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Top, Amber Wilson goes for a lay up in a recent game on the road against Forsan while Madison Cash and Matti Smith set up for an offensive play. See how they did on today's sports page.

Courtesy photos

FM 211 reopens to traffic

Farm to market road 211 from US 84 to SH 207 has been re-opened to traffic as of Jan. 10 according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

The road has been closed to traffic since August of 2010

as part of a \$652,613.00 bridge maintenance project that replaced the deck on the bridge over the Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railroad line and also added new structure railing.

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Post Notes

MEMORIAL TO BE UNVEILED

There will be an unveiling ceremony of the memorial to Trooper Jonathan McDonald January 21st at 10:00 am in the parking lot of the Garza County Sheriff's Department. The public is invited to attend.

BENEFIT ACCOUNT SET UP FOR MIKE HUFFMAN

An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank for Michael Huffman, son of Summer Darling Reed. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Short at 495-2804.

GRAHAM OLE OPRY

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday, January 22 from 7:00 till 10:00 pm at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399.

There is no admission charge; hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. Concession stand with drinks and snacks will be available.

For more information contact Noel White at 806-495-3261

HARLEM AMBASSADORS BASKETBALL SHOW

Just a reminder about the Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show at Antelope Arena on February 27. We still have the following sponsorships available:

- Game Sponsors - 5 @ \$500
- Event Staff Sponsors - 4 @ \$500
- Concession Sponsors - 3 @ \$250
- Quarter & Intermission Sponsors - 5 @ \$150
- Assembly Sponsor - 1 @ \$500

We also have tickets available at the PACC office. The game will be Sunday, February 27, at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$9 (adults) \$7 (students) and \$5 (children 6 & under).

GRAHAM CHAPEL FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHES CLOSET

For those who need assistance, Graham Chapel Church of Christ has a food pantry and clothes closet available. To obtain either food or clothing, contact Noel or Orabeth White at 495-3261, Jane Mason at 495-2980 or Frank Tobias at 495-3057.

GARZA COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

The 2011 Garza Co. Jr. Livestock Association's annual stock show will begin on Thursday, January 13th. The rabbits will start us off at 6 pm. (pee-wee's following)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14TH WILL BE "PREP DAY."

Saturday, January 15th, will begin with swine at 9am, steers will be from 11-12, lambs will be 2-3pm, and goats will be from 3-4:30 pm (pee-wee goat show following).

The sale/meal will be Thursday, January 20th at 6 pm in the Post Cafeteria.

Your business' support would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be mailed to:

GCJLA P.O. Box 515 Post, Tx. 79356, or can be given to any GCJLA member, and accepted at the show. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Friday, Jan. 07
4:30/6:00 PM - Girls JV/V Basketball at Stanton

4:30/7:30 PM - Boys JV/V Basketball at Stanton

Looking Ahead:

Jan. 6 - OAP Play Practice

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

Jan. 8 - ATSSB Band State Auditions, Lubbock, 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

January 10-31, 2011

1/11/11-Semester Exams All day Odd numbered classes

1/12/11-Semester Exams All day Even numbered classes

1/13/11-End of Semester 1-Early Release at 12:30

1/14/11-Student Holiday/Teacher workday

1/17/11-Semester 2 begins

1/17/11-MS Basketball Girls Here Boys at Denver City

1/19/11-Report Cards sent home with students

1/24/11-MS Basketball Girls At Roosevelt Boys Here

1/31/11-MS Basketball Girls Here Boys at Slaton

Chamber News

Our first Old Mill Trade Day Downtown event for 2011 will be on February 5 with the Chamber Cash Giveaway and Super Bowl Party. In addition to cash and prizes, we will have a special drawing for a 32" flat-screen television.

The Annual Chamber Banquet has been rescheduled for April 9. Mark your calendar!

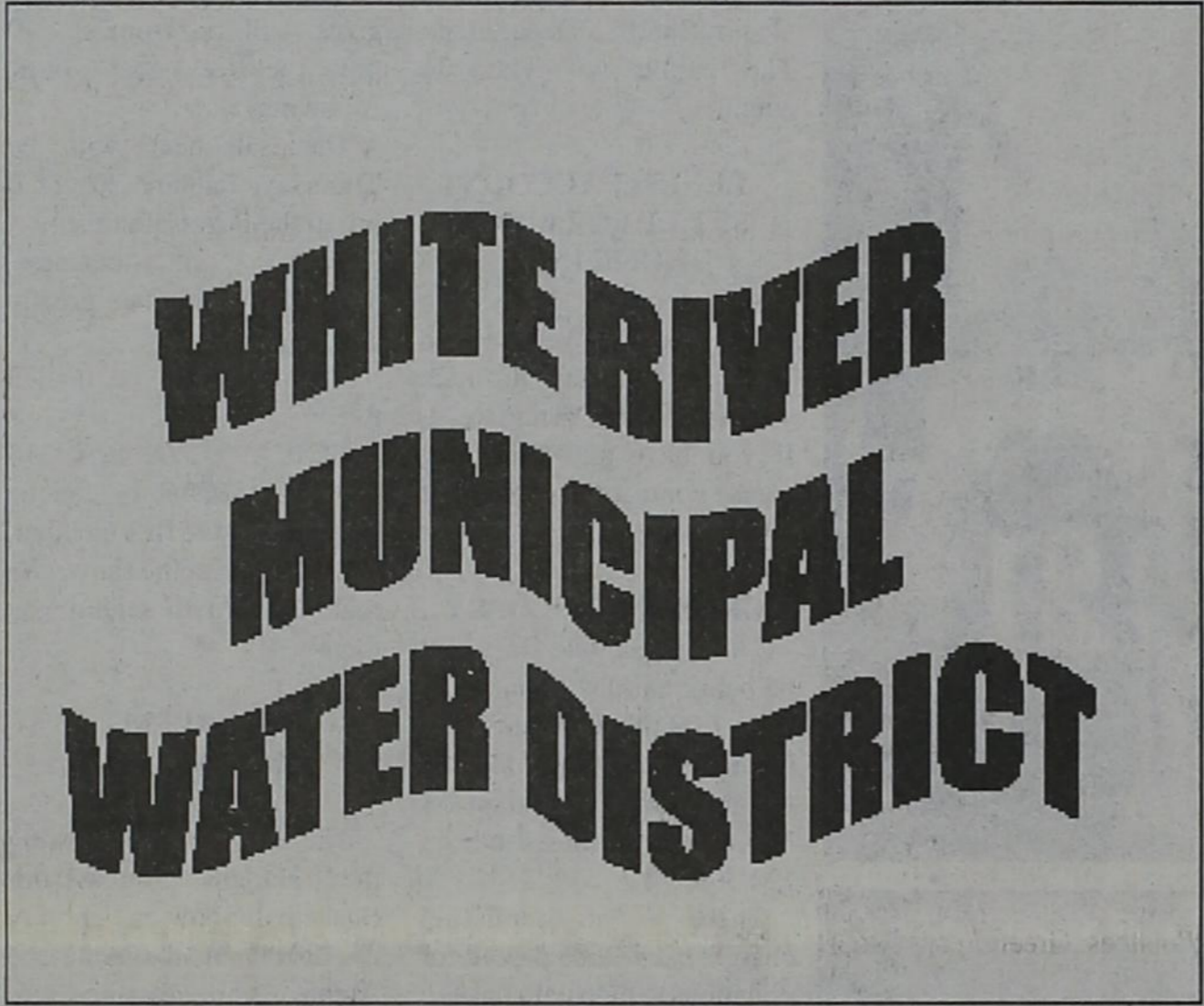
The Lions Club will be having its District Meeting in Post on January 22. We expect about 100 people in town for that event. The Chamber will be providing welcome bags for everyone attending. If you would like to have a coupon or item from your business included, please call the office - 495-3461.

The Harlem Ambassador Basketball Show will be back on February 27, 2011. We have tickets available at the Chamber office and we do still have some sponsorships available - call 495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com for more information.

Congratulations to our members of the week:



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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

		9	3					
3								1
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	2	4				6		
	6				3			5
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Level: Intermediate

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

1	6	5	4	8	7	2	3	9
8	9	4	6	3	2	5	7	1
2	3	7	5	9	1	8	4	6
4	8	1	2	7	9	3	6	5
5	2	5	9	3	4	8	1	6
3	9	1	6	5	9	2	8	7
2	4	7	4	3	8	5	6	9
6	9	1	8	9	2	4	7	3
4	8	9	3	1	7	2	5	6

ANSWER:

United Supermarkets

Americans encouraged to consider Medicine Cabinet Cleanout

WASHINGTON, DC—The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) encourages the public to make an annual medicine cabinet cleanout part of their New Year's resolutions. Pharmacists recommend patients use this time to properly dispose of all the unused and expired medications that accumulated over the previous year.

Because each season brings a host of new illnesses and conditions, it's easy for medicine cabinets to become cluttered with unused or expired prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, vitamins and herbals that can potentially be harmful to one's health. Hanging onto old, expired or unused medications can increase the chances of taking the wrong one. Old, expired medications can lose their potency thus reducing or providing no value to the condition being treated and unused medications have the potential to be abused and misused.

As you finalize your resolutions for a happier and healthier New Year, why not add this simple task to your list?" asked Thomas E.

Menighan, APhA Executive Vice President and CEO. "A medicine cabinet cleanout is one of the smallest resolutions a person can make for their personal and family's health. To help protect yourselves and the environment, it just takes a few simple steps to properly store and dispose of medications. And if you have any questions about your medications' expiration date or potency, talk with your pharmacist."

Tips, for Storing and Cleaning Out Your Medicine Cabinet or Other Medication Storage Areas:

- Medications should be stored in a secured area that has low humidity, a stable temperature and adequate lighting.
- Check the date on everything in your medicine cabinet and dispose of anything that has passed the expiration date.
- Properly dispose of anything you have not used in the past 12 months.
- Properly dispose of any prescription medications you no longer need. Do not share prescription medications with others.

- Properly dispose of medicines no longer in their original container or that can no longer be identified.

- Properly dispose of medicines that have changed color, odor or taste.

- Do not flush unused or expired medications and do not pour them down a sink or drain. They should be disposed of properly in the household trash or through your community's medication disposal program, when available.

Follow these easy steps before disposing in the trash:

- Pour medication into a sealable plastic bag. If medication is a solid (pill, liquid capsule, etc.), add water to dissolve it.
- Add kitty litter, sawdust, coffee grounds (or any material that mixes with the medication and makes it less appealing for pets and children to eat) to the plastic bag.
- Seal the plastic bag and put it in the trash.
- Remove and destroy ALL identifying personal information (prescription label) from all medication containers before recycling them or throwing them away.

Customers encouraged to be prepared for weather

SHREVEPORT, La., Jan. 7, 2011 - As winter weather approaches the Ark-La-Tex this weekend, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) encourages customers to be prepared should power outages occur.

"Snow, especially wet heavy snow, can cause problems for the electric system because its weight brings down trees and power lines, and snow-covered or closed roads slow our ability to get to the damaged poles, transformers and wires," said Malcolm Smoak, SWEPCO vice president - distribution. "In addition, with continuing low temperatures, the snow can be a problem for several days."

SWEPCO customers are encouraged to be prepared for the possibility of power outages with blankets, flashlights, portable radios and TVs, a supply of fresh batteries, water for drinking and cooking; instructions for manually opening power-

operated garage doors; and a manual can opener. Keep cell phones charged and ready. Be sure to have an adequate supply of any medications and medical supplies, plus any supplies needed for babies and pets. Keep a list of family and emergency contacts. Stay tuned to local news media for weather updates and any other emergency information.

"We are closely monitoring the weather, placing our personnel on standby; checking supplies; and preparing to mobilize the resources needed to restore power if outages occur," Smoak said.

Customers can report power outages 24 hours a day at 1-888-218-3919 or online at www.swepeco.com

If an outage occurs remember these safety tips:

Treat all downed lines as if they are carrying electricity. Stay away, and keep others away, especially children and pets. Don't touch anything in

contact with the line, such as trees or fences. Call SWEPCO immediately to report downed lines.

Be extremely careful using any alternate sources for heating, cooling, cooking or lighting. If you use a portable or RV generator, do not plug the generator into your home's main electrical panel. This can "back-feed" electricity into outside utility lines, creating the danger of electrocution for repair crews and the public. Instead, plug essential appliances directly into the generator.

Southwestern Electric Power Company serves 504,000 customers in three states, including 114,000 in western Arkansas, 210,000 in Northwest Louisiana and 180,000 in East Texas and the Texas Panhandle. SWEPCO's headquarters are in Shreveport, La. For more information, visit www.swepeco.com.

School Board recognition month

(Austin) - Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2011 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation of the critical role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

"The biggest challenges facing the education system can also be among its greatest strengths. For example, during a time when state and national mandates rightly place more emphasis than ever on setting the bar high for education, it remains important for each community to retain control of its own educational system," Governor Perry said.

"Balancing the need for local control with directives coming down from larger governmental bodies is a difficult and oftentimes unappreciated task, but for over two centuries, American school boards

have risen to such challenges. School boards also deal with issues such as the rapidly expanding role of technology in the classroom, the challenge to keep our children both well-educated and physically active, and—as always—the difficulties inherent in dealing with budgetary priorities.

"The people who make up these boards volunteer their time because they care about their communities and their schools. Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) designates January as School Board Recognition Month, to emphasize the importance of the services these dedicated men and women provide to the schools and students of Texas. At this time, I urge all Texans to recognize the invaluable contributions realized through the work of our school boards," he said.

"More than 7,000 locally elected school board members

serve a crucial role in our communities and schools. These dedicated men and women strive to maintain the health of every district and serve as strong advocates for our kids. In a time of financial uncertainty, they are willing to step forward to face the critical challenges facing our public schools," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

"We hope every community will say thanks to these board members for their commitment and offer support as they voluntarily tackle the important task of governing school districts. Local trustees tirelessly work with parents and educators to develop sound education policies and set high standards for student success. We applaud them for shouldering enormous responsibilities and making the time to share their vision and voice about the future of Texas schoolchildren," Crow said.

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Post ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu January 17 th - January 21 st	Fruit, Milk	Cobbette, Peaches, Milk
Monday Waffles, Sausage, Butter & Syrup, Fruit, Milk	Friday Cereal, Graham Cracker, Fruit, Milk	Wednesday Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Reeces Cup, Milk
Tuesday Churros, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk	Lunch Menu January 17 th - January 21 st	Thursday Taco Salad, Seasoned Corn, Fruited Jello, Brownie, Milk
Wednesday Malt-O-Meal, Sausage, Toast, Fruit, Milk	Monday Hot Dog, Oven Fried Potatoes, Apple & Orange Smiles, Sherbet Cup, Milk	Friday Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato & Pickles, Baked Beans, Baby Carrots/Ranch, Crispy Treats, Milk
Thursday Pop Tarts, Sausage Link,	Tuesday Pizza, Salad, Corn	

Southland ISD Menu

Monday French Toast, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Beef Tacos, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Pudding, Milk
Tuesday Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Lunch Menu for January 17- January 21	Thursday Barbeque Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Hot Roll, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Monday Hot Dogs, Oven Fried Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Milk	Friday Cheese Burgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Baked Beans, Broccoli Spears w/Ranch, Fruit, Brownie, Milk
Thursday Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Tuesday Fish Strips, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Orange Smiles, Milk	
Friday Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy,	Wednesday	

Obituaries



MICHAEL HUFFMAN
Michael J. Huffman of Abilene died Thursday, January 6, 2011 in Abilene. Michael was born November 19, 1994 to Jeremy Huffman and Summer Dawn Darling at Kaufman. Michael started school at Post and then in 2006 he moved to Abilene. Since that time he has been active in football basketball, drama and shop. Football being his passion, he also enjoyed making his own music, skateboarding, and snowboarding. Michael enjoyed gaming and life in general. He was a go-getter, not wanting to fail at anything he did. Michael is preceded in death by his paternal great-grandmother: Wanda Huffman and Florence Dragon. Maternal great-grandparents: Gene and LaVerne Hays.

Survivors include: his Father: Jeremy Huffman of Palisade, Co. His Mother and Father: Summer D. and Henry L. Reed of Abilene. One brother: Kamron Reed and one sister: Zoey Reed, both of Abilene. Paternal grandparents: Linda Ries of Denver, Co. and Michael Huffman of Palisade, Co. Paternal Great-grandparent: Aldan Huffman of Palisade, Co. Maternal grandparents: Anita and Wayne Nett of Minot, N.D. and R.C. and Helen Curtis of Post. Eight aunts and six uncles. Honorary Uncle and Aunt: Jack and Ralonna Moore of Post.

A memorial service was held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 9, 2011 at the Calvary Baptist Church, Post. The

Rev. Darren Weaver and Rev. Mike Taylor officiated. The family greeted friends 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Justice-Mason Funeral Home. A candlelight vigil was held at 6:30 pm Tuesday, January 11, 2011 in the Sears Park in Abilene. Memorials are suggested to the Michael J. Huffman Memorial Fund at the Wells-Fargo Bank in Post, contact person is Carol Short at 806-495-2804.



JEWELL PARRISH
Jewell Parrish 97, of Post, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at the Golden Plains Care Center. Services will be 2:00 pm Friday, January 14, 2011 at the Graham Church of Christ. David Joyner and David Peebles will officiate. Burial will follow at the Terrace Cemetery, Post. Arrangements are under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Born in Comanche County to James Travis and Mary (Tate) Ritchie, Jewell attended Woodrow Wilson School. At the age of nine, she and her family came to Garza County, in the fall of 1922. They settled in the Close City Community and farmed. Jewell married Ambers O'Neal Parrish December 16, 1933 in the Old C.W. Post home, here in Post. They made their home in the Graham Chapel Community and farmed for many years. Ambers preceded her in death January 29, 1995. In 1973 they retired from farming and started

traveling. In 1980 they moved into Post. Jewell was a long time member of the Graham Church of Christ. She is also preceded in death by two sons: Wayne Parrish, Jan. 13, 1995 and Dee Parrish, Jan. 23, 2007. Two Grandchildren: Tiny Louise Parrish and Donald Parrish, also preceded her in death. Survivors include: Three sons: Jimmy and his wife Doris of Lubbock, Byron and his wife Mary Parrish of Huntsville, Alabama and Ronnie and his wife Ruby, of Post. 16 grandchildren and many great and great great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be grandsons. The family greeted friends Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

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Thanks for Reading!



Did Benjamin Franklin really discover electricity with a key and a kite string? Or is it an urban legend?

The story is grounded convincingly in an authorized 1767 account written by Joseph Priestly and virtually confirmed in something Franklin wrote in 1752, the year of the hair-raising experiment. Franklin also had a lightning rod installed on his house along about then - one designed to make bells ring in the stairwell across from his bedroom door, sort of like today's doorbells. OSHA would faint.

In my cursory Franklin research I myself was struck by what he said about how hard it was to write about electricity: "I feel a Want of Terms here and doubt much whether I shall be able to make this intelligible."

If Ben Franklin and I have anything in column, that's it. We both find it hard to write intelligibly about electricity.

For Franklin, the problem was a lack of vocabulary, so he coined some terms, including battery, charge, condenser, conductor, plus and minus. (If you want those terms in quotes, imagine some. I like less frills.)

For me, writing about electricity is hard because I don't understand electricity. Why ground an electric fence charger? If invisible electrons are positively zipping along on that fence wire, where do they go via the ground rod? Can they not be recycled instead?

Meanwhile, Franklin's kite string came to mind recently when I hooked up a jumper cable wrong on a car battery. Snap, crackle and lightning! I knew better.

I guess senility is attacking with éclat. At least I still have my French.

My husband understands electricity better than I do. If ever he wants to get rid of me, he can just give me bad advice. Somehow, he's always 150 miles away, dictating long-distance instructions. Can't you imagine a plot for one of those spouse-kills-spouse stories? The headline:

"Woman Electrocuted on Farm While Connecting Heating Device to Stock Water Tank"

Except headlines are never that long. Somewhere in the story it would mention that she was found with her cell phone still clutched in her hand. In the television version, they'll check his phone records. He'll be convicted.

Whatever ultimately happens to me, the phone-in-hand part isn't likely to change.

As for my husband, he installed some electronic circuitry for sound in an old computer last night. It worked! He tried not to act surprised when the music played. I tried not to act surprised either. I like to stay on good terms with him. Refer to previous comments.

The instructions said he should ground himself to the computer, but he didn't. I think that's for people who value their computers more than themselves. Anyway, both he and the computer survived.

That's more than I can say for that car battery.

Anytime you jump a car battery, all you have to do is think of Ben Franklin, inventor of plus and minus.

Now let's see ... is it plus to plus or plus to minus? Senility can be exciting.

Trailblazers ISD Menu

January 17 - 21	Jello	Friday Fish, Potatoes, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies, Fruit
Monday Manwich Burger, Sweet Potato Fries, Salad, Oreopie	Thursday Green Chili Chicken Casserole, Mexican Corn, Salad, Cobbler	
Tuesday Chicken Fry Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Fruit Salad		
Wednesday Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll,		

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Post ISD Menu

Breakfast Menu January 10 th - January 14 th	Cowboy Bread, Sausage Link, Fruit, Milk	Pizza, Salad, Corn, Peaches, Milk
Monday	Ham & Cheese Biscuit, Fruit, Milk	
Tuesday	Muffins, Sausage Links, Fruit, Milk	
Wednesday	Oatmeal, Bacon, Toast, Fruit, Milk	
Thursday		
Friday	SCHOOL HOLIDAY	
Lunch Menu January 10 th - January 14 th		
Monday	Burrito, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Choice, Sugar Cookie, Milk	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Cherry Bar, Milk
Thursday		Fajita Chicken over Rice, Broccoli/Cheese, Seasoned Corn, Bread Sticks, Pink Fluff, Milk
Friday	SCHOOL HOLIDAY	

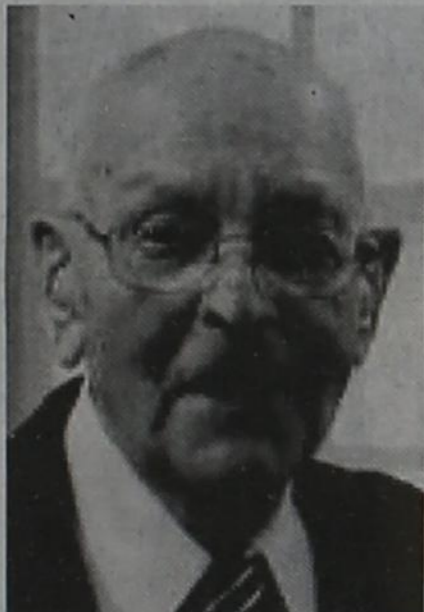
Southland ISD Menu

January 10 - January 14		
Breakfast	Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Meat and Bean Chalupas, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Pineapple and Orange Salad, Milk
Monday	Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	
Tuesday	Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	
Wednesday	Cereal, Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk	
Thursday	Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk	
Friday	SCHOOL HOLIDAY	
Lunch		
Monday	Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Noodle Soup, Broccoli Cuts w/ Ranch, Crackers, Fruit, Milk	
Tuesday	Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Chocolate Pudding, Milk	
Wednesday		Sloppy Joes, Broccoli & Cheese, Corn, Applesauce, Milk
Thursday		Submarine Sandwich, Chips, Lettuce and Tomatoes, Animal Cookies, Raisins, Milk

Trailblazers ISD Menu

January 10 - 14		
Monday	Tacos, Refried Beans, Rice, Salad, Mexican Wedding Cake	Roast Beef, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Jello
Tuesday	Meat Loaf, Au gratin	
Wednesday	Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, California Veggies, Biscuit, Mandarin Cake	
Thursday		Beef Enchilada Casserole, Mexican Hominy, Refried Beans, Neiman Marcus Cake

Obituaries



Tommie Lewis

A memorial service will be held, Monday January 3, at 2:00 pm at First United Methodist Church in Post for Tommie J. Lewis who passed away January 1. Tommie was born July 29, 1919, in Pollok, Texas, to Dempsey Dee and Bertha Mae (McAdams) Lewis. He grew up in Chillicothe, Texas, where he met and married his wife of seventy years, Marie Baxter, on October 5, 1940.

Tommie was a World War II veteran and served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Okanogan. After a career as an auto body mechanic, he retired to Lake Stamford to pursue his lifelong hobby of fishing. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Post, and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign War.

Tommie is survived by his wife, Marie, of Post; daughter Doris Giddens and husband Joe of Post; son Tom Lewis and wife Lena of Arlington; and six grandchildren; Danna Mantooth and husband Rick of San Angelo; Holly Brake and husband Shelby of Lubbock; Wade Giddens and wife Bonnie of San Antonio; Scott Lewis and wife Leslie of McKinney; Carrie Ellerbe and husband Malcolm of Gilroy, California; Dustin Lewis and wife Laurie of Arlington.

Also surviving are eleven great-grandchildren; Elizabeth Calhoun and husband Levi of San Angelo; Clayton and Evan Brake of Lubbock; Ben, Calvin and Matthew Giddens of San Antonio; Justin and Natalie Lewis of McKinney; Bryce Morgan of Arlington; Nicole and Lenna Lewis of Arlington. He is also survived by two sisters, Hester Clark of Lubbock and Oleta McCubbin

of Wichita Falls; one brother Alvin E. Lewis of Lubbock and many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and one brother.

Memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church in Post or Garza County Senior Citizens' Center.

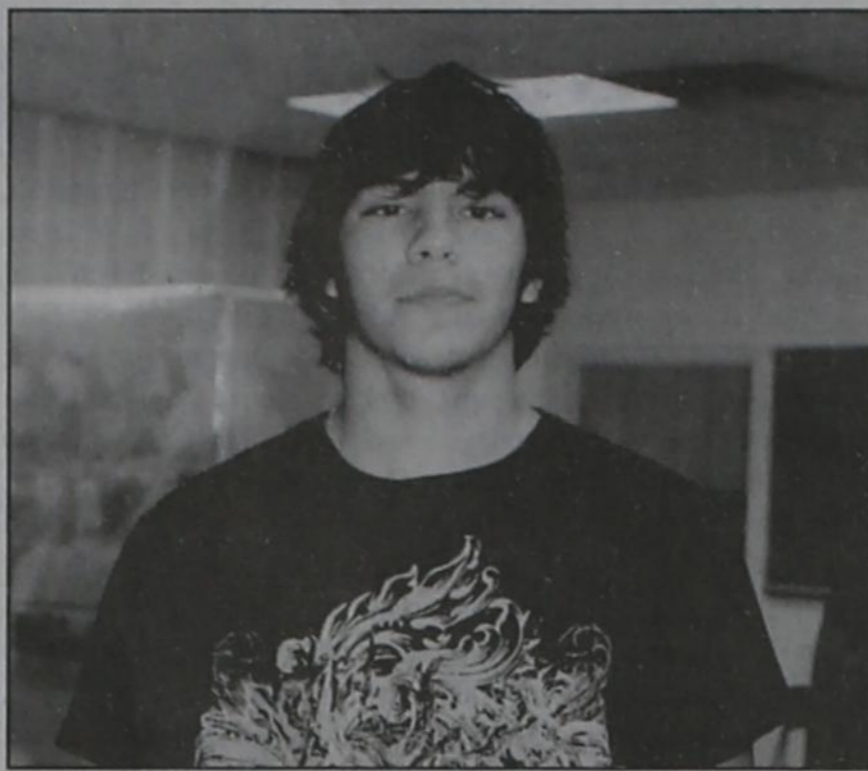
Doyle Young

Doyle Wayne Young, 75, of Weatherford passed away Saturday January 1, 2011 in the local hospital. He was born February 7, 1935 in Lynn County, Texas to Dillard L. and Ida Mae Hodo Young. Doyle was a retired industrial mechanic, a member of the Assembly of God Church in Weatherford and the Gideon's. Mr. Young loved to fly planes. To share his love of flying, and teach others to fly multi wing - multi engine aircraft, he studied many hours to become an instructor. He married the love of his life, Beverly Robinett, October 12, 1957 in Kalgary, Texas. Doyle is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Beverly; daughters, Jill Baltz and husband Steve of Terrell and Jan Robins and husband Marlin of Bastrop; son Jack Young of Gladewater; sister, Rena Johnson of Godley; brother, D.L. Young of Lubbock; grandchildren, K'Lynn Robins, Brent

Bridges II, Crystal Mitnick and husband Brian and their son Riley Mitnick, Stephanie Baltz, Ashley Young and Amy Black and her children, Annania and Malachi.

Funeral: 10:00 AM, Thursday January 6, 2011 in the Galbreath Pickard Funeral Chapel with interment in Greenwood Community Cemetery. Visitation: 6-8 PM, Wednesday, at the funeral home. Flowers are welcome; other memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation 5429 Lyndon B Johnson Fwy Ste 250 Dallas, TX 75240 or the Gideon's Po Box 140800 Nashville, Tennessee 37214-0800. Galbreath Pickard in charge of arrangements.

View full obituaries online.



ERNEST SALDIVAR
Ernest Saldivar-son of Ernest Saldivar Sr. and Cathi Cash He has attended Post High School since Kindergarten. He has played Varsity PHS baseball for the past 4 years, varsity football for the past 3 years, and a member of the FFA the majority of his life. He likes to play video games, hangout with friends, ride around, and listen to music. He plans to attend Texas State and study Computer Science after graduation.



Caitlyn Cravy
Caitlin Cravy is the daughter of Jayta and Eric Cravy. She has attended Post Schools all of her life. She has participated in Varsity Basketball and Varsity Softball. She enjoys riding around with friends in her spare time. After graduation, she plans to attend McMurry in Abilene to go into Physical Therapy.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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.rrc.state.tx.us and accessing Data & Statistics, then go to Drilling Permits Application Query and enter the Status Number in the appropriate box.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Hello, I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. I know I did, now maybe with that and ginning behind us things might slow down a bit...until the next thing. Speaking of "the next thing" we are still not certain of the date but we know it will be towards the end of February or early March for our next Close City Get Together. We are planning a full fledge BINGO night. This should be really fun so keep watching for us to post the date and more details.

The children and grandchildren of Elmo and Lucille Bush got together on Tuesday of last week. We all met at the Senior Citizens Center and enjoyed lots of catching up with each other and of course some great food that each family brought. Those enjoying the evening were; Jerry and Judy Bush of Post; Ricky and Judy Bush of Levelland; Daniel, Trevah, Clinton, Kale and Will of Post; Traci, Ryan, Reece, Raegan and Allisha of Post;

Megan and Xan of China; Josh, Amy and Barbi of Wharten; Amanda, Allison, Ethen and Addie Grace of Lubbock; Salli Bess and Journey of Bowie; Robby, Kerri, Kaylyn, Kylee and Kenley of Gail and WO Fluitt of Post.

Eva Gonzales enjoyed Christmas breakfast with her family. Those enjoying the morning with Eva were; Tino and Linda Alaniz; David, Melinda, Quincey and Andrew Quintana; Eric, DeeDee, Hailey

and Jace Alaniz; Amanda Alaniz; Mikey, Marisa and Zach Gonzales; Steve and Stevie Gonzales; Danny and Susan Gonzales and Susan's mom, Nan of Rising Star.

We would really like to add some pics to our Facebook page. We have several left from doing the cookbook but if you have some of your "Close City" family let us know so that we can put them on there.

Remember to get your cookbooks and T-shirt order forms at CoCar's downtown

or you can come by the gin and pick one up.

Visitors

Our visitors this week were... Max Haney, Lupe Valdez and his grandson; 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

January 7th - Louis Abraham
January 9th - Cristina Lopez

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; Carmen Abraham and Joyce Nelson 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 and Lula Jo Stewart also in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Everyone have a great week and be safe! See ya next week.

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Weekly Inspirations

Daily Reminders

Read Isaiah 55:10-13

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

-Psalm 19:12 (NIV)

ON some mornings I pray to be aware of God's presence throughout the day. When the day doesn't turn out quite as I anticipated, I may ask, "God, where were you today?" Instead of feeling God's touch in the rain, I grumbled about getting wet. Rather than hearing God's voice in a song, I complained about being stuck in traffic. Busy with my work, I failed to see God in the smile of the person I passed in a hallway.

On days like these, I allow my hectic pace to keep me from recognizing reminders God provides throughout the day. God may demonstrate awesome power in a morning thunderstorm. God may speak to me throughout the day in songs on the radio, an encouraging word from a friend, a greeting from a stranger. God's beauty may shine in the sunset. Goodnight kisses from my children always bring God's touch.

Signs like these are present every day. But when we look for only monumental wonders that signify the presence of God, we may miss the daily reminders God provides.

Marcia Hodge (Florida, USA)

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Deuteronomy 6:5

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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

Donna Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ellis, was crowned queen of the Harvest Festival at Southland. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stewart celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Troy Nelson celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

30 Years Ago

Iva Hudman, the first regular employee of SENTRY Savings, retired. Mark Holly, a Post ISD senior, has been named to the All-South Plains AAA grid team by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. Jess Knight of Justiceburg is competing in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Long Star Circuit Finals in

Fort Worth.

40 Years Ago

Officers sworn in for the new year: Racy Robinson-Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace; Dean A. Robinson, county superintendent; Pauline Coleman, county treasurer, Carl Cederholm, county and district clerk; Precinct 4 County Commissioner Herbert Walls and Precinct 2 Commissioner Ted Aten are all sworn in by Judge Giles W. Dalby. Bobby Davis is employed as new head coach. Funeral services for Don Everett Baker, 27.

50 Years Ago

Bobby R. Pennington, a 1950 graduate of Post High School, has been promoted

to assistant vice president of the Southern Arizona Bank. Linda Kay Davis set to wed Harold W. Donahoo Jan. 15. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Edmunds will celebrate their golden anniversary Jan. 15. "For the Love of Mike" a touching story about a boy and his love for animals, will show at the Tower Theatre this weekend.

60 Years Ago

Norman Cash and Jack Kirkpatrick were chosen for all regional football team. The Curtis Davis home was the scene of a dinner for the 1950 graduating class of Post High School. Mrs. Cora Carpenter celebrated her 79th birthday. J. N. Gossett Observes 82nd Birthday.

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.

Cookbooks

Hometown Holiday Cookbooks are available at the Extension Office for \$8.00

Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference

This conference will be held on Monday, January 24; at the Forrest Park Community Center, located at 814 South Houston in Lamesa. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the program will start at 8:00 a.m. Early registration fee is \$30. Registration fee

at the door will be \$35. The registration fee included a complimentary gift, technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits. Producers who wish to register early may do so by coming by the Garza County Extension Office at 215 W. Main, Post, TX 79356, or call 495-4400.

The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference is a direct result of producer requested educational programming. The 2011 conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture. The program will also feature information on the latest technology for dryland and irrigated production of cotton, grain sorghum, peanuts, and other crops. Top quality

speakers from across the State and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trails. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists, and other growers. Six continuing Education Units will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators to fulfill continuing education requirements.

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Thanks for reading!

Post Classifieds

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Post Group Alcoholics Anonymous 10th and Avenue K, behind United Supermarket Tuesday night, 8 p.m. Book Study Thursday night, 8 p.m. Closed Meetings For more info: 806-781-1156 or 806-495-5371 Monday, 8 p.m., Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Ave. C. For more information about the Monday meeting, call 495-3173.

Al-Anon

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

The Safe and Serene NA Group of Post now meets on Fridays at the Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Avenue C. For meeting information please contact Chris, 806-312-0121.

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All-District football team announced Saldivar Leads Five Lopes

By Jim Plummer
PostSportspage.com

The Antelopes closed out a 3-7 season on October 29th. But, due to UIL rules, the all-district selections couldn't be released until after all teams in the district have finished their playoff run.

If you haven't heard yet, the final game played by a District 2-2A, Division II team was on December 18, 2010 when the Idalou Wildcats earned the 2A, Division II state championship by defeating Lexington, 20-3. A collective West Texas cheer of congratulations was heard across the land at games end. Our hats are off to Coach of the Year Johnnie Taylor and the 'Cats for the great season and that Idalou filled 21 all-district slots.

So now we present to you the year 2010, 3-2A, Division II All-District football teams.

Five Antelopes were recognized for their play on the field this past season. Senior Ernie Saldivar was the lone Post repeater from a 2009 all-district team. He is named again to the first team defensive secondary group.

Henry Apolinar, also a senior, was recognized as an all-district receiver on the second team.

A few players whom we will see again for the 2011 gridiron season are juniors Jacob Perez, Kaven Martinez and Matthew Soto. All three received second team honors for their defensive positions; Perez at end, Martinez on the line and Soto as linebacker.

Antelopes receiving honorable mention honors on offense are Ernie Saldivar, Chess Postell (Sr.), Dalton Holly (So.), Jacob Perez and Kaven Martinez. On the defensive side of the ball Henry Apolinar and Ben Mason (Sr.) were recognized.

Athletic Director and Head Coach Chris Jones added that "our staff would like to congratulate all of our players receiving All-District Honors. They are all well-deserving and we are very proud of them."

ALL-DISTRICT 2-2A, DIVISION II MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Nick Gary, Sr., Idalou
OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Tanner Ruiz, Soph., Coahoma
DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Grayson Gray, Sr., Stanton
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Matthew Sales, Jr., Idalou
UTILITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Bryce Schilling, Jr., Idalou
COACH OF THE YEAR: Johnny Taylor, Idalou

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE
Quarterback: Tyler Fulton, Sr., Stanton
Running back: Dakota Griffith, Sr., Coahoma;

Blake Evans, Soph., Stanton
Fullback: Garrett Sosa, Sr., Idalou
Receiver: Tyler Dowdy, Sr., Idalou; Thomas Ramos, Sr., Stanton; Kolton Self, Sr., Forsan; Billy Brosch, Sr., Hawley
Tight end: Ryan Brantley, Sr., Stanton; Hunter Williams, Sr., Coahoma; Brent Turner, Sr., Idalou
Linemen: Josh Castilaw, Sr., Coahoma; Brayden Newcomb, Sr., Hawley; Brady Gunter, Sr., Idalou; Grayson Gray, Sr., Stanton; Cody Holt, Sr., Stanton
Kicker: Thomas Ramos, Sr., Stanton

DEFENSE
End: Braden Iden, Sr., Coahoma; Jorge Reyna, Sr., Stanton; Riley Payne, Jr., Idalou; Garrett Sosa, Sr., Idalou
Linemen: Dillon Kennedy, Sr., Stanton; Jacob New, Jr., Hawley; Dakota Sparks, Jr., Idalou
Linebacker: Jason Martinez, Sr., Coahoma; Skyler Coates, Sr., Coahoma; Blake Evans, Soph., Stanton; Brent Turner, Sr., Idalou
Secondary: Tyler Dowdy, Sr., Idalou; Ernest Saldivar, Sr., Post; Tyler Cook, Sr., Idalou; Pete Acosta, Sr., Coahoma
Punter: Tyler Dowdy, Sr., Idalou; Billy Brosch, Sr., Hawley

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE
Quarterback: Alec Estes, Jr., Idalou
Running back: Ty Johnson, Jr., Forsan; Andres Chavez, Soph., Stanton; Brett Devore, Sr., Hawley
Fullback: Justin Coker, Jr., Coahoma
Receiver: Sheigh Cravens, Jr., Coahoma; Henry Apolinar, Sr., Post; Christian Garcia, Jr., Anson; Adam Montez, Sr., Stanton
Tight end: Riley Payne, Jr., Idalou; Heston Heller, Sr., Anson
Linemen: Derek Spargo, Soph., Idalou; Joseph Rodriguez, Sr., Idalou; Nick VanWinkle, Sr., Anson; Jacob Echavarria, Jr., Coahoma; Dillon Kennedy, Sr., Stanton; Jorge Reyna, Sr., Stanton; Jacob New, Sr., Hawley
Kicker: Dakota Griffith, Sr., Coahoma

DEFENSE
End: Brent Wright, Sr., Coahoma; Ryan Brantley, Sr., Stanton; Jacob Perez, Jr., Post; Bryce McGee, Jr., Anson
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Punter: Austin Baccus, Sr., Anson.

Legends....Garza County Historical Museum

By Linda Puckett

Part-two of "Land Rushes" continues. A 1929 paper written by J.A. Rickard tells the tales of two land rushes, both in March of 1904, where a total of eight sections came on the market. It seems the settlers had already settled on the land and were already holding the County Clerk's office door for two or three months prior to the time of sale. It was apparent that both the "Reds" and the "Blues" were planning to file on the land. On February 29th, a large body of cowboys arrived in town, and finding the enemy weak, they immediately organized, elected one of their number captain, donned their blue ribbons and made an attack on the "Red" line. Within ten minutes the Blues held the door to the clerk's office and the last Red man picked himself up out of the dust of the courthouse yard and went off to find new recruits. The Reds regrouped and counter attacked regaining their position.

Both sides made extensive preparations for the next rush, the Blues hired and brought to Gail many men from Abilene, Colorado, Big Spring and other nearby towns. It was reported that one cattleman was going to bring three hundred Negroes from Fort Worth, which added fuel to the flames. It was estimated that three hundred men (Blues) participated in the struggle and by late afternoon (Red) sympathizers came in, ready for action. The Blues stationed one third of their men in the hall leading to the clerk's office and the rest stationed in the courthouse yard.

The Sheriff along with a capable force of Deputies, searched everyone who went over the steps leading into the courthouse, and every weapon, even a pocket knife was taken into custody. Men left their

revolvers with obliging merchants and went into the fray unarmed.

The attack was carried out as scheduled. Led by a big 250 lb. settler, the Reds charge was made. There was a rush, a shout, a confused mass of fighting, struggling, cursing men and the Reds once more won the day. It took fifteen minutes to oust the last blue ribbon out of the courthouse, thus the settlers were victorious in the last land rush that took place in Gail. The cause for land rushes was removed the next year, when the law was changed as to the manner of requiring sealed bids.

Some other recollections of Mr. Rickard (March 17, 1904) were of Mr. Chandler who operated the Blue Front Mercantile Store during those years. Chandler reported that he had a barrel full of weapons left at his store during the Rush. One occurred when Mr. Slaughter of the U Lazy S Ranch in the north part of Borden County had some land coming on the market. Col. C.C. Slaughter's crew under wagon boss Jot Smythe was sent from the Rattlesnake

Pasture south of Gail to assist the U Lazy S cowboys. Mr. Sloat said that John Slaughter sat on the fence at the courthouse and watched. Some of the reinforcements brought in were from the storied BLOCK 97 where people were involved in long litigation over land they had bought. A few names mentioned were Box Cathey, Tom Morris, Jim Cathey, Piat and W.R. Harris who could handle three ordinary men. The Slaughter wagons were camped in the draw between the graveyard and town. Mr. Smythe told of one of his punchers who got so excited and stimulated that he begged to be allowed to take his gun from the bedroll and "shoot the top off the courthouse". It seems strange now with all the mesquite growing

in the draw that it was necessary, but Ed and Clyde Miller hauled wood in for the wagons to use. Clyde remembers that his older brother Homer and Turner Hutcherson sat in the hallway for days, holding the door.

Although this was a time of animosities and separation between the rivals factions it also meant cooperation and sharing among those who wore ribbons that matched. After the midnight filing and all the struggles were over, the weary men headed home. 150 of them stopped by the Rich Miller ranch for breakfast. With the help of some of the cowboys, Mother Miller fried four hams and made a sack of flour into biscuits. This with brindle gravy and wild plum jam must have tasted like ambrosia to the hungry men. "Oh to have a tape recorder under that table," wrote Edna Miller.

These stories were probably told and retold around the camp fires and in settler's cabins. Triumphs and defeats were accepted and the people went about their lives and tried to heal the wounds.

Mr. R.D. Holt did an article on "School Land Rushes in West Texas", and stated the following. "The land laws, in general, had favored the settler, as did the law of 1901. The laws of nature, however, had not been so kind to him. The cowmen contended that settlers could not make a living upon the four sections (a maximum that could be purchased under the law of 1901). About all the nester could do was legally starve to death some good woman and her children." And so it proved to be in Borden County in the years following the rushes. The county is dotted with abandoned cisterns and depressions where dugouts once housed these "good women and children".

Mr. Holt quoted F.C. Bates, Jr., Clerk of Schleicher County during the land rushes there, "This legislative body made a fatal mistake in the mode of filing these applications, which mistake came very near running into bloodshed, and in some instances did so." An old time cowman said regarding the Land Rushes, "It was the most foolish thing ever done and all uncalled for. Hard feelings were stirred up that have lasted to this day." The lawmakers at last realized their mistake and in 1905 the law was changed to award the land to the highest bidder. Thus ending the era of the Land Rushes.

Special thanks, to our 'sister county' of Borden, for the use of this great history lesson.

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Sund 5 22 14 12 - 53
Post 10 3 7 17 - 37
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POST 50, MEADOW 39 (12/28)

VEGA 55, POST 32 (12/28)
Post 6 7 6 13 - 32
Vega 9 16 21 9 - 55
Leading scorers: Post - Williams 9. Vega - Crist 16, Tarbet 13, Noland 10.

Thanks for reading!

Antelope Basketball Round-up

Littlefield Wildcat Classic Tournament
POST 42, DENVER CITY 36 (12/29)
DC 9 10 11 6 - 36
Post 7 8 15 12 - 42
Leading scorers: Denver City - Durham 9; Post - McDonald 8.
LITTLEFIELD 61, POST 32 (12/28)
Post 2 8 12 10 - 32
Litt 16 12 17 16 - 61
Scoring: Post - Osborn 7. Littlefield - White 17.

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Snow, ice and rain a good thing for winter pastures, wheat

COLLEGE STATION -- Though a hardship for drivers, the rain and snow that came to parts of Texas Jan. 9 was mainly good news for winter pastures, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Jan. 9 event, whether it came as snow or rain, equaled from about 1 inch to 1.5 inches of moisture for South Texas and parts of the state east of Interstate 45. On Jan. 10, NOAA archives (<http://water.weather.gov/precip/>) show another 0.5 to 1 inch for East Texas. "The recent snow and ice is a positive thing for our pastures and our soil moisture profile because we've been so dry this early fall and win-

ter," said Dr. Vanessa Corriher, AgriLife Extension forage specialist based in East Texas. Much of East Texas remains moisture short, however, said Randy Reeves, AgriLife Extension agent for Harrison County. Reeves noted that because producers in his county have had to buy hay for the last several months, any moisture was certainly welcome. "We were behind the eight ball long before this," he said. "The wet and cold will increase the energy requirements for livestock, so that means more hay to be fed." Purely from an agronomic standpoint, the cold weather is a plus, Corriher said. Cold weather means the moisture will be absorbed into soil

rather than evaporate. "The majority of that moisture is going to seep slowly down into our soils," she said. "It's an overall good thing to have this snow and ice, even for producers who didn't plant winter pastures." AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries: Central: Winter pastures were in poor shape because of drought-like conditions throughout the fall. Rainfall and cooler temperatures arrived on Jan. 10, and this precipitation was badly needed for pastures, tanks and small grains. Producers continued to provide livestock with hay and other supplemental feed. Farmers were applying fertilizer on fields to be planted with corn and milo

this spring. Far West: Dry weather and high winds continued to challenge agriculture. No measurable rainfall has been reported in more than 90 days. The danger of wildfire was high across the region. According to producers, the Coyanosa co-op (north of Fort Stockton) should finish ginning modules within a week. Reports were that cotton quality was high. Fall-planted onions were dormant, but stands were robust. Preparation for planting cotton, chiles and corn was under way. Winter wheat showed growth. Alfalfa was dormant. There were reports of locoweed showing up in fields, but there were no incidences of its consumption by animals as yet.

Panhandle: The region was dry and windy with near-normal temperatures. More moisture was needed throughout the region. Soil-moisture levels were short for the most part. Producers were preparing fields for the spring plantings. Wheat varied from being in very poor to good condition, with most reporting fair to poor. Rangeland and pastures varied from very poor to good condition, with most reporting poor. Cattle were in good condition with continued supplemental feeding. Rolling Plains: Dry conditions still persisted throughout the region. A good rain was needed to perk up the wheat crop. A strong winter cold front, with lows in the teens and highs around freezing, forced ranchers to put out extra hay for cows. Livestock remained in good condition. Cow/calf producers were providing heavy supplemental feed. In some areas, the supplemental feed was all the cows had to eat. Rangeland and pasture conditions held steady through the dry spell. Stock-water ponds were drying up in some parts of the district. The cotton harvest neared completion, with most gins and producers reporting average to slightly above average yields. Many producers kept busy cutting cotton stalks and plowing up cotton fields. Other farmers left their cotton stalks in the field, planning to try out no-till to conserve moisture. Burn bans remained in effect in some counties.

South: From 1 inch to 1.75 of inches of rain fell in Atascosa County, which was just enough to help improve winter pastures a little but not enough to really bolster forage quantity. The rest of the district remained dry. Prospects for winter livestock grazing on winter forbs and winter annual grasses continued to decline. Supplemental feeding was at a high, and the body condition scores of cattle were fair. Cold nights, mild days and short to very short soil-moisture levels persisted throughout the entire region. In the northern part of the region, producers were doing limited planting, mostly of potatoes. In the western part of the region, producers who irrigated were actively applying water on cabbage, spinach, onions and other vegetables. In the southern part of the region, fall vegetables were progressing well and producers were preparing for spring planting. West Central: Days were mild with no significant rains. A few areas reported isolated showers. Soil-moisture levels remained extremely low, and there was very little field activity due to the dry conditions. The cotton harvest was complete with above-average yields being reported. Winter wheat was off to a poor start due to lack of moisture. Rangeland and pastures continued to decline. Stock-water tanks and ponds were drying out. Producers increased supplemental feeding of livestock.

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Thanks also goes out to Greg, Diana, Dora, Shawna and the rest of the staff at The United Supermarket for not only their donations but the good will they use to turn food shopping into a cosmic experience. Many thanks also from the members of The House of David go out to Glenn, Twyla, Chip and Robin Polk for the transformative magic of appearing in Ragtown Gospel Theater's production of "Sermon on the Mount." And last - my hat is off to the City of Post and all its residents. To those of you who give friendly waves to strangers from your cars, from The Post Public Library to Reyes and her dear "Mama" at the Thrift Store, the joy and grace with which you all live your lives should be an example for the rest of this great nation.

God Bless, Ray Fidler

I really appreciate all my wonderful friends. I don't know what I would have done without them. They sent flowers, prayers, ran errands, carried me to the doctor, cleaned my house and laid a new floor. They fed my four dogs for six weeks and checked on me everyday. The Lord has really blessed me. Thanks so very much.

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STANTON 69, POST 24 (1/7/11)

Post 2 7 4 11-24
 Stan 21 17 22 9-69

Scoring: Post - McDonald 9, Holly 5, Apolinar 3, Lopez 3, Postell 2, Tay, Soto 2.
 Stanton - Fulton 31, Sidle 16, Evans 6.

FORSAN 55, POST 45 (1/4/11)

Fors 12 11 14 18-55
 Post 13 6 12 14-45

Scoring: Forsan - Self 22, Robles 11, Johnson 8. Post - McDonald 12, Holly 8, Tav. Soto 7, Osborn 6, Perez 4, Apolinar 3, Lopez 3, Postell 2. Records: Forsan 2-0 district; Post 7-10, 0-2.

JV BOYS

STANTON 55, POST 29 (1/7/11)

Post 11 4 10 4 - 29
 Stan 14 10 10 21-55

Post Scoring: Chris Yarbrough 8, Nathaniel Gill 6, Pake Jones 5, Campbell Kirkpatrick 5, Mondo Martinez 3, Dakota McDonald 2.

POST 36, FORSAN 34 (1/4/11)

Fors 8 11 6 9-34
 Post 2 11 3 20-36

Post Scoring: Campbell Kirkpatrick 8, Chris Yarbrough 7, Nathaniel Gill 7, Pake Jones 5, Mondo Martinez 4, Zach Bush 3, Dakota McDonald 2.

SLATON TOURNAMENT

ROOSEVELT 50, POST 23 (12/29)

Roos 8 15 16 11-50
 Post 4 6 8 5-23

Post Scoring: Nathaniel Gill 8, Chris Yarbrough 6, Campbell Kirkpatrick 4, Danny Shelton 3, Zach Bush 2.

COOPER 57, POST 19 (12/28)

Coop 9 23 10 15-57
 Post 3 0 6 10-19

Post Scoring: Travis Greathouse 4, Chris Yarbrough 4, Pake Jones 3, Nathaniel Gill 2, Zach Bush 2, Mondo Martinez 2.

DENVER CITY 42, POST 17 (12/17)

DC 14 6 17 5-42
 Post 1 10 6 0-17

Post Scoring: Chris Yarbrough 9, Dakota McDonald 4, Campbell Kirkpatrick 3, Pake Jones 1.

7TH BOYS A-TEAM

POST 44, SLATON 14 (1/10/11)

Slat 4 6 0 4-14
 Post 15 10 8 11-44

Post Scoring: Cambry Gilbert 16, Jordan Solorzano 12, Kyle Jones 6, Jared Curtis 4, Jaybren Rodriguez 3, Triston Fallon 2, Shandon Wiley 1. Record: 7-1.

Coach Quinn: *We had one of our strongest starts against Slaton this time around. A very good defensive effort helped get us going and we carried that over into the second half. We still need to become more consistent with our offensive and defensive execution. Next game will be at Denver City on 1/17. The "B" team will play at 4:30 followed by the "A" team. Both games are in the South JH Gym. Find more at PostSportsPage.com.*

VARSITY GIRLS

FORSAN 49, POST 35

Fors 9 8 12 20-49
 Post 4 7 11 13-35

Scoring: Forsan - Hill 20, Park 9, Forshee 8, Roemer 7. Post - Wilson 11, Berry 6, Cravy 6, Osborn 6, Araiza 2, Jones 2, Blair 1, Williams 1. District records: Forsan 2-2, Post 0-4.

JV GIRLS

POST 36, FORSAN 16 (1/4/2011)

Fors 2 7 3 4-16
 Post 12 6 7 11 - 36

Post Scoring: Matti Smith 14, Sara Greer 9, Jaycee Johnson 4, Madison Cash 3, Kayla Comeaux 3, Katie Dunn 2, and Miranda Solorzano 2.

8TH GRADE GIRLS

SLATON 50, POST 9 (1/10/11)

Post 0 4 0 5-9
 Slat 14 8 18 10-50

Post Scoring: Tamara Moore 2, Evelin Alaniz 2, Kortnee McKee 2, Kelbie Oden 2, Rebecca Perez 1. Post Record: 1-7. Coach Soliz: *We played a very talented team, obviously. We were able to break their press but could not score in the half court. My girls hustled the whole time they were on the court.*

7TH GRADE GIRLS

POST 12, SLATON 30 (1/10/11)

POST 0 2 6 4-12
 SLATON 11 9 8 2-30

Post Scoring: MACY 4, WHITFILL 2, RECORD 2, QUINTANA 2, KIMMONS 2. Find more at PostSportsPage.com.

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OPINION



The Paperboy

Stop politicizing tragedy!

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

One sickening development from this weekend's massacre in Arizona is the politicizing of the event. How dare anyone talk politics regarding this tragedy.

I know Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians and those in favor with the Tea Party. I even know people who want their state to secede, but I don't know of one person who wants to kill anyone.

The fact is there are disturbed people in all walks of life, and I doubt political affiliation really matters.

When tragedies occur, they should be used to build unity. If this country's better angels can't find common ground when it comes to these matters then we've lost our sense of society.

While on the topic of political affiliation, I find it ridiculous and narrow-minded that those in charge at the national level have such a hard time listening to each other.

The only thing that should be on the minds of members of Congress is what is best for the American people. Nothing else matters.

If that was the sole thought in the head of every member of Congress there is no doubt more common ground could be found, and we the people would be better off. Instead we have this mindset of getting "even" with the other side.

Great leaders are not divisive. Great leaders reach out. They listen to all sides of every argument before drawing conclusions. Most importantly, great leaders listen to the wishes of those they represent and act on behalf of those people.

Is it any wonder we happen to remember the names of those who make it a habit of reaching across the aisle? It's unfortunate that it's the exception rather than the rule.

This country is going to go broke forcing green energy down the throats of the people.

No doubt we need clean energy initiatives and companies in the energy business need incentives to begin research and development in the next generation of energy. However, why can't we take advantage of our God-given resources at the same time?

Texas and Oklahoma are oil-friendly states. Texas and

Oklahoma are also in better financial shape than most other states.

Did you know the solution to a rotten economy sits underground of many states? There is enough shale gas in New York to make billions in revenue. There's only one problem. Elected officials in Albany won't allow it.

If our state and federal governments would allow for exploration of oil and gas our economic problems would be solved. It's insane for us to rely on unstable countries for our energy. Almost as insane as trading on an uneven playing field with China, but that's a whole other topic.

What will drive green energy will be money. When some genius invents something better than what currently exists, markets will develop. That's pretty much why most of us don't travel by horse or train anymore.

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Other Opinions

Project Labor Agreements Could Lock Out Non-Union Shops

By KEVIN MOONEY

With John Boehner (R-Ohio) now officially sworn in as the new House Speaker you might think that organized labor's pursuit of special interest paybacks from the Obama Administration is dead in the water. You would be wrong.

The stipulations and restrictions included in Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) union bosses have advanced at the state level could be used to undermine "Right to Work" laws that guard against coercive practices, according to industry representatives and free market advocates.

PLAs establish guidelines for firms bidding on construction projects that put private shops at a severe disadvantage. Typically a contractor will be required to hire workers through union hiring halls and abide by a variety of union rules.

An executive order from President Obama signed in Feb. 2009 encourages federal agencies to use PLAs on construction projects costing over \$25 million. This reverses an earlier executive order from President Bush that banned PLAs. Non-union companies have expressed concern that organized labor can now angle itself into areas of the country that are largely non-unionized at the expense of taxpayers thanks to Obama's order.

Research from the Beacon Hill Institute shows that PLAs could raise construction costs by as much as 18 percent. If Obama's executive order had been in effect in 2008, and all federal construction projects worth \$25 million or more been subject to PLAs, the cost to federal taxpayers would have increased by \$1.6 to \$2.6 billion, according to the Beacon Hill report.

Union membership declined nationally from 17.5 percent of construction workers in 2000 to 15.6 percent in 2008, and then to 14.5 percent in 2009, the most recent figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show. Even in more unionized states, the overwhelming majority of construction outfits are non-unionized. This means PLAs could effectively lock out the majority of construction workers from new business opportunities in deference to narrow special interests; more than eight of 10 construction workers are non-union.

While non-union contractors are permitted to bid on PLA projects, they are typically awarded to unionized contractors. PLAs provide a framework for pre-hire agreements between construction contractors and labor unions that mandate the use of union rules for the duration of a particular construction project. The National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) generally prohibits pre-hire agreements, but an exception has

been created for PLAs.

"Louisiana's Right-to-Work Law allows employees within the state the right to join a union as well as the right to refrain from joining a union," John Walters, the Director of Governmental Relations for the Louisiana Chapter of Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc. (ABC), said in an interview.

"Workers typically are permitted to choose whether to join a union through a federally supervised private ballot election," he explained. "PLAs require unions to be the exclusive bargaining representative for workers during the life of the project. The decision to elect union representation is made by the employer rather than the employees. PLAs are called pre-hire agreements because they can be negotiated before the contractor hires any workers or employees vote on union representation."

Union-only PLAs strip away the right of construction workers to a federally supervised private ballot election when deciding whether to unionize their workplace thereby undermining Louisiana's Right-to-Work law, Walters added.

In his analysis of the order, Maurice Baskin, the legal counsel for ABC, wrote: "The Order will result in widespread discrimination against the many construction workers who do not belong to unions, and denies their right to Freedom of Associa-

tion and Equal Protection. The Order will cause money to be unfairly taken from such workers and funneled into under-funded union pension plans, from which the workers can receive no benefits. The Order will increase costs to the federal taxpayers by arbitrarily limiting competition for federal construction work."

Brett McMahon, an ABC representative, warns that fallout from PLAs could be particularly acute in the teeth of a recession.

"Decades of studies have shown that PLAs increase the cost of construction," said McMahon, who is also vice-president of Miller and Long, a Maryland-based concrete construction company. That's a bad idea during good economic times, but it's utterly foolish when we are already financially upside-down as a nation. We are financing these projects with debt that is underwritten by taxpayers — many of whom are not going to be able to work on these projects without paying union dues."

Looking ahead in 2011, the same free market advocacy groups successfully blocked costly legislation such as "card check" from becoming a reality must now turn their attention to administrative activity that circumvents congressional approval.

Other Views

ObamaCare Repeal Could Save \$2.6 Trillion

By ROBERT ROMANO

Even if some of the most conservative estimates of participation in ObamaCare prove to be correct in the next 15 years, the legislation will still mean expenditures of about \$102.8 billion every year once fully implemented, or about \$1 trillion over ten years.

Why? Because, as supporters claim, the program will offer health coverage to about 32 million new people. 15.9 million new enrollees in Medicaid by 2019, as estimated by Kaiser Family Foundation, at an average federal cost of \$4,950 per individual, and which leaves another 16.1 million who would receive taxpayer-subsidized private insurance at let's say an average cost of \$1,500 per individual.

So, that's \$78.7 billion extra for Medicaid every year thereafter and \$24.1 billion for the insurance subsidies, or \$102.8 billion every year. If one factors the \$26.4 billion annual revenue projected by CBO through 2020 from excise taxes on higher-premium insurance plans and other changes, it still leaves an unfunded obligation of about \$76.4 billion a year, or \$764 billion over ten years when the program is into its full implementation.

It will most certainly cost more than that, because more than 32 million people will ultimately receive coverage. And the amount per individual will also increase annually as the costs of health care increase incrementally. Last week, we calculated that it could cost more than \$2 trillion over ten years once fully implemented. Senate Republicans have said it would cost \$2.5 trillion.

Even the CBO estimated that, starting in 2019, Medicaid and CHIP expansions will cost \$86 billion and the insurance subsidies would cost \$111 billion every year

thereafter. That's \$197 billion every year going forward, or a \$2 trillion ten-year price tag. But it would be even more than that. By 2030, these expanded coverage schemes will easily cost \$350 billion annually, or ten percent of the current budget.

It is partially in this context, then, that the bizarre claims by the Congressional Budget Office and the Obama Administration that repealing ObamaCare would somehow "cost" \$230 billion must be analyzed. How can not increasing the taxpayer-financed health care rolls cost anything?

CBO says that through 2019, the health care expansion would have cost \$780 billion, but that would have been offset by cutting Medicare by \$500 billion under the assumption that waste, fraud and abuse were eliminated.

It's hard to figure what to make out of that. Either, a thousand-page piece of legislation, and not prudent enforcement of laws already in existence is what is required to eliminate Medicare fraud. Or, the CBO was guaranteeing that Medicare fraud would be prevented to the tune of \$50 billion a year. Which, after a year of being implemented, we're still awaiting the headline of prosecutions totaling \$50 billion in restitution being paid back to the program. The most one can see is an article from Time stating that the Obama Administration is spending \$1.7 billion to find Medicare fraud.

The most likely explanation is that CBO is saying that Medicare was going to be cut regardless of whether "waste, fraud, and abuse" was ever found. Else, how could they score it? That would put the lie to Barack Obama's claim at a joint session of Congress when he said on September 9th, 2009, "The only thing this plan would eliminate is the hundreds of billions of dollars in waste and fraud".

Of course, the mechanism for the reduction of Medicare spending was the arbitrary entity, the Independent Payments Advisory Panel (i.e. the death panel).

Leaving that aside, CBO also says \$410 billion of excise taxes, penalties, and an increase in Medicare payroll taxes would not be collected. Also, \$500 billion of scheduled cuts to Medicare would not take place. So, \$910 billion minus a net cost of \$780 billion, according to CBO, and then we're at \$130 billion "added" to the deficit through 2019.

Then, CBO added another two years to the estimate through 2021 (even though their original estimate only went through 2019), saying another \$80 to \$90 billion would be added to the deficit. And presto! Repealing ObamaCare, says CBO, would "cost" \$230 billion.

House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan says the CBO is wrong. "Misleading arguments about its true deficit impact exclude the \$115 billion needed to implement the law and over \$500 billion in double-counting Social Security payroll taxes, CLASS Act premiums, and Medicare reductions," he said in a statement. The CBO analysis also did not include so-called "doc-fix," a cut in Medicare payments to physicians.

House Republicans have released a report documenting the real costs of ObamaCare at \$2.6 trillion upon full implementation and \$701 billion in new debt in its first ten years alone. "The law was written to measure 10 years of tax increases to offset 6 years of new spending. There is no question that the creation of a trillion-dollar open-ended entitlement is a fiscal train wreck," Ryan said. Which is why it must be repealed.

Lake Level—Rain report

Gauge Reading	Feet below spillway	Rise	Rainfall past week	Rain to date	
2356.00	16' 6"	0"	.0"	0.0"	
Rainfall for 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
15.57"	28.85"	24.19"	33.61"	12.70"	32.16"

DID YOU KNOW?

White River Lake has 3,975,056,349 billion gallons left available at the intake or 40% capacity or 12,199 acre feet. Subtract 11,772,681 MG for evaporation this week in January that leaves 3,963,283,668 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

Close City...

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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, and Lula Jo Stewart also in Lubbock. Please let me

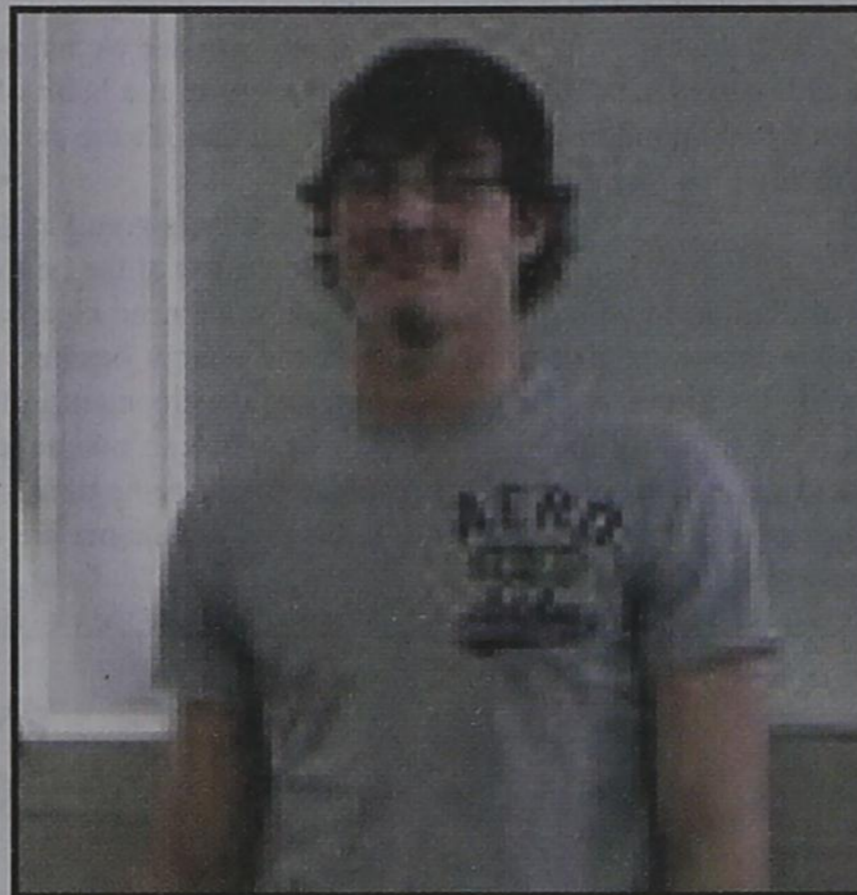
know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Everyone have a great week, be safe and keep rain and our troops in your daily prayers! See ya next week.

Student of the Week



Lana Kitten is the daughter of Clyde and Janet Kitten. She has attended Post schools for six years. She is active in FFA, 4-H, and athletics. She enjoys to hunt and rodeo. After graduation she plans to attend WTAMU.



Ben is the son of Ray and Celia Mason. He's attended Post Schools for 13 years. He has been involved in Varsity Football, Track, FFA, and 4-H. He enjoys hunting, going to the lake, restoring antique tractors, attending tractor pulls, trapshooting, and stockshowing. After graduation he plans to attend South Plains College to get a degree in Diesel Service Technology.

Yesteryear Memories

10 Years Ago

Judge Giles Dalby administers oath to elected officials; Commissioner John Valdez, Lee Norman, Constable Daniel Yarbro, Sny Ratke, Tax Assessor Collector Jeanette Hodges and County Attorney Les Acker.

Cheater and Beatrice Morris celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary.

Kelci Alyese Heart was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University in Abilene.

Johnny McGregor replacement for retiring high school principal Joe Giddens.

20 Years Ago

Gloria and Keith Heart welcomed Alexandra Nicole, the first baby of 1991 arrived January 3 a GMH.

Mayor Giles McCrary gets a visit from Laticia Hood and Sharla Cruse to kick off the annual Girl Scout cookie sale.

"The Diary of Anne Frank"

was the play at the Garza Theatre.

30 Years Ago

Mrs. Jimmy Kennedy of Sundown holds her son, Zane Wesley Kennedy, winner of the Dispatch's First Baby of 1981 contest.

Approximately 30 18-year olds of Garza County registered for the draft.

Noah Stone hospitalized when hit by a car northbound on Broadway driven by Sylvia Cadena of Post.

40 Years Ago

The newly organized Garza County Museum Association has received its charter form the state, F.A. "Chief" Runkles, president of the association.

Miss Meredith and Marcia Newby, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. David Newby, left Post en route for an extended stay in Europe.

Judge Giles W. Dalby was appointed adult probation officer for Garza County.

50 Years Ago

Lisa Lou Cowdrey, winner of The Post Dispatch's 1961 Garza County Baby Derby. Lisa was born Jan. 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cowdrey.

Thomas W. Hagood, 57 died suddenly. He was the owner of Garza Hotel.

Yvonne Morland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Morland was honored with party on her 14th birthday.

Mrs. Tom Wood of Lamesa was guest speaker at the Women's Culture Club.

60 Years Ago

A granddaughter of the late C. W. Post, Mrs. Stanley Rumbough Jr. (the former actor Dina Merrill) and her husband visited Post Texas for the first time.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Brown celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner in the Brown's parent's home.

New Ranger's home near completion at Camp Post. The house will be occupied by Chief Runkles and his family. The home cost \$13,500.

Legal Notice

CAUSE NO. 1921

ESTATE OF PATSY B. SANDERSON, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PATSY B. SANDERSON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of PATSY B. SANDERSON, were issued August 25, 2010, in Cause No. 1921, pending in the County Court of Garza County, Texas, to:

BRUCE SANDERSON

The residence of such Independent Executor is Garza County, Texas. The address for purposes of presenting claims is:

2891 CR 225 Post, Texas 79356

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this the 29 day of December, 2010.

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