsorships are now available. Contact the Chamber office - 495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com

Post High School Calendar

Thursday, 16
• ES Christmas Prog. at 10 AM, 1:30 & 6:30 PM at ES Aud.
• 5-8:00 PM - GED Classes Begin, room 18. Entrance on Southwest of HS bldg
• 7:00 PM - OAP Practice
• 7:30 PM - Post

ISD Board Mtg.

Friday, 17
• 4:30/6:00 PM - Girls JV/V Basketball vs. Denver City
• 4:30/7:30 PM - Boys JV/V Basketball vs. Denver City

Looking Ahead:

Dec. 20 - 7 PM OAP Practice
Dec. 27-29 - B-BB Wildcat V Tourn. at Littlefield
Dec. 28-30 - G-BB Caprock Classic V Tourn. at Lbk

Jan. 4 - G&B/BB vs. Forsan, 4:30/6:00/7:30

Jan. 6 - OAP Play Practice

Jan. 7 - G&B/BB at Stanton, 4:30/6:00/7:30

Jan. 8 - ATSSB Band State Auditions, Lbk. Cooper

Jan. 10 & 13 - OAP Play Practice

Jan. 11-12 FINAL EXAMS

Jan. 11 - G&B/BB vs. Slaton, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30

Jan. 13 - Early Release at Noon and End of 3-6 Wks

Jan. 14 - Staff Dev. & Teacher In-Service

Jan. 14 - G&B/BB at Roosevelt, 4:30/6:00/7:30

Post Middle School Weekly Calendar

December 6-21, 2010
12/06/10-MS Basketball Boys at Forsan Girls here 4:30-6:00

12/10/10-3 weeks grades cut off date

12/9-11/10- 7th & 8th grade boys Tournament at Slaton

12/13/10-MS Basketball Boys at Roosevelt Girls here 4:30-6:00

12/15/10-Progress Reports sent home

12/21/10-9:00 a.m. MS UIL Awards Program Elem Auditorium

12/21/10-Early Release 12:00 lunch Buses run at 12:30

12/21-1/5/10-Christmas Holiday

December 21st - Christmas Parties 12:00p.m. -12:30p.m. Early Release at 12:30 p.m.

Buses will run @ 12:30p.m.

December 21st - January 4th- Christmas Break

Classes resume on January 5th at regular time.

Post Elementary Notes

December 20th- 5th Grade band concert @ 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Pre-K Christmas Program @ 10:00a.m. in the Auditorium

December 21st - Christmas Parties 12:00p.m. -12:30p.m. Early Release at 12:30 p.m.

Buses will run @ 12:30p.m.

December 21st - January 4th- Christmas Break

Classes resume on January 5th at regular time.



My father's favorite Christmas toy was a little windup train engine. He played with it all one Christmas Day when he was a child in Arkansas and the family lived in a dogtrot-style two-room cabin, meaning it featured a room on each end with a breezeway between for the dogs to trot through, presumably coon dogs. Certainly not Chihuahuas.

Arkansas-born, Daddy was probably 3 when he got the memorable toy, making the year 1908. He could have been 4. He'd already lived in nearby Oklahoma when it was still Indian Territory. Soon the family would move there again. But for the moment, they were back in Arkansas, cozy and crowded, especially if grandparents were visiting. I think Daddy told me he played around the stove that day. Or maybe I'm imagining that part. But where else would you play? Not off in a cold corner. Either way, it's one of my Christmas memories, even if I wasn't there.

Tonight the grandchildren and my husband's daughter, Rachel, came over to help us decorate our tree and make new memories. I, for one, will not forget that Cutter, age 4, said, "Let's get it over with."

Then he dived right in, sort of. His mother convinced him he was the only person small enough to go under the tree to straighten the tree skirt. The piece of red and green taffeta really is a skirt, by the way. Better said, it's an entire dress that Cutter's late grandmother wore in a family wedding many years ago. It's just one treasured item in the extensive Welch family Christmas decoration collection.

Regarding Christmas, it's

seems I've married into a sentimental-obsessive-compulsive bunch. That's OK. I believe in that approach too, even if the ornaments are all theirs. I've been invited, yea, even urged, to add some of my own. And I shall.

But my strongest personal attachments are to the decorations of my own past that no longer exist, namely, the string of hearty colored lights set in star-shaped reflectors, the shiny fragile balls that broke so easily, a bedraggled silver garland and wrinkled little silver icicles made of heavy metal instead of plastic. Some people liked to throw those icicles on their trees. We hung ours, painstakingly, a few at a time. People with discretionary income could buy new icicles every year. We saved ours. Also, we had some nice cotton Mother got from Mr. Adkins, bookkeeper at the gin. She treated it like contraband. Maybe it was. It went under the tree and looked like snow. Eventually we ended up with a red felt store-bought skirt with gold fringe. I missed the cotton.

As for Cutter, after he'd straightened the tree skirt, sort of, he largely forsook decorating to play with a little windup toy train I myself collected piece by piece back in 2005 by eating several Kids' Meals at Sonic Drive-Ins. Yum.

Cutter had fun with that little train. Someday I'll tell him about Christmas 1908 in a dogtrot cabin in Arkansas.

Williams Wedding announcement

Kurt Williams and Renee Neely were united in marriage on November 13, 2010, at Cobb Park in Abilene, Texas. Renee is the daughter of Burl and Carol Farmer of Hobbs, New Mexico. Kurt is the

son of Billy and Wilma Williams of Post. Renee is employed by Arthritis & Osteoporosis in Lubbock, Texas. Kurt works for the Highway Department. The couple will make their home in Post.

Extension Extras

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

County Stock Show

If you are planning to show an animal in the Garza County Livestock Show in January, please come by the office and sign up. All entries are due Friday, January 7, 2011.

Extension Office: 215 W Main (806) 495-4400

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Obituary



LANA COMER ZACHARY

Graveside services for Lana Comer Zachary, 61, of Post were held at 10 AM Monday, December 13, 2010 at Terrace Cemetery with Rev. Darren Weaver of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. She died Friday, December 10, 2010 in Post. She was born February 4, 1949 in Borger to William and Ima (Weatherly) Griffin. She earned an Associate Degree from college. She was a member of The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW. Survivors include her husband: Thomas Zachary of Post, 1 Son: Bill and wife Debra Johnston of Dibble, Oklahoma and 1 Grandson: Marcus Johnston of Dibble, Ok. The family requests memorials to Post EMS.

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SCORES

Holly 2, Postell 2, Tav. Soto 2. Post record: 3-4

POST 53, RALLS 46 (12/3)
 POST 10 15 16 12-53
 RALLS 16 9 8 13-46
 POST — Tav. Soto 15, Tav. Soto 13, McDonald 9, Perez 4, Lopez 4, Holly 3, Blair 3, Postell 2. RALLS — Reese 16, Ju. Vangundy 10, Jo. Vangundy 7.

WATER VALLEY 71, POST 54 (12/2)
 W.V. 20 22 14 15-71
 POST 14 14 9 17-54
 Scoring: WATER VALLEY — Doss 14, Gray 12, Kirkland 11. POST — Tav. Soto 13, McDonald 10, Lopez 8, Apolinar 7, Osborn 5, Perez 4, Tav. Soto 4, Postell 3.

CROSBYTON 55, POST 41 (11/30 @ Post)
 CROSBYTON 9 10 18
 18 — 55
 POST 11 9 12
 9 — 41
 Scoring: CROSBYTON — Pena 30, Schovajsa 6, Young 6. POST — McDonald 12, Lopez 8, Apolinar 6, Osborn 5, Tav. Soto 4, Tav. Soto 4, Holly 2. Records: Crosbyton 2-0, Post 2-2.

POST 56, RALLS 38 (11/22)
 POST 12 16 11 17-56
 RALLS 10 2 11 15-38
 Scoring: POST — McDonald 18, Lopez 8, Tav. Soto 7, Tav. Soto 7, Postell 4, Osborn 4, Perez 4, Blair 2, Apolinar 2. RALLS — Gonzales 16, Velasquez 8.

JV Boys SANDS TOURNAMENT Consolation Final POST 39, GRADY 33 (12/4)
 Post 9 11 4 15-39
 Grady 12 7 8 6-33
 Post Scoring: Chris Yarbrough 15, Pake Jones 7, Dakota McDonald 7, Nathaniel Gill 4, Campbell Kirkpatrick 3, Mondo Martinez 2, Travis Greathouse 1.
Coach Lackey: Played their best game yet, showed good hustle and heart. They were behind the whole game and came back to win.

POST 28, SANDS 26 (12/3)
 Post 0 11 9 8-28
 Sands 6 2 10 8-26

Post Scoring: Chris Yarbrough 5, Pake Jones 4, Nathaniel Gill 4, Campbell Kirkpatrick 4, Josh Curtis 4, Dakota McDonald 3, Travis Greathouse 2, Mondo Martinez 2.

ROPES 32, POST 28 (12/2)
 Ropes 9 3 9 12-32
 Post 8 7 4 9-28
 Post Scoring: Nathaniel Gill 9, Campbell Kirkpatrick 8, Pake Jones 5, Chris Yarbrough 4, Tyler Jones 2.

JV Gold Team FORSAN 46, POST 16 (12/6)
 Post 2 2 7 5-16
 FORSAN 20 8 11 7-46
 Post Scoring: Jordan Aguilar 4, Alan Allanz 3, Zach Bush 3, Travis Greathouse 2, Danny Shelton 2, Josh Curtis 2. Post Record: 0-1.

Junior High Boys 8th Grade A-Team POST 27, FORSAN 22 (12/6)
 POST 4 12 17 27-27
 FORSAN 2 10 16 22-22
 Post Scoring: Freddy Araiza 16, Carson Kirkpatrick 6, Blake Boren 3, Ricky Fontenot 2. Post Record: 1-2
 Place: Forsan

7th Grade A-Team: POST 36, FORSAN 20 (12/6)
 POST 9 10 3 14-36
 FORSAN 6 7 7 0-20
 Post Scoring: Kyle Jones 13, Cambry Gilbert 11, Shandon Wiley 6, Jarred Curtis 2, Jaybren Rodriguez 2, Blaine Reece 2. Post Record: 2-1.
Coaches Quinn: We showed some improvement from last week's game. We did a real good job running our press this week. The next game will be against Abernathy in the Slaton Tournament.

B-Team: POST 16, FORSAN 14 (12/6)
 POST 4 6 2 4-16
 FORSAN 0 6 6 6-14
 Post Scoring: Christian Pearson 6, Miguel Lopez 4, Issac Massingil 4, Triston Fannon 2. Post record: 3-0.
Coaches Quinn: We had a great effort by the entire team. Christian Pearson hit the game winning shot with 3 seconds left on the clock. The next game for the B team will be Jan. 10.

See more on-line at PostSportsPage.com.

anniversaries on December 11th

Get Wells

We do have some people under the weather this week.....Auda Vee Taft; John Shults; Joyce Nelson Ya'll get well soon now, ya hear?
 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

CLOSE CITY

Tipton; Carmen Abraham and Joyce Neslon in Post; Odie Kemp in Tahoka; Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Joyce Overton in Post; Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock; Lula Jo Stewart also in Lubbock. **Please let me know if there is anyone I**

need to add to this list.
 Don't forget to check us out on Facebook, and feel free to post pic's if you want. Also send in your news; you can email it to me at close.city.coop@pcca.com or call me at the gin 495-2753
 Everyone have a great weekend and keep our troops and the harvest season in your prayers!

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

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Dist/Div: Lubbock
 Contract 0905-00-057 for FY 2011 RAISED REFLECTIVE PAVEMENT MARKERS in LUBBOCK
 County, etc will be opened on January 05, 2011 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 and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 35054
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County Commissioners ban some fireworks until Jan. 31, 2011

By Rosa Latimer
Correspondent

In the Garza County Commissioners Court meeting held Thursday, December 9, the commissioners voted to impose the Order for Prohibiting Certain Fireworks starting December 15, 2010 through January 31, 2011. This is in addition to the existing Burn Ban in effect until February 22, 2011. The banned fireworks include: "skyrockets with sticks or missiles with fins." The ban does not prohibit "common fireworks" or "large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation." The order further states that "a person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor."

Commissioner Charles Morris, Constable Daniel Yarbro, Fireman Chuck Morris and EMT Jason Powell proposed a memorial in remembrance of DPS Trooper Jonathan McDonald who was killed in an accident in November, 2010. The proposed memorial would be in addition to a Centennial Plaza memorial brick

that has been purchased. The memorial would be located at the county law enforcement center and would cost \$4100. The commissioners approved the proposed plan and voted to take the funds for the McDonald memorial from the special projects line item.

The Commissioners approved 12 holidays in 2011 for county employees: President's Day; Good Friday; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veteran's Day; Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following; Friday before Christmas Day (which falls on Sunday) and the following Monday; New Years holiday on Monday, January 3.

The court entered into executive session to in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551.072 of the Government Code as it relates to the Court's deliberations concerning the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, where deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Court's negotiating position with a third party. After the open meeting resumed, the commissioners voted to pursue a lease-purchase agreement as presented to

the court of the Gene Young building. This property is just east of the courthouse and was formerly used for probation and the victims' assistance offices. This office space will become part of space planning required to allow for the addition of an elevator to the courthouse in the future.

By way of personal comment, Judge Norman announced a retirement reception honoring long-time Garza County Commissioner Mike Sanchez Monday, December 20, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the county courtroom. The Judge also read a letter of resignation from Jana McCallister, Deputy Treasurer effective December 3, 2010.

The minutes from the November 22 regular meeting were approved; written reports were received from: Treasurer; District and County Clerk; Tax Collector/Assessor; Senior Transportation; Justice of the Peace, No. 1 and Justice of the Peace, No. 2; precinct and countywide accounts payable for November 23, 2010 through December 9, 2010 were approved as presented. There were no line item transfers or budget amendment requests.

The next Commissioners Court meeting is Monday, December 20.



Courtesy Photo Nicole Ramirez, a junior. She competed in the ATSSB State Honor band at the Region Level at Lubbock Cooper high school. Schools from Abilene to Farwell competed for two spots per section to advance. Students must learn 12 scales and two etudes. Nicole came in ninth in the bass clarinet section. Nicole is now working on a try-out for the All-region band that occurs in January 13th that occurs in Abilene. She also is practicing an ensemble for Region solo and Ensemble on February 19th. with Vanessa Rodriguez, Amanda Duran, and Julie Boren.

From the White River Municipal Water District

Gauge Reading	Feet below spillway	Rise	Rainfall past week	Rain to date	
2356.20	16' 3"	0"	.0"	32.16"	
Rainfall for 2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
43.58"	15.57"	28.85"	24.19"	33.61"	12.70"

DID YOU KNOW?

White River Lake has 4,034,361,231 billion gallons left available at the intake or 40% capacity or 12,381 acre feet. Subtract 17,659,021 MG for evaporation this week in December that leaves 4,016,702,210 BG available as of today.

White River's daily average demand for 2009 was 1.36 million gallons per day for all White River Customers.

The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the Lake Level rises.

White River Municipal Water District is in stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan, which is Voluntary Water Conservation.

Remember that the Water District is there for you if we can assist you in any way let us know.

Mickey Rogers General Manager

County Judge Honored For Education Efforts

Garza County Judge, Lee Norman, has been honored by the Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile to be prepared to handle his duties as county judge.

Judge Norman was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy November 18, 2010, at a reception in Austin,

Doubletree Hotel, during the 2010 Fall Judicial Education Session.

The Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law and the Texas Association of Counties, names as Fellows each year those judges who attain significant judicial education above that

required by state law. The educational program of the Texas Judicial Academy is overseen by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty as well as representatives of the Texas Probate College and the National Judicial College.

YESTERYEARS

Catholic Church. Dust storm hits area with a fury. Skies were clear again Wednesday following the worst dust storm in over two years, which blew in with howling winds gusting an estimated 60 miles an hour.

No wind damage was reported here, but Glen Barley, local manager of Southwestern Public Service Co. said they considered themselves lucky compared to other nearby places where the utilities compa-

nies had poles blown down. A cold front preceded the winds dropped the temperature to a low 28 degrees.

Sherry Bird of Post Does, high school girl's basketball team, has boosted her scoring average from 18.8 points per game to 25.1 points in the team's last four games. Sherry made all tournament team along with guard Judy Norman. Second team scoring is Stephanie Davis with 95 points, Trena Jackson with 49 points and Jackie Moore with 48.

Year of 1960 - 50 Years

Rural extended telephone service out of Post is being sought by residents of the Grassburr, Cross Roads, Verbena and Barnum Springs communities, most of who are without telephone service. Chief Frank Runkles and Dan E. Colkrum, both of Post, were in Rotan recently to assist in the organization of the Fisher Chapter of the South Plains Archaeological Society Ten girls received their wings and World Friendship pin in a fly-up Girl Scout ceremony recently, and are now working toward their second class rank

requirements. Miss Jan Harrying assisted the Troop leaders, Mrs. A Lee Ward and Mrs. Larry Hopkins, with the ceremony. Voda Beth Voss, Kay Litton, Brenda Ward, Jane Strofer, and Zeliika Freeman were five of the ten girls receiving their awards.

Year of 1950 - 60 Years

The annual Christmas party honoring Rotary-Anns will be given at the city hall by the Rotary Club. A Christmas tree will be held, with gifts for Rotarians and Rotary-Ann. Bob Collier Rotary president.

Mrs. Giles McCrary was honored with a birthday dinner at the Cactus Inn in Lubbock on Saturday night. Guest attending included Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Herd of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Power, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Kahler, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Yancey, Mrs. Blanche Dalby and Mr. and Mrs. McCary. Mr. and Mrs. J.H. McCambell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday. Mr. McCambell is now 83 years old and his wife 80. They moved to Garza county in 1922.

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