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Garza County Animal Hospital to host thank you day on 1st year anniversary



Photo by Jodi Lincoln

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

Marathon, Texas is a small town located near the Big Bend/Alpine area, so small in fact that many do not even know of its existence. But it was where one of Post's newest residents grew up. Dr. Kerry Wink, son of Kenneth and Betty Wink of Fluvanna, Texas now calls Post home. Dr. Wink and his wife Kristi opened Garza County Animal Hospital in February of 2010 and began pursuing his dream of owning a vet practice in a small town atmosphere where he and Kristi could raise their two young sons, Kolton, 7 and Kasen who is 4. The Wink family all enjoy

being around and caring for animals of all sizes. Their menagerie currently includes 3 horses, 4 dogs, a mess of cats, fish and a rabbit. The whole family enjoys fishing and rodeoing.

Dr. Wink's interest in animals and caring for them grew from his childhood experiences as a member of the Marathon 4-H and FFA. Since his dad was the Ag teacher in Marathon, it was only natural for Kerry to become active with the school's Ag programs where he showed everything from pigs to lambs and horses. As a youngster he began to gain his equine knowledge by training yearlings for

local ranches. He helped lead Marathon 4-H and FFA to win the State Horse Judging Competition in 1992. It was during these years that he developed a love for animals and a desire to take care of them as a veterinarian. Kerry actively showed his personal horses in AQHA shows throughout his high school and under grad years.

Kerry attended Sul Ross State University in Alpine for his under grad studies from 1994 to 1998 where he continued to be active in 4-H. While attending Sul Ross he served as leader of the 4-H and was a volunteer for Brewster and Terrell counties. It was at Sul Ross

University that he met his future wife, Kristi Sartor. Kristi is the daughter of Ron and Doyle Sartor of Midland, Texas.

Kerry and Kristi were married in 2000. Kristi earned her BA degree in Business Management, which serves the Winks well in their vet practice. Kristi helps out at the clinic when she is not working at her job with Standard Energy Services or baking goodies for friends, family or customers. Kristi left her TxDot job where she had been employed for 10 years in support of her

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Garza County Law Enforcement Memorializes A Fallen Brother

Members of Garza County Constables Office Precincts 1 and 2, the Garza County Sheriff's Department, Garza County officials, the Texas Department of Public Safety, representatives of the State, a host of other law enforcement agencies and residents gathered together in front of the Garza County Law Enforcement Center located at 412 East 15th Street on a briskly cold winter Friday, January 21st, 2011 to unveil a memorial honoring D.P.S. Trooper Jonathan McDonald who tragically lost his life while responding to an accident call in November of last year.

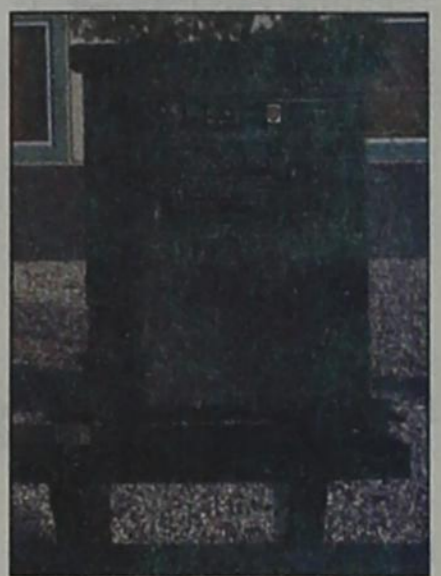


Photo by Jodi Lincoln
Garza County community and had just recently welcomed a new edition to their family, their daughter Kaycn.

The memorial bears the portrait of Trooper McDonald in his D.P.S. uniform on one side and the D.P.S. Departmental Patch on the other. Words of heart felt thanks and goodbyes; penned by Constable Daniel Yarbro,

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Local Lion member Jason Porter awarded Melvin Jones Award at Lion's District meeting

By Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

On Saturday, January 22nd, 2011, Jason Porter received his Melvin Jones Award through the Lions at their District 2-T2 and a \$1000 was donated to the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) in his name. Jason's strong involvement in several service projects was the basis for his selection for the award. All of the members of the Post Lions are very dedicated to the City and the

service to others in the Post Community.

Mayor Thressa Harp gave a welcoming speech at the Lion's Club District meeting as an opening to the afternoon's session. The District meeting was held in the Post ISD cafeteria and was attended by over 100 attendees. The wives of the club members enjoyed an afternoon of shopping in the downtown area and taking a ride on the Post Toasties Express train.

Garza County Jr Livestock Show resounding success

By: Jodi Lincoln
News Editor

The 2011 Garza County Jr. Livestock Show had a strong participation from Post ISD students and was a

resounding success for many of the students.

Post FFA and Jr. FFA members received a combined total of \$33,875.00 in premiums at the 2011

Garza County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale. In all the group exhibited two Grand Champions, three Reserve Grand Champions, eight Breed or Division Champions, seven

Reserve Breed or Division Champions, and 18 class winners.

Watch for complete results in next week's edition.

Post Notes

Valentine's Day dinner and movie fundraiser

The Post Community High School Youth group is hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner & Movie fundraiser on February 12th at 5:30. This fundraiser assists students attending summer camps and mission trips this summer. The dinner will be held at The Heritage House along with two complimentary tickets to the Tower Theater. The menu will consist of steak, baked potato, salad, homemade bread and dessert. Cost for the event will be \$50 a couple. Save yourself from the long lines

at the restaurants in Lubbock and treat your sweetheart to a romantic night out here in Post. We appreciate your support.

Contact Tonya Kirkpatrick at (806) 787-1547 or Sandra Jones at (361) 676-8298 by Feb. 10th.

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.

Pride Of Post Band Sweetie Pop Sale

The Pride of Post Band is having their annual Valentine Sweetie Pop sale. The baskets will consist of a balloon, a drink, and an assortment of chocolates for \$5.00. They will also be selling wrapped carnations for \$2.00. Choices of colors for the carnations will be pink or red. You can pre order your sweetie pops from now until February 4th at 495-2274 from Diana Basquez. You will also be able to order from any Band Member after February 4th up until February 11th. Please

help support our wonderful Band!!

Revival at Trinity Baptist Church

Evangelist Bryan Del Grande will be preaching a Revival at the Trinity Baptist Church at 915 N. Ave Q. (behind the Best Western) beginning February 2nd through February 5th nightly at 7:00 pm and one service at 11:00 am on the 6th of February. The public is invited to attend.

Writing Classes Begin February 1

Everyone has a story to

tell and you've probably said that you'll write your story "someday." Well, folks, "someday" is here! The Caprock Cultural Association is sponsoring creative writing classes for adults that will help you whether you want to get started writing or if you are already working on a writing project.

This fun, informal writing class is being offered at 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., each Tuesday in February at The Heritage House. You choose the time that is best for you. To be sure participants receive the full benefit of the classes,

registration is limited, so call today! The first class is February 1. Your total cost is \$30 for four classes. To sign up or for more information, call 495-4148.

The Stitchin' Club to meet

The Stitchin' Club will meet at The Heritage House the first and third Thursday night, 6 to 7:30 p.m. and the second and fourth Thursday morning, 10 to 11:30 a.m. There is no charge and everyone is welcome! Bring

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I just want to say how truly blessed the community of Post is to have a vet clinic again. It is so very nice not to have to make a trip to Lubbock or Slaton when my pets get sick. Dr. Wink and his staff do an excellent job of caring for your pets and

there is never a long wait. I hope your first year was a good one and that you will be here many more years to come.

"Speak Up" is a way for readers to send their opinions to the Post Dispatch and have them published each week. No signature is required by the writer; writer identities will be kept anonymous and you can address any topic

you want. Published "Speak Up" comments can not exceed 100 words and the Dispatch staff has the right to edit for length or refuse to print materials it deems to be inappropriate. Drop your Speak Up comments in the box in the front office of the newspaper or in the mail slot in the front door after hours. You can also email your comments to postcitydispatch@yahoo.com.

Post ISD Menu

Jan. 31st - Feb. 4th

Monday
Pancake on a Stick, Syrup,
Fruit, Milk

Tuesday
Churros, Sausage Link,
Fruit, Milk

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

Thursday
Cinnamon Rolls, Sausage
Link, Fruit, Milk

Friday
Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice,
Milk

Lunch Menu
Jan. 31st - Feb. 4th

Monday
Baked Potatoes, Carrots/
Ranch, Fruit Cup, Texas
Toast, Milk

Tuesday
Pizza, Salad, Corn, Peaches,
Milk

Wednesday
Oven Chicken, Mashed
Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot
Rolls, Fancy Gelatin, Milk

Thursday
Nacho Grande Salad,
Orange Smiles, Cornbread,
Milk

Friday
Corn dogs, Oven Fried
Potatoes, Broccoli/Ranch,
Sparkly Apple, Crispy
Treats, Milk

Southland ISD Menu

Jan. 31 - Feb. 4th

Breakfast Menu
Jan. 31 - Feb. 4

Monday
French Toast, Sausage, Fruit,
Juice, Milk

Tuesday
Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Jelly,
Fruit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday
Muffins, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice,
Milk

Thursday

Breakfast Pizza, Cereal,
Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk

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

Lunch Menu
Jan. 31 - Feb. 4

Monday
Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad,
Fruit, Milk

Tuesday
Baked Ham, Au gratin Po-
tatoes, Peas & Carrots, Hot

Roll, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday
Beef Nachos, Refried Beans,
Tossed Salad, Oranges, Yel-
low Cake, Milk

Thursday
Chicken Nuggets, Mashed
Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot
Roll, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

Friday
Chili Dog, Tator Tots,
Broccoli w/Ranch, Sparkly
Apple, Rice Crispy Treat,
Milk

Chamber to give away cash and prizes

If you spend \$25 or more on February 5, 2011 at any Garza County business or Old Mill Trade Day Downtown vendor you can enter a drawing for a 42 inch, flat-screen television. In addition to giving away the television, the Post Area Chamber of Commerce will also have drawings for cash and prizes.

"The Chamber had these drawings several times on Trade Day Saturday last year for cash and prizes; however, because February 5 will be Super Bowl weekend, we decided to do something special," said Janice Plummer, Chamber Manager. The drawings are part of the Chamber's ongoing promotion to encour-

age shopping in Post.

"To draw for cash and prizes, bring proof of purchase for \$25 or more from any Garza County Business or Trade Day vendor. The purchase can be for gas, groceries - anything bought in Garza County on February 5," Plummer explained. "Each individual who brings a \$25 proof of purchase can also put their name in once for the television giveaway."

Plummer emphasized that the location of the drawings has changed. "In the past, we were set up in the Algerita Art Center next to the Chamber office. However, on February 5, the drawings will be at the historic Santa Fe depot which is also the future home of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce."

Drawings for cash and prizes are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Historic Depot, 1/2 block south of East Main, Saturday, February 5. The drawing for the television will be at 5 p.m. that same day. You do not have to be present to win. For more information, call the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, 806-495-4148.

Attention all Sanders Customers!

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Fun By The Numbers

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!

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Here's How It Works:

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

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

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Chamber News

Post was the host for the District Lions Club meeting this past weekend. This event brought 100 participants to town many of which shopped our local merchants and stayed at the local hotels.

Ragtown Gospel Theater will be opening "Heaven - A Divine Comedy" this weekend. Performances will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

If you are interested in participating in a writing class, one is being offered through the Caprock Cultur-

al Association during February. Call 495-4148 for more information.

McDonald's has a chicken nugget special through February 6 - 50 pieces for \$9.99.

Be sure and make plans to shop at home on February 5. Old Mill Trade Day Downtown will be from 9-5 and the Chamber Cash Giveaway and Super Bowl Party will be at the Depot. In addition to cash and prizes, we will have a special drawing for a 42" flat-screen television.

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 sponsorships available - call 495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com for more information.

The Annual Chamber Banquet will be April 9 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to great food and a silent auction, we will award Business and Citizen of the Year

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Legends...Garza County Historial Museum

By Linda Puckett

On January 2, 1905, the following was part of a speech given by C.W. Post. "A large industry reminds me of a big clock. The face is like the factory grounds, the workmen move about like the hands, and are seen most, the foreman, bookkeeper, cashier, timekeeper, superintendent and heads of departments are the wheels, and away back there somewhere is the boss, the mainspring that must be kept wound up to keep the wheels and hands going; but every piece is important, and each must do its part, and do it faithfully."

Mr. Post's words can be applied to almost everything he set out to do; fathering the cereal industry or the building of his town Post City, Texas. By 1909 the community was thriving. The ups and downs of operating a community, along with the constant headaches of keeping everything on an even keel, all of which was very taxing for Mr. Post. The more money he poured into the venture, the more people expected. One example was the manager of the hotel. He proved to be completely inadequate in his operations, and was constantly at odds with the commercial travelers, resulting in the hotel being a money loser. When Post learned that the man's wife had put up her diamond ring as security for her husband's debts, he ordered the ring immediately returned to the woman and in addition sent funds for her use.

An early experiment in socialized medicine was instituted in Post City in 1910. Dr. A.R. Ponton arrived in town, formerly employed by Sante Fe Railroad, to start his medical practice. Ponton canvassed the residents to see how they felt about paying a monthly fee to insure medical care when needed. The idea met with general approval and Mr. Post was in favor of the plan and began planning the construction of a two story sanitarium and purchase of suitable equipment. The facility opened and was ready for surgical procedures in the

spring of 1913.

One funny story regarding Dr. Ponton can be found in the book Post City, Texas by author Charles Dudley Eaves and C.A. Hutchinson. On August 11, 1910, the office of Mr. Post in Battle Creek received a communication from Post City. The message read as follows:

Mr. C. W. Post: You must come to Post City at once. I was waylaid and assaulted by six men. They have given Jim Hartford two days in which to leave Post City or be killed. Cause of trouble following your instructions as to election. Advise by wire. The document was signed by M.L. Harkey, Garza County Attorney. Mr. Hawk sent a telegram to the managers of the Double U at once: "Wire fully regarding Harkey message just received. I don't understand." Mr. Post was in New England and unable to handle the matter. He did however write the board and suggested: "It is not usual for candidates to act in this manner on account of failure at the polls." As Battle Creek began to press for more information, the story began to leak out.

Sometime prior to August 10, it appears a prominent citizen of Post City had received an anonymous letter instructing him to tell Harkey to leave town at once. Harkey paid no attention to the threat. That same day, Harkey and the young physician, Dr. A.R. Ponton had gone out in a car to shoot plover on the plains above the caprock. They were out all day and it was around 10 o'clock in the evening, just within sight of the lights of the town, that the car stopped. Harkey got out to crank it, when suddenly a half dozen men in white hoods appeared. They seized Harkey and Ponton; blind folded them, and tied their hands. The leader of the gang told Harkey that he would spare his life if he got out of Post City before the night of the second day following. If not he would be killed. After making that announcement he turned to the men and

told them to get on with the "party." Two held Harkey to keep him standing while another pressed the barrel of a six-shooter to his forehead; two others than proceeded to lash him with blacksnake whips. After a while with blood oozing all over his back, he was struck in the head and left unconscious. The hooded figures then disappeared. Ponton, who had not been hurt, was soon able to get his hands loose and release Harkey. The two men made their way back into town.

As soon as he had his wounds treated, Harkey notified the sheriff, but this official did nothing about the matter. The next day Harkey slipped out of town and went to Big Spring, where he communicated with Governor T.M. Campbell in Austin. The Governor ordered the local company of the Texas Rangers to the scene, and Harkey returned to Post City with the Rangers. Six prominent men in the town were arrested at once and when the Rangers left town Harkey went with them. The arrested men were duly tried later in the month by Judge J.M. Boren and found not guilty. Hum.... Harkey resigned his position, and the incident was officially closed. The reasons for the attack on Harkey are not entirely clear. Harkey's side of the story was that he had prosecuted horse thieves, gamblers, and other malefactors. For sure he had run afoul with some prominent men in town who took matters into their own hands.

Mr. Post strongly disapproved of such acts claiming it brought discredit to the whole community.

I wonder if A.R. Ponton was in on the surprise abduction on top of the cap. How does the KKK get away with flogging the County Attorney? Makes one want to race to the Garza County Courthouse and do a little research on cases tried around August of 1910.

Next week we continue with some Ponton escapades with the Double U Company veterinarian, Dr. C.C. Woods.



The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

When the little boy cried wolf, he probably did it with an exclamation point.

The overuse of such punctuation brings that proverbial story to mind. When there really is a wolf, how do you let everyone know you really are exclaiming? Help! The wolf is at my throat! This will be my last outgoing email message ever!!!

Thanks to computers, it's an easy task to intensify any exclamation. You simply use 25 exclamation points instead of your normal three or four.

Wolf!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Very little extra energy is required. Your finger is already on the key. Hold it down, and voila! A string of exclamation points! See above.

Don't you suppose the humble typewriter first led to the overuse of the exclamation point? It's easy enough to pound a key repetitively once you've got it under your finger - even a poor left little finger, the weakest digit for all us right-handed keyboard users. (Unless maybe the ring finger is even weaker, although it is bigger.

We digress, but at least we do so parenthetically.)

Whoever designed the prototypical typewriter keyboard may have decided to assign the exclamation point to its obscure location to discourage overuse. You've even gotta shift. On second thought, it's more likely that back in those times the exclamation point was used more sparingly and therefore didn't need to be so easily reached. I could be wrong. I'm only musing. I haven't looked any of this stuff up on the Internet to assure accuracy!

When I first learned a little Spanish back in high school it struck me as significant that if you're going to use an exclamation point, you have to know ahead of time so you can put an upside-down one at the start of the sentence as well as a regular one at the end. No waiting around to decide.

Am I biased or what? Who's to say which exclamation point is upside down? If my mother tongue were Spanish, I'd probably say it's the second one you invert, since you've already set the pattern with the first

one. Incidentally, it doesn't seem to me the explanation point carries quite the same meaning in Spanish as in English. Otherwise, why would an ordinary "Hello," as in "Hola," have to be sandwiched between exclamation marks? Or maybe in the language of people known for showing their emotions, it's logical to make greetings exclamatory. Fine.

But what if you wanted to exclaim strongly in Spanish, and you wanted to express the intensity of your feelings with extra exclamation points? Presumably, you'd have to know in advance just how much emotion you wanted to pack into your clause. Or maybe there's a computer program that matches the beginning number of exclamation points with how many you ultimately use at the end.

Meanwhile, if you are a habitual exclamation pointer, Latin or not, you're probably just an extra expressive person. Keep on exclaiming. It's who you are.

Just don't forget to add extra ones if there really is a wolf.

Spotlight on Education



By Mike Comeaux Superintendent

Our first semester has just been completed and it really flew by. We have a special scheduled board meeting for January 27, 2011 at 6:00 pm to begin discussions of the superintendent's evaluation instrument. The regularly scheduled board meeting for February is scheduled for Thursday February 17, 2011, at 7:30.

We have just wrapped up our calendar survey of district employees. A committee of district administrators put together two potential calendars which meet the requirements of the state. Over the course of the last week, employees were allowed to vote on the option they like the best. The consensus was strong in favor of option A with 87 employees - 28 employees favored option B. The proposed calendar will be considered at the February 17th regularly called board meeting.

As we begin our second

semester, we have many things going on within our district. Basketball is entering its stretch; power lifting had its first meet, while softball, baseball, and track are just around the corner. Here are the results from this past week's power lifting meet in Plainview:

- **Kim Rivera** finished 3rd in her class with a 415 lb total
- **Sydney Jones** finished 1st in her class with a 590 lb total. She also was recognized as the 2nd overall lifter in all

classifications. • **Nathan Gill** finished seventh in his class with a 950 lb total

• **Jordan Aguilar** finished fifth in his class with a 1025 lb total.

• **DJ Brown** finished second in his class with a 795 lb total.

The next meet will be at Lamesa on January 29th.

Our high school UIL academic team participated in an invitational meet this past weekend in O'Donnell. We placed fourth overall, five points out of third. Kari Dunn placed first in Editorial writing and second in features. Katie Dunn placed fifth in Editorial writing. Kayla Comeaux placed fourth in Number Sense and Fifth in Mathematics. Taylor Osborn placed fifth in Headline writing.

The 2011 Garza County Jr. Livestock Show had a strong participation from Post ISD students, with anywhere from 44% to 77%

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Publisher seeks stories from local old-timers

Hometown Memories Publishing Company intends to save a big slice of local history before it's lost forever.

Karen Garvey, Senior Editor at Hometown Memories Publishing, is asking local old-timers to share their memories for a living history book. She invites anyone over age 60 with yarns about the "good old days" in Lower Texas Panhandle to write them down and mail them to her for possible publication in the book. The hardcover coffee table book will contain tales of bygone years from people who actually lived them.

To encourage participation, Garvey is offering a \$250.00 award for the most appealing story. There will also be three \$100.00 runner-up awards.

"I'm not looking for genealogy," says Garvey. "What we want to save are true stories about things that once were commonplace but are virtually unknown to today's generation. The contributor's descendants will love them for it. Life today is not what it used to be," continues Garvey. For example, any old-timer could tell an interesting tale about things like wringer washing machines, downtown cowboy movies on Saturday, radio drama programs, feed sack dresses or old fashioned outhouses. Garvey explains, "Stories like these are not only great fun to read, especially for old-timers, but they're usually left out of the official history books. I hope some of these books will still be around in 200 years so that people will know that old-timers were

more than a name or a faded picture. But that we were real people with real lives."

Especially wanted for the book are stories that involve humor, odd, unusual, frightening or mysterious events, romance stories ("How I Met My Spouse"), local myths and legends and ghost tales. The deadline for story submission is April 30, 2011.

Garvey requests that anyone interested in submitting material for the book phone her toll free, at (877) 491-8802 for instructions or visit the web site at www.hometownmemoriesonline.com.

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a North Carolina Corporation that is dedicated to providing books that preserve the spirit, character, and memory of a time that will never be seen again. The people who appear in them are from all walks of life. Their experiences are so unusual and varied that it is impossible to categorize them. You'll find humor, adventure, romance, hardship, and even a few ghost stories in a Hometown Memories book. The company has produced over 50 titles and there are currently over 52,000 copies of their living history books in circulation. The company donates its books to any library or historical society that wishes and requests them and agrees to pay shipping.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather
Dry, Windy and Cool..... that about sums it up. We really need some moisture please keep rain in your daily prayers; planting season is going to be here before we know it.

News
It's been sorta quiet around here this week, I guess everyone is busy busy but.....

we did have a very interesting visitor in this week. Johnny Kemp brought Len Taylor out who is from and lives in

Zimbabwe Africa; he is a hunting guide on the show Tracks across Africa. He was such a nice and interesting person to visit with and I really enjoyed it. We now have one of our Ragtown caps in Africa as we fixed him up with one before he left. Thanks for bringing him by Johnny! While Johnny was here I asked him how his mom, Odie Roberts Kemp was doing and he says that she is doing good. Hello Odie from all of us here in Ragtown.

Don't forget to call me before 5 on Tuesday of each week if you have Close City news that you would like for me to include in our column.

Visitors
Our visitors this week were..... Johnny Kemp, Len Taylor, Kristi and Rylan Morris, Danny Lockaby. We love visitors so come out visit sometime and have a drink and a snack.....they're the cheapest in the county! =)

FYI

Our Close City Community BINGO night is coming up in a month or so.....we'll let you know the exact day and time as it gets closer. Anyone wishing to help in anyway give Nancy or I a call.

We'd 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. Get your cookbooks and T-shirt order forms at Cocara's downtown or you can come by the gin and pick one up.

Close City Birthdays
January 29th - Raul Guerrero
January 31st - Dana Morris Carter, Jarryd Thomas
February 3rd - Billie Jean Cross

Anniversaries
January 29th - Tommy and Ruth Ann Young
January 31st - Jim and Nedra Ellis

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; 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.

Weekly Inspirations

HOW TO CATCH A FISH

By: Michael F. Taylor

It seems that a particular fisherman went to a lake that he was not familiar with and was told by the local residents that the fish in the area would only bite on small indigenous frogs. Being an avid fisherman, he scoffed at the idea and headed off with his trusty minnows, worms and lures. Several hours later, after not having a single bite, the fisherman began to wonder if the locals weren't serious about the frog idea. So, deciding that he was not going home without a catch, he set out to find a frog. After an extensive search, the man was unsuccessful and just about to give up when he came across a bull snake with a frog half swallowed in his mouth. The fisherman was ecstatic about his good fortune and hastily grabbed the snake with frog in tow. Upon returning to his fishing spot, the man found that he faced another dilemma- how to remove the frog from the snake's mouth without killing the snake. Bull snakes are great for eating varmint pests and he didn't want to hurt it. Finally he came across a discarded bottle of whiskey that had a small amount of liquid in the bottom of the bottle. He took the bottle upturned and poured the liquid onto the head and mouth of the snake, which began coughing and wheezing, releasing the frog. The fisherman excitedly took the frog and baiting it onto his hook, threw his line into the water. No sooner than the line went into the lake, he immediately had a bite. The fisherman exclaimed to himself, "Why, I would never have believed it!" as he began hauling in a six pound Bass. And everything was going just swimmingly, right up until he almost had the fish landed on the shore- when he felt something crawling up his pants leg. Anxiously peering down, he saw the SNAKE pop out of his waistband with ANOTHER FROG IN HIS MOUTH!

I think that he also learned how to catch snakes that day, don't you? Well, I'm not recommending that we catch fish in that manner, but I do believe that we are told in the scripture to be fisher's of men. In Matthew Chapter 4, we read, "18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." 20 At once they left their nets and followed him. 21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him." Jesus is calling each and every one of us today, to be FISHER'S OF MEN AND WOMEN. To tell the world that Jesus is the answer to the longing in our hearts. To the sorrow that we face! To our cares and our burdens and our despair! To our hardships and lack of understanding! We should each cast our net of the GOSPEL- GOOD NEWS- that Jesus is still in the prayer answering business today. May the Lord bless you this week, and watch out for SNAKES!

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Deuteronomy 6:5

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Revival services scheduled at Post Church of the Nazarene



Courtesy photo
Pat Burkhalter and family Donna and Jonathan will be at the Post Church of the Nazarene Feb. 2 for a revival.

Revival Services, with family, will be held at the Rev. Pat Burkhalter and Post Church of the Nazarene, February 2nd through the 6th. Services will begin at

7:00 pm, Wednesday through Saturday, and Sunday morning at 11:00, and then concluding Sunday Evening at 6:00.

Reverend Burkhalter is from Atlanta, Texas and has been preaching God's Word since 1979. He and his family travel across the country ministering in song and preaching the Word. They have seen great things in the past and believe that God is going to bless the future. Rev. Burkhalter believes the days of revival and miracles are not over, and that God is still on the Throne, and that with Him, all things are possible!

Post Church of the Nazarene is located at 202 W. 13th St., Post, TX.. All are welcomed to attend these services to hear God's anointed Word preached.

Yesteryears

10 Years Ago

PHS Scholastic Art Award winners are: Manuel Saucedo, Hector Reyna, Matt Perez, Stephanie Saldivar, Tonya Rieter, Brandon Bruton, Terri Curtis, Jordan Tatum and Greg Mitchell, instructor Stephen Henry.

Orlando R. Castillo of Post was promoted to rank of Lance Corporal in U.S. Marine Corps. Orlando is the son of Delfina Castillo.

Funeral Services for Cecil Bland, 79 of Post.

Services for Christene Howle, 76 of Lubbock. Christene is the mother of Trish Metsgar of Post.

Services for Mrs. Nora Autry, 72 of Tahoka. Mrs. Autry is the mother of Karen Jones of Post.

20 Years Ago

Brent McDonald, 1990 a graduate of Post High School was named for his outstanding academic performance at Texas A&M University.

Services for Hazel Juanita McClellan 79, She died January 14, 1991.

Graveside services for Sue Hale 71. She died January 17, 1991.

30 Years Ago

Joy Greer named as manager of Sentry Savings Association.

Syd Conner to be next president of The Post Rotary Club.

Janie Ammons receives Garza Memorial Hospital's first registered nurses training scholarship.

40 Years Ago

Rolald J. Thuett and Jack E. Rains were among the more than 25 Tech students in College AG Science to be named to the Dean's Honor List.

"House of Dark Shadows," is the Tower Theater film of the week.

Service for Jess Propst, 72 of Post. Wife, Bernice; son Charles Propst, daughters; Thelmas McGaugh, Dorrace Huff, Wanda Markham, Janeice Jinkins.

Funeral service for Alphenus Wynne, 43 of Post. Wife, Earnistine, daughters; Evonn, Melba, and Linda Diane Wynne.

50 Years Ago

John Shedd stirs up a batch of chili for the Post Lion's Club chili supper.

More Young Bowler, 10 years and older, Are needed for Saturday Junior League at the Post Bowling Center, located on Tahoka Highway.

Jimmy Minor and Mike Cornell were the only two Antelope to make the all-district 3-grid.

60 Years Ago

1951 Chamber of Commerce Directors are; George Samson, Pres., Shelley Camp V. Pres., O. L. Weakley Secretary. New directors are; James Minor, and Pat Walker, David Willis and C. R. Thaxton.

Funeral rites for Ott J. Tedrick Sr. 58,

Showing at the Tower Theatre, "Plundering Outlaws" and "Kansas Raiders".

Post Classifieds

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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.

would have been no paper at all last week. Thanks Carey, Kammie, Matt and Jeff! You guys are the best!!

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Courtesy Photo

Varsity Boys DISTRICT 3-2A BASKETBALL STANDINGS (as of 01/22/2011)

TEAM	DISTRICT	OVERALL
Colorado City	7-0	16-4
Stanton	6-1	18-2
Denver City	5-2	13-10
Slaton	3-4	9-12
Forsan	3-4	
Roosevelt	2-5	6-16
Coahoma	2-5	10-12
Post	0-7	7-14

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Varsity Girls DISTRICT 3-2A BASKETBALL STANDINGS (as of 01/22/2011)

TEAM	DISTRICT	OVERALL
Roosevelt	9-0	19-7
Slaton	8-1	17-7
Denver City	6-3	12-10
Forsan	4-5	12-11
Colorado City	4-5	9-15
Stanton	2-7	12-15
Coahoma	3-6	10-12
Post	0-9	5-18

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ANTELOPE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

VARSITY BOYS

COAHOMA 42, POST 33 (1/21/11)

Coah	13	22	2	5-42
Post	6	9	11	7-33

Scoring: Coahoma - Cravens 17. Post - Blair 13. Records: Coahoma 10-11, 2-5; Post 7-15, 0-7.

COLORADO CITY 67, POST 35 (1/18/11)

Post	7	7	8	13-35
CC	16	20	21	10-67

Scoring: Post - Holly 9, McDonald 8, Blair 7, Osborn 6, Lopez 2, Tav. Soto 2, Postell 1. CC - Alforo 23, Reyna 13, Lorenz 9.

JV BOYS

COAHOMA 32 POST 21 (1/21/11)

Coah	7	2	11	12-32
Post	4	4	10	3-21

Post Scoring: Chris Yarbrough 13, Mondo Martinez 4, Pake Jones 2, Travis Greathouse 2. Post Record: 9-11.

POST 34, COLORADO CITY 32 (1/18/11)

Post	6	11	11	6-34
CC	10	6	9	7-32

Post Scoring: Chris Yarbrough 15, Mondo Martinez 10, Pake Jones 4, Travis Greathouse 4, Nathaniel Gill 1, Campbell Kirkpatrick 1.

8th GRADE BOYS, A-TEAM

IDALOU TOURNAMENT - Third Place

POST 36 TAHOKA 29 (1/22/11, 2nd game)

Post	12	6	7	11-36
Tah	6	7	8	8-29

Post Scoring: Freddy Araiza 17, Blake Boren 9, Carson Kirkpatrick 6, Ricky Fontenot 2, Jayson Walden 2.

IDALOU 28 POST 10 (1/22/11, 1st game)

Post Scoring: Freddy Araiza 4, Ricky Fontenot 2, Blake Boren 2, Erik Gomez 2.

POST 35, LOCKNEY 22 (1/20/11)

Lock	3	3	6	10-22
Post	11	12	5	7-35

Post Scoring: Freddy Araiza 15, Blake Boren 5, Jayson Walden 4, Carson Kirkpatrick 4, Erik Gomez 3, Ricky Fontenot 2, Ethan Self 2.

7th GRADE BOYS, A-Team

POST 45, ROOSEVELT 8 (1/24/11)

Roos	3	0	2	3-8
Post	12	10	9	14-45

Post Scoring: Kyle Jones 13, Cambry Gilbert 12, Blaine Reece 8, Jordan Solorzano 6, Jaybren Rodriguez 4, Jarred Curtis 2, Post Record: 10-3.

Next game: Monday, January 31st at Slaton.

IDALOU TOURNAMENT - Consolation Winner

Coach Quinn: Winning both games on Saturday won us the Consolation for the Idalou Tournament.

POST 47, NEW DEAL 14 (1/22/11)

Post	19	7	9	12-47
ND	3	2	8	1-14

Post Scoring: Cambry Gilbert 12, Jordan Solorzano 10, Kyle Jones 9, Blaine Reece 6, Jaybren Rodriguez 4, Jarred Curtis 2, Shandon Wiley 2, Tristan Fannon 2.

POST 49, SLATON 16 (1/22/11)

Post	10	17	14	8-49
Slat	4	7	7	2-16

Post Scoring: Cambry Gilbert 23, Jordan Solorzano 10, Blaine Reece 6, Kyle Jones 4, Jaybren Rodriguez 4, Jarred Curtis 2.

LOCKNEY 39, POST 33 (1/20/11)

Lock	6	5	13	16-39
Post	12	12	7	2-33

Post Scoring: Cambry Gilbert 9, Jaybren Rodriguez 6, Blaine Reece 6, Kyle Jones 4, Jordan Solorzano 4, Jarred Curtis 4.

Coaches, please send in your game summaries to jim@postsportspage.com.

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LADY LOPES BASKETBALL ROUNDUP VARSITY GIRLS

COAHOMA 50, POST 41 (OT) (1/21/11)

Coah	10	12	6	9	13-50
Post	9	6	10	12	4-41

Scoring: Coahoma - Castilaw 16. Post - Araiza 7, Williams 7, Wilson 7.

COLORADO CITY 49, POST 24 (1/18/11)

Post	4	9	0	11-24
CC	10	14	12	13-49

Scoring: Post - Wilson 10, Osborn 4, Berry 3, Blair 2, Jones 2, Short 2, Williams 1. CC - Macedo 11, Reyna 9, Espinoza 8, Meeks 7.

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The Paperboy

Old dog learning new tricks!

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Some have said the newspaper is dead. Not so fast my friend!

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Common in Japan, where it was created by Toyota subsidiary Denso-Wave in 1994, the QR code is one of the most popular types of two-dimensional barcodes. QR is the abbreviation for Quick Response, as the creator intended the code to allow its contents to be decoded at high speed.

A few uses for QR codes as they relate to your newspaper:

- A realtor can use a QR code to show a virtual tour of a house they're listing.
- A bank with the code leading to their Website.
- A restaurant with a code leading to a coupon which can be

printed off and redeemed.

• A hotel using the code to link you to their reservation system.

As readers and advertisers being seeing and using the codes, the personal interaction between the reader and the newspaper is complete.

In this manner, newspapers have gone from near extinction to a vital way to interact and connect with the story or the store.

Beyond the introduction to QR codes, BMG has the capability to build websites, mobile phone applications and integrate them all seamlessly.

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What is the most affordable package which will increase your business and allow us to earn your trust? Once these basic questions are answered, we're partners.

Now BMG can't offer all of these products and services at the same time in every market. They must be phased in.

The Childress area market is our test market. QR codes are being introduced there this week and for those that have used them with their smart phones, they have been blown away by the interactive possibilities!

At BMG, we have an awesome team focused on the future. We are fighting for perpetuation of the towns we're involved in. There is no reason for rural Americans to linger behind our city neighbors when it comes to technology and innovation. Together we can incorporate new technology with hard work and bring you products you can be proud of.



This sample QR code can be scanned by your phone and will take you to a video shot at The Childress Index.

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The "Green" Treason

By BILL WILSON

It's the same old story: The U.S. has abundant natural resources, but refuses to extract and produce them, as usual, because of environmental restrictions and regulatory costs. In the meantime, we are exporting our energy security, job security, and now, national security to China and other emerging markets.

Since 2002, the U.S. has not mined any rare earth elements (REEs) — today used in U.S. smart bombs, silent helicopter blades, night vision, missiles, and tank guns, as well as computers, cell phones, DVD players, and other civilian technologies.

These metals are not even that rare. The nation as a whole has about 13 million metric tons in reserves according to the U.S. Geological Survey. We could make them ourselves. But we don't.

Leaving that aside for a moment, a modern military, and many common conveniences we today take for granted, would not be possible without these metals. They are essential.

Which is why China has rapidly developed its rare earth element mining sector, with over 55 million metric tons in reserves and 130,000 metric tons of annual production. It now controls over 97 percent of REE mining and refinement in the entire world. China is largely able to do so because it holds about 36 percent of global reserves, has lower labor costs, and because it largely ignores the environmental impact of the REEs. Finally, it lacks competition since the U.S. dropped out of the market.

With the rise of China's REE near-monopoly, concerns have emerged that the communist dictatorship has too much control over these metals that have become critical to defense and other high technology needs.

So, how could China, an adversary, gain so much control over such a strategically critical industry? Call it the green treason.

The problem is that nearly all of the nation's production of REEs was done by a single company, Molycorp, at a single mine in California, Mountain Pass. From 1965 to 1985, Molycorp was the world's leader in this industry, but because of a series of main wastewater pipeline spills from the mine, state and federal environmental regulators all but shut it down.

As reported by the Washington Independent, "Mining at Mountain Pass stopped soon after the spills came to light. Industry sources say Union Oil of California, which bought Molycorp in 1977, couldn't afford to comply with environmental rules and felt that it couldn't compete with China." In other words, the environmental regulatory costs made it cost-prohibitive to produce the metals at a competitive price versus the Chinese.

But, rather than help the industry out with the regulatory problems, the government acted punitively against Molycorp. The regulators were indifferent if domestic production was completely turned off. It made sure production of REEs in the U.S. was severely hindered, even though shortages would disrupt the defense supply chain.

Just like that, a few faceless bureaucrats shut down an entire domestic industry — essential to national security — just as the Chinese overseas competitor was emerging. And it was all in the name of radical environmentalism.

Fears of Chinese manipulation in the market have subsequently been confirmed in July when China once again reduced its export quotas for these metals. Since 2005, it has reduced these quotas from over 65,000 metric

tons to just over 30,000, according to the Department of Energy. This has caused prices of the metals to skyrocket.

Already, the scarcity of the REEs is having an impact on U.S. defense capabilities. According to a Governmental Accountability Office (GAO) summary, "A 2009 National Defense Stockpile configuration report identified lanthanum, cerium, europium, and gadolinium as having already caused some kind of weapon system production delay and recommended further study to determine the severity of the delays." Which, unless the U.S. ramps up production, will only get worse as China tightens the entire world's supply of REEs.

The GAO report notes the decline of the nation's capabilities in this area: "The United States previously performed all stages of the rare earth material supply chain, but now most rare earth materials processing is performed in China, giving it a dominant position that could affect worldwide supply and prices." The Department of Defense is undergoing several other evaluations to determine its dependency on these metals, but we already know that it is high.

So, what can be done to ramp up new domestic production? Right now, the U.S. imports about 10,000 metric tons of these metals, or 7.6 percent of global production, according to the USGS.

Unfortunately, the Mountain Pass mine has been gutted. According to the GAO, it "currently lacks the manufacturing assets and facilities to process the rare earth ore into finished components, such as permanent magnets." It also lacks "substantial amounts of heavy rare earth elements" used in industry and defense. Nonetheless, Molycorp intends to begin mining again this year, and in July

rebuild its capabilities.

According to Dr. Madan Singh, director of the Department of Mines and Mineral Resources (DMMR) in Arizona, it could take up to two years to get the mine back online.

But to get the heavy rare earths, we'll also need to mine in Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Missouri, Utah, and Wyoming. Again, the GAO report is not comforting: "Once a company has secured the necessary capital to start a mine, government and industry officials said it can take from 7 to 15 years to bring a property fully online, largely due to the time it takes to comply with multiple state and federal regulations [emphasis added]."

So, barring regulatory waivers being granted to companies to begin extraction immediately, it won't be until 2020 at least before the nation's REE capabilities can be fully reconstituted. In the meantime, it is likely that China will continue to reduce its export quotas, ratchet up prices, and hoard the REEs for its own defense stockpiles.

It's bad enough that environmental radicalism has made the nation more dependent on foreign sources of fuel, and has exported hundreds of thousands of jobs. Now, it is harming our security as a nation.

It is up to Congress to urgently enact legislation that will cut through the red tape and help this domestic industry get its feet back on the ground. We have to make sure we're not dependent on a hostile nation like China or a single mine in California in order to maintain first-rate defense capabilities. And our security must not be held hostage to onerous environmental regulations. This green treason must be stopped.

Spending Cuts Have to Start Somewhere

By BILL WILSON

On January 20th, Representatives Jim Jordan (R-OH) and Scott Garrett (R-NJ) were joined by Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) to introduce the "Spending Reduction Act," legislation that promises to cut \$2.5 trillion out of the budget over the next ten years. Call it a good start.

"This bill represents the first step in the process, not the last," said Rep. Garrett. That's good, because, with an average savings of \$250 billion every year, even if it were passed, the annual budget deficit would still amount to about \$1 trillion. The bill would rein in the non-defense discretionary budget by \$80 billion for the remainder of FY 2011, and then cut another \$93 billion out of it for FY 2012, reducing it from \$670 billion to \$496.7 billion through 2021.

Several programs would be eliminated, including the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (\$445 million), the Legal Services Corporation (\$420 million), the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities (\$335 million), and the Community Development Fund (\$4.5 billion). Amtrak subsidies would end, saving \$1.565 billion, and \$150 million for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority would be cut. The \$14 million USDA sugar program would be discontinued.

Importantly, the administration of ObamaCare would be defunded, saving \$900 million — and loosening the regulatory stranglehold the government takeover of health care will impose on the American economy.

Automatic pay increases for civilian federal employees would stop for five years, and the total civilian workforce would be reduced by 15 percent as Baby Boomers retire. It

would cut the remaining "stimulus" of \$45 billion and end government control of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, saving another \$30 billion. A previous increase of federal Medicaid spending would be rolled back for another \$16.1 billion.

Lawmakers looking for programs to cut should take a close look at this proposal — before it's too late. Rep. Jordan, who chairs the House Republican Study Committee, noted that the out-of-control national debt has grown "from \$8.6 trillion four years ago to more than \$14 trillion today."

"This mountain of debt, nearly the size of our entire economy, threatens to create a whole new financial crisis," Jordan warned. "Every day we refuse to change course and instill some fiscal responsibility, the problem grows even larger. Unless Washington acts soon to cut spending, massive tax hikes, economic stagnation, and national bankruptcy will rob our children of the opportunity to reach for the American Dream."

Senator DeMint agreed, saying, "Our nation stands on the edge of a fiscal cliff and we face a stark choice: go over the edge into bankruptcy and declining freedom or choose to make the hard decisions today to save our country for our children and grandchildren."

"Congress must take the steps now to balance the budget, pay off our debt, and preserve freedom for future generations," DeMint added.

That means now is the time to act. By far, the "Spending Reduction Act" is the most far-reaching proposal thus far to cut non-defense discretionary spending. If the House attached the bill to the must-pass FY 2011 continuing resolution that expires on March 4th, it would force the Senate and White

House to accept the cuts, or to reject them, resulting in a government shutdown.

Senate Republicans could do their part by refusing to invoke cloture on any continuing resolution that did not include the DeMint-Jordan-Garrett legislation. If Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell could keep 41 out of his 47 member conference together, he would help win this battle, the same way the \$1 trillion omnibus bill was defeated in December.

But it will only work if Republicans use these two leverage points: 1) attaching the spending cuts to the continuing resolution in the House and 2) refusing to invoke cloture on anything in the Senate but the House resolution.

Harry Reid and Barack Obama would be forced to accept the terms of the American people, who in November overwhelmingly voted to cut spending. But, as Rep. Garrett noted, more must be done. Non-defense discretionary spending only accounts for 19 percent of the budget.

Congress must also address the out-of-control growth of so-called "mandatory" spending in future efforts, which currently amounts to \$2.18 trillion, or 62 percent of the \$3.5 trillion budget. Americans for Limited Government has proposed about \$460 billion in cuts to this area, which if combined with the DeMint-Jordan-Garrett proposal, would save about \$710 billion every year.

Overall, with a \$1.3 trillion annual budget deficit, if Congress cannot find significant spending cuts to make, it will be impossible to restore order to the nation's finances. Republican leadership should offer their support for the "Spending Reduction Act", and then use their leverage to make sure it becomes law. They've got to start somewhere.

Post Elementary School Honor Rolls listed

Post Elementary School staff would like to congratulate the students listed below for their academic efforts during the third six week cycle of the 2010-2011 school year. The students listed below made the A Honor Roll list. In order to make the A Honor Roll list, the student may have NO grade below a 90%. Congratulations

and keep up the good work! We are proud of you!!!

** Denotes that the student is still eligible to make the A Honor Roll list for the entire 2010-2011 school year (they have made the A Honor Roll list for each cycle so far this school year).

First Grade

Matthew Allred**
Meagan Blair**
Shayla Brown
Jayden Carroll**
Marti Cruse
Daisyana Cruz
Maria Gonzalea-Murillo**
Kyna Hudman
Jakob Morris
Jason "Drew" Porter
Haylee "Skylar" Smith
Kalem Soto**

Second Grade

Dee "Cole" Boren**
Carolina Carrillo
Maken Contreras
Karla Cruz**
Jaden Diaz
Javen Diaz
M'kenzie Eidson
Shaylyn Espinoza
Matthew Frausto
Leah Gonzales
Michael "Blake" Parrott**
Estela Rodriguez
Anai Ruiz Jacobi
Abraham Sanchez
Nathan Taylor**
Chelsea Thomas**
Bailey Tidwell**
Kolton Wink**

Third Grade

Chris Dihenia**
Dillon McKee**
Alexandra Turner**

Fourth Grade

Sydney Quinn**
Kara Thomas**

Fifth Grade

Brooke Blair**
Austin Britton
Damian Amadeo Garcia Rodriguez
Leslie Gill**
Isaac Gonzales
Marco Gonzalez**
Lucas Record**
Chloe Reiter
Michaela Self
Elizabeth Tanner**
Amber Taylor**

Garza Theatre Seeks Talent for 2011 Season

The Garza Theatre will host a mass audition in Post for six shows during its 2011 season.

The audition will run from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday (Jan. 29) at the Garza Theatre, located at 226 Main St. Directors are looking for men, women and children of all ages. Actors should be prepared for short cold readings. Directors request photos and acting resumés, but these cannot be returned. For more information, call (806) 495-4005 or e-mail tiffany@garzatheatre.com.

Shows that are casting include:

"Insane with Power," a comedy by Scott Haan, and directed by Jay Young. Seeking three men and three women ages 20 to 50. While doing a big exposé on the state of modern mental health facilities, Lois Lancaster discovers a hospital populated by inmates who consider themselves superheroes. Could it be these lunatics are telling the truth? Family appropriate. Runs 7:30 p.m. March 25, 26, April 1, 2, 8, 9, and 2:30 p.m. April 10.

"The 39 Steps," a comedy adapted by Patrick Barlow, and directed by Christy Morris. Seeking three men ages 18 to 40 and one woman ages 18 to 35. Scottish, English and German dialects required. A rollicking lampoon of Hitchcock's

film noir, dashing Richard Hannay has a knack for falling into international intrigue and escaping sticky situations. Can he save the day and discover the secret of The 39 Steps? A cast of four plays more than 100 characters. Family appropriate. Runs 7:30 p.m. May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, and 2:30 p.m. May 22.

"Shoestring Theatre," a comedy by Eddie McPherson, and directed by Laura Bryan and Mitchell Britton. Seeking boys and girls ages 8 to 17. Watch as the theatre wunderkind Sanders must create an epic version of "Cinderella" after bean-counters slash his budget by 80 percent. A great example of art imitating life, this is the children's theatre show for the season. Family appropriate. Runs 7:30 p.m. June 17, 18, 24, 25, and 2:30 p.m. June 18, 25, 26.

"Over the River and Through the Woods," a comedy by Joe DiPietro, and directed by John Davis. Seeking one man and one woman ages 25 to 35, two men ages 50 to 80 and two women ages 50 to 80. New York dialect required. Italian-American Nick gets an opportunity to flee from his clingy New York grandparents to Washington state. But his elders hatch a plan to make him stay. Always funny with poignant moments, the show embodies

the Italian phrase, "Tengo Famiglia" - "you do for your family." Family appropriate. Runs 7:30 p.m. July 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, and 2:30 p.m. July 31.

"The Dixie Swim Club," a Jones-Hope-Wooten comedy, and directed by Laura Bryan and Christy Morris. Seeking five women ages 40 to 60. Southern dialects required. Five former collegiate swimmers meet annually as the Dixie Swim Club. In four reunions spanning 33 years, these women deal with love, husbands, sex, children and divorce, and rally together when one of the teammates faces breast cancer. Contains some adult themes. Runs 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21, 22, 28, 29, Nov. 4, 5, and at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 6.

"Absurd Person Singular," a British farce by Alan Ayckbourn, and directed by John Davis. Seeking males and females from 20s through 60s. Differing British dialects (Cockney, Manchester, Received Pronunciation etc.) required. Follow the changing fortunes of three families as they ring in Christmas Eve together during three consecutive years. The show parodies the British class system and promises loads of laughter in all three acts. Contains some adult themes. Runs 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 18.

Spotlight...

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in various categories. Top Winners were Bandy, Blaine and Brian Osborn, Katie and Kari Dunn, Ben Mason, Russ and Dylan Morris, Remy Rodriguez, Alexis and Addisen Rodriguez, Meagan and Chloe Reiter, Allen Perez, Taylor Osborn, Matt Smith, Presly Cowley, Paden and Seth Babb, Sara and Landon

Greer, Brittney and Shailey Miller, Nick Bryant, and Audrey Williams.

On the school finance front for the next biennium, following are some bullets from recent legislative reports:

We will potentially be facing a 27 billion dollar budget shortfall

To continue operating as usual, the state will need a projected 99 billion dollars in revenue.

According to the article, from Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller, we will realize 72.2 billion dollars in revenue available for general purpose spending.

About 6 billion dollar shortfall has been attributed to public education. That results in six percent of our budgets.

Without a doubt we are facing some tough times in education across the state of Texas. Our employees are working very diligently in an effort to most widely utilize all available resources to continue providing a quality education to all students in Post ISD!

I hope you have a great week!

See Student Spotlight UIL picture on page 10.

Middle School "A" Honor Roll

Semester One 2010-2011

6th Grade

Adryonna Armendairez
Kelly Comeaux
Kathryne Quintana
Blaze Smith
Ericka Solis

7th Grade

Savina Gomez
Kyle Jones
Brogan Macy
Lauren Reece

8th Grade

Dakota Greer
Kelsey Griffin
Carson Kirkpatrick
Kelbie Oden
Jayson Walden

Congratulations to the Garza County Jr. & Sr. FFA members on a successful year at the GCJLA Stock Show



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6th Grade

Kally Comeaux
Kathryne Quintana
Blaze Smith

Lauren Record
Blaine Reece

7th Grade

Savina Gomez
Kyle Jones
Brogan Macy
Fabian Marquez

8th Grade

Dakota Greer
Kelsey Griffin
Carson Kirkpatrick
Kelbie Oden
Colton Stamey
Jayson Walden

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Band students compete to become 'Pride of Post'



The following "Pride of Post" students participated in a yearly All-region 16 band Tryout in Abernathy, Thurs. Jan. 10th. Competition included students from as far south as 2A Jim Ned High School to as far north as 1A Farwell High School. Competitors had to work up 7 scales, a slow etude and a fast etude. "This is the most that I have ever taken to a try out," said director Aaron Rathbun, "It was strictly voluntary. We love it when students step up and make our school look good."

Jordan Barbuda, Julie Boren, Taylor Smith, Amanda Duran, Yvette Rodriguez, Nicole Ramirez, Vanessa Rodriguez, Sierra Isbell, Torie Whisenant, Kelly Villalon, Christen Pena, Audree Williams, Taylor Fannon, Jackie Milton, Jasmine Collazo, Samantha Espinoza, Kalyn Villalon, Kameron Strivens, Isaac Stern, José Rodriguez, Juan Cabrera, Israel Gonzales, Zach Quinonez, Jason Collazo, Andi Soliz, Dalton Holly, Troy Copeland, Samantha Ortiz, Janelle Delgadillo, Seven Rodriguez, and Monica Ziska. "Thanks are in order for Mr. Bernie Tackitt for his work with the students."

Birth defects still affect babies in U.S.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS-Health care providers at the Texas Teratogen Information Service (TTIS) Pregnancy Risk Line, a non-profit based at the University of North Texas, Denton TX, that aims to educate women about exposures during pregnancy and breastfeeding, report some 160,000 babies are still being affected by birth defects each year in the U.S. Approximately 3% of the babies born each year in Texas are born with birth defects.

"What we know is that a portion of these birth defects are out of our control. However, what's frustrating is that some of these birth defects are preventable, but many women simply don't know which measures to take," said Lori Wolfe, Genetic Counselor at UNT and program director of TTIS Pregnancy Risk Line. "It's crucial we educate all women in order to give them the best chances of having a healthy baby," she added.

In honor of National Birth Defects Prevention Month, which is recognized during January each year, TTIS counselors are stepping up efforts to help educate the public. Counselors, who provide Texas women answers to questions about exposures during pregnancy and lactation through a toll-free hotline, (800) 733-4727, and website, ttis.unt.edu, have compiled a list of a few of the preventable causes of some of the most common birth defects.

1. Neural Tube Defects and Folic Acid Supplementation
Neural tube defects are malformations of the spinal cord that are serious and can be life-threatening. Two of the most common neural tube defects are spina bifida and anencephaly, and these occur in about 1 in every 1,000 live births. Getting enough folic acid, and following recommendations to take a

multivitamin with folic acid or a folic acid supplement containing at least 400 mcg daily during all of the years that a woman is capable of becoming pregnant can prevent up to 70% of these defects. Because the neural tube closes in the first month after conception, a time when many women do not yet realize they are pregnant, it is important for women, in addition to a healthy diet, to be taking supplements before pregnancy. That is why the recommendation is to take supplements throughout the childbearing years.

2. Heart Defects and Maternal Obesity
Heart defects are some of the most common malformations. The various types of errors in the formation of the heart may occur in as many as 1 in 100 live births. Mothers who are obese at the time they become pregnant (Body Mass Index >30) seem to have an increased chance of having a baby with several kinds of birth defects, including heart defects. If mothers can reduce body weight by making healthy lifestyle changes prior to becoming pregnant, this can help prevent heart and other defects in their baby.

3. Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and Maternal Drinking
"It's thought that Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is the most common recognizable cause of mental retardation," said Dr. Kenneth Lyons Jones, who founded the CA teratogen service and was one of the doctors who first identified FAS in 1973. Children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome are born small, have problems with learning and behavior, and may have other birth defects. "It's completely preventable by avoiding alcohol during pregnancy," he added. This means that women who have the potential to become pregnant can

prevent having a child affected by alcohol by modifying their alcohol drinking habits prior to becoming pregnant. Once a woman knows she is pregnant, she can prevent later effects of alcohol on the baby's growing brain by avoiding alcohol through the remainder of the pregnancy and during breastfeeding.

"This list is just the beginning," said Wolfe. "There are so many things women can do during pregnancy to prevent certain birth defects, such as avoiding illicit drugs and cigarettes, getting early prenatal care to address management of chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. The TTIS Pregnancy Health Information Line is here to help provide as much information to Texas women as possible," she added.

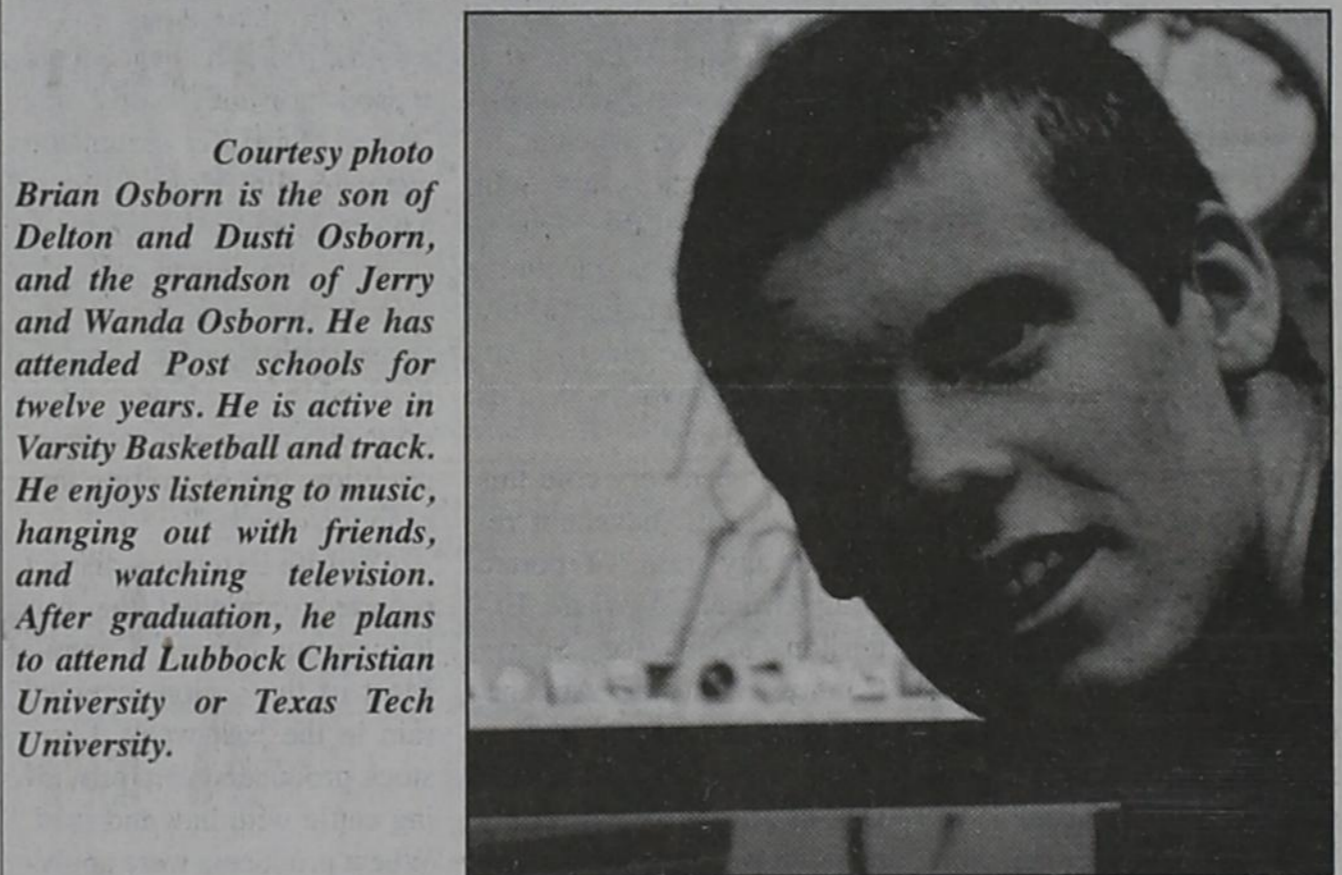
TTIS' national affiliate, The Organization of Teratology Information Specialists (OTIS) has partnered with the National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN) to provide a complete list of resources to promote Birth Defect Prevention Month and can be found at nbdpn.org. This year's birth defects awareness campaign theme is "Medication Use Before, During and After Pregnancy." In addition, OTIS has an extensive list of fact sheets in English and Spanish that includes various medications and their effects during pregnancy and breastfeeding. These can be found at otispregnancy.org.

Questions or concerns from women in Texas about other exposures during pregnancy and breastfeeding can be directed to the TTIS Pregnancy Risk Line, at (800) 733-4727 or online at ttis.unt.edu. Outside of Texas, please call the Organization of Teratology Information Specialists at (866) 626-OTIS (6847).

Students of the Week



Courtesy photo
Alissa is the daughter of Will and Lisa Morrow. She has attended Post schools for twelve years. She has been active in UIL Spelling, basketball, track, tennis, and 4-H. After graduation, Alissa plans to attend WT in Canyon, and major in Business.



Courtesy photo
Brian Osborn is the son of Delton and Dusti Osborn, and the grandson of Jerry and Wanda Osborn. He has attended Post schools for twelve years. He is active in Varsity Basketball and track. He enjoys listening to music, hanging out with friends, and watching television. After graduation, he plans to attend Lubbock Christian University or Texas Tech University.

Legal Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 612

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POST, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES, REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR ANIMALS AND ANIMAL CONTROL IN THE CITY LIMITS OF POST, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE VACCINATION OF DOGS AND CATS, AND FINDING PROCEDURES FOR ANY ANIMAL OR FOWL CONSTITUTING A PUBLIC NUISANCE, PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING DANGEROUS DOGS, LISTING ANY EXCEPTIONS TO THIS ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS. THIS ORDINANCE REPLACES CHAPTER 2 OF THE POST CODE OF ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Post, Texas has previously passed Post Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 addressing animals within the corporate limits of the City of Post, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Post and the City Council of Post are authorized to adopt animal control regulations, and are authorized to define and abate nuisances pursuant to Chapter 217 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Post finds the following regulations to be reasonable and beneficial to the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Post; and

WHEREAS, the City of Post has a number of stray animals within the city limits, owners within the City of Post who do not properly restrain their animals, a fear of the possibility of an outbreak of rabies, and the receipt of numerous complaints regarding animals being a nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Post deems it necessary to adopt the Ordinance hereafter set forth to address the problems and concerns regarding animals and fowl construed to be a public nuisance and/or health and safety issue.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POST, TEXAS THAT CHAPTER 2 OF THE POST CODE OF ORDINANCES IS REPLACED IN FULL AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 2.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 2.01.001 Definitions

Certain words in this article are defined as follows:

1. *Animal.* Any living creature, including but not limited to dogs, cats, cows, horses, birds, fish, mammals, reptiles, insects, fowls, and livestock, but specifically excluding human beings.
2. *Cat.* Felis catus.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Birdwell Oil Company, Post Office Box 1830, Wichita Falls, Texas, 76707 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn Sand formation, Parks -683- Lease, Well Number 5. The proposed injection well is located 17 miles south southeast of Post in the Fluvanna, SW (Strawn, Upper) Field, Garza County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 7,980 to 8,395 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for the public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within 15 days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Post Office Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6792).



Kazi Dunn

Katie Penn

Taylor Osborn

Kayla Comeaux

Rain and snow come, but many areas remain moisture-short

COLLEGE STATION -- Since New Year's, some Texas counties had received from 2 to 6 inches of moisture, but much of the state remains behind as far as long-term accumulations go, said Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

From the Panhandle to South Texas, the lack of moisture affected winter wheat and other crops and caused concern about the future success of spring plantings, according to county reports from AgriLife Extension agents.

"Producers have had a productive week in the field this week with above average temperatures but no moisture in the area," reported Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith County, west of Amarillo. "Winter wheat continues to deteriorate with the lack of moisture and extreme drying conditions in our area."

"Soil moisture is very short with no measurable rainfall since late October," said Jay Kingston, AgriLife Extension agent for Kent County, east of Lubbock. "Wheat is in poor to very poor condition

along with native pastures."

"Pecos County has gone 120 days without any measurable precipitation," said Norman Fryar, AgriLife Extension agent for Pecos County, south of Odessa. "Continued winds and diverse temperature ranges are impacting the overall agricultural industry of the county."

"Conditions remain dry in Foard County. Producers are debating on whether to top-dress wheat," said Seth Manney, AgriLife Extension agent for Foard County, west of Wichita Falls. "Many would like to contract wheat, but are reluctant with this weather pattern."

"It has been very cold this week, we still have not received any rain," reported Greg Gruben, AgriLife Extension agent for Scurry County, west of Abilene. "Rangeland and wheat were really struggling due to the lack of rainfall. We certainly do not have any underground moisture to start next season's crop."

"We had from 0.5-1.5 inches of snow Sunday and Monday with some scattered rainfall late Monday," said

Rick Hirsch, AgriLife Extension agent for Henderson County, west of Tyler. "Hay supplies are rapidly depleting with increasing cold weather. Soil-moisture conditions were helped by snow and rain but it was not enough to sustain production."

"We went from a 100-percent topsoil moisture shortage to a 100-percent adequate topsoil moisture," said Larry Perez, AgriLife Extension agent for Jim Hogg County, east of Laredo. "A 1- to 2-inch rainfall event will do that in this area. Very cool temps with significant moisture and lots of clouds means no evaporation and moisture retention; lots of smiling faces in the county."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries: Central: Most of the region received rain in the past week. Livestock producers were providing cattle with hay and feed. Wheat producers were applying fertilizer on those wheat fields that developed good stands. Corn producers were also applying fertilizer to fields they plan to plant in the spring. The cold, wet weather was hard on beef cows.

East: The region had very cold days and nights, but received moisture in the form of snow, sleet and rain. Where rainfall was significant -- as much as 3.5 inches -- soil conditions were improved. However, many areas were still well below normal accumulations for the year. With average yearly precipitation

more than 20 inches below long-term averages, San Augustine County reported that 2010 was the driest in 41 years. In nearly all the region, much more precipitation was needed to replenish stock ponds and improve winter pasture growth. Livestock were in fair to good condition with producers providing supplemental feeding. Many producers were searching for hay to buy.

Far West: The region has had no measurable amount of precipitation in more than 120 days. The lack of moisture in conjunction with high winds has put the region at very high risk for wildfires. Pecan growers were pruning dormant trees. Fall-planted onions and alfalfa were dormant as well. Farmers were preparing fields for spring planting of cotton, chiles and corn.

Panhandle: The region remained very dry. Soil moisture was short to very short, which adversely affected all winter wheat but particularly that grown without irrigation. Field activities across most of the area were at a standstill due to weather. In a few counties, producers were preparing fields for spring plantings. A large increase in acreage destined for cotton planting was anticipated. Supplemental feeding of cattle was the norm for most livestock producers. Some had to routinely break ice in tanks and ponds due to the severe cold.

Rolling Plains: Cold and dry conditions continued, and wildfire danger was high. Some wheat fields under center-pivot irrigation made good progress. Other fields were in severe need of moisture. The farmers nearly had

the cotton harvest finished with only a few modules of cotton needing to get picked up. All things considered, 2010 was a very good year for cotton farmers. Many were shredding and plowing the last remaining of their fields. Eventually, they plan to prepare beds for spring planting, but currently, soils were rock hard due to the lack of moisture. Livestock were in fair condition with supplemental feeding. Feral hog movement and destruction increased.

South: Several counties received a long-awaited rainfall. However, soil-moisture conditions were mostly short to very short throughout most of the region. The exceptions to the short soil moisture regions were those eastern and southern counties that received large rains. Rangeland and pastures improved somewhat, but cold temperatures slowed winter-annual forage production to a standstill. Supplemental feeding was in full swing due to diminishing forage quality and quantity. Beef cattle scores were fair to good. In the northern part of the region, growers were actively planting potatoes. Producers in the eastern part of the region were applying fertilizer and pre-emergence herbicides. In the western part of the region -- mostly the Zavala County area -- growers were busy harvesting fresh-market spinach and cabbage. In the southern part of the region, the harvesting of citrus, winter vegetables and sugarcane was ongoing. Southeast: Some areas receive about 1 inch of rain, which was absorbed quickly by dry soils. Wheat was good. Land preparation has slowed some due to the wet conditions.

South Plains: The region was bitterly cold with a low

of 8 degrees and a high of 27 degrees, and wind gusts up to 23 mph. Soil moisture was very short to short. The cotton-ginning season continued to wind down with only a few gins still running. Winter wheat was in poor to fair condition and in need of moisture. Pastures and rangeland were in poor to fair condition with rainfall needed for cool-season grasses. Livestock remained in mostly good condition, with producers providing supplemental feed on colder days. Southwest: The region received 0.2-0.3 inches of moisture in the form of a slow, drizzling rain, but cumulative rainfall totals since Aug. 1 remained at about 50 percent of the long-term average. Cold weather helped conserve the limited moisture. Fields were ready for early spring planting. More rain will be needed soon for dryland crops to be planted. Pastures and rangeland forbs were in winter dormancy. Forage availability was below average. Winter vegetables made excellent progress under heavy irrigation. The harvesting of cabbage and spinach continued.

West Central: Extremely cold weather and dry conditions continued. All counties needed rain to keep winter pastures and crops going. The cotton harvest was completed in most areas. Winter wheat was in poor condition due to lack of moisture. Farmers were preparing fields for spring plantings. Rangeland and pasture conditions continued to decline. Forage availability was very low. Livestock were in fair condition with continued supplemental feeding. The pecan harvest was completed in many areas with average yields reported.

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Proposed state budget cut will decrease public library funding across the state

A public notice was released Tuesday, January 25th, 2011 of a proposed budget cut that will decrease funding by 99% for public libraries across the state.

State budget proposal for public libraries will

- Eliminate Loan Star program which is used to purchase books
- Eliminate Inter Library Loan service which involves borrowing books from other libraries
- Eliminate state funding for consulting services, depository programs, and records management
- Eliminate West Texas Library System
- Eliminate the Technology Allotment at TEA

From the perspective of investing in communities, helping kids learn, spurring job placement, and maintaining a dynamic

infrastructure for research and digital literacy through our libraries, this budget completely fails the people of Texas.

It is not just funding over the next two years that is in danger...it is the vital understanding of libraries and their role in offering education, providing meaningful and proven support to our economy and institutions of learning, and speaking to a state of vitality.

We need everyone to speak out for libraries. We need every supporter to inundate their state representative and senator, the Governor, and the Lt Governor with letters expressing the incredible damage these cuts would cause.

What My Library Means To ME campaign has begun and Post Public Library

needs your support.

Please fill out the survey below and place it in the library book drop or even hand deliver it to Austin.

Go online at <http://www.txla.org>

Click on Save Our Texas Libraries and fill out the survey. Browse the site for further information on how to help save our local libraries.

Legislation day is February 16th.

I will need your comments by February 8th to mail to Austin.

Thank you for your support,

Peggy Ashley
Post Public Library

In what ways do you use the library?

What is the benefit of the public library to you?

What would it mean to you if the library were not available?

House budget bill will push seniors

"The proposed 10 percent cut to Medicaid providers would take a heavy toll on both nursing homes and community care, with costly consequences for the state of Texas both in terms of money and, more importantly, human lives.

"The Legislature shouldn't use across-the-board percentage reductions to mask the real impact these budget cuts will have on Texas seniors. Cuts to Medicaid rates would put the lives of nursing home residents at risk by reducing facility staff and care for our most vulnerable. Texas

already pays the second lowest Medicaid nursing home reimbursement rates in the country. Further, the budget would also reduce the number of state staff responsible for ensuring the quality and safety of Texas nursing homes. Cuts to rates and oversight will degrade the quality of care received by patients, creating an enormously dangerous situation for real people.

"For community-based care, rate cuts would essentially eliminate the supply of workers, pushing more people into nursing homes, which is more

expensive for the state. When we pay people more to work at a fast-food restaurant than we do to provide care for our elders, we're sending a strong message about the value this state places on older Texans.

"While we fully appreciate the tough challenges at hand for this Legislature, pulling the rug out from seniors at both ends of the long-term care service spectrum is penny wise and pound foolish. We must all make sure that Texas seniors and their families know what's at stake."

Home care & hospice workers launch 'Operation Care Stronger'

AUSTIN, Tex.— Jan. 24, 2011 - Texas home care and hospice workers will give special recognition and attention to their clients during a statewide "Operation Care Stronger" program in February. Home care and hospice agencies provide skilled and supportive care from simple assistance in activities of daily living to high-tech IV therapy to persons of all ages throughout the state. Services include preventive, acute, sub-acute, rehabilitative, long-term, and end of life care.

Anita Bradberry, Executive Director of the Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice, said that

"participating home care and hospice agencies will provide their clients with a special Valentine's Day greeting to highlight the effort, reinforcing the concern and respect we have for those who can no longer live completely independently." Home care and hospice care provides tens of thousands of Texans the choice to remain in their homes instead of being placed in institutional care. "Consumers without families especially need to be reminded that there are those who care and respect them and Valentine's Day is the perfect time to make that point," Bradberry said.

She encouraged other Texans to remember their

friends and neighbors who are sick, medically fragile, have disabilities or terminal illnesses, who are children, young adults or elderly, and to let them know that Texas cares.

There are more than 4,500 licensed agencies in Texas.

The Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice Inc., is a statewide non-profit trade organization whose mission is to promote quality and economic viability of licensed providers of home and community support services in Texas. Many clients are served under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, as well as private insurance or private arrangements.

Pharmacists offer recommendations

WASHINGTON, DC— The American Pharmacists Association would like to remind the public about the importance of speaking with their pharmacist during cold and flu season. A pharmacist can help patients with such things as getting a flu shot, identifying the differences between a common cold and the flu, suggesting the best over-the-counter medications and offering commendation when a health care provider should be seen.

The common cold and influenza are two of the most easily transmittable diseases in the United States. Although the common cold is usually mild, with symptoms lasting one to two weeks, it is a leading cause of doctor visits and missed days from school and work. Typically, children suffer from five to seven colds each year and adults from two to three. According to the CDC, on average 5% to 20% of the U.S. population becomes ill with influenza, more than 200,000 people are hospitalized and more than 24,000 people die from seasonal flu-related complications.

Knowing whether you have the common cold or the flu can be complicated, and the common symptoms are sometimes indistinguishable. Common Cold symptoms are sneezing, stuffy or runny nose, sore throat, cough, watery eyes and mild head or body aches. The Flu symptoms include fever and or chills, stuffy or runny noses, sore throat, cough, fatigue, pronounced head or body aches and vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults).

A pharmacist can discuss your symptoms with you and offer advice on the best course of action. If a patient has the flu, and it is still within the first two days, a pharmacist can advise the patient and offer solutions including further evaluation and treatment options that may include prescription antiviral therapy from an authorized prescriber. If a patient has a cold, viral sinus infection or has past the two-day window with influenza, a pharmacist can suggest the best over-the-counter medications to fit his/her symptoms.

There is still time to protect your family from the

flu, the CDC recommends all persons six months or older receive an influenza vaccine. The vaccine is available throughout the flu season or as long as supply lasts. Make sure to speak with your pharmacist about your vaccination needs. APhA encourages consumers to follow good health practices to prevent the spread of influenza, colds and other transmissible illnesses. Consumers are encouraged to cover their mouth and nose during a cough or sneeze, avoid touching the eyes, nose or mouth, and wash their hands frequently. Other good health practices to follow include using alcohol based hand sanitizer, getting plenty of regular sleep and avoiding work, school or other places of close contact when you are sick.

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POST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Post, Texas

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES— GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

Data Control Codes	10		98	
	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
REVENUES:				
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 7,393,296	\$ 71,831	\$ 7,465,127
5800	State Program Revenues	1,721,340	82,682	1,804,022
5900	Federal Program Revenues	50,870	1,340,147	1,391,017
5020	Total Revenues	9,165,506	1,494,660	10,660,166
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011	Instruction and Instruction-Related Services	4,851,804	1,082,634	5,934,438
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	212,144	-	212,144
0013	Curriculum Development and Instructional Staff Development	146,129	3,683	149,812
0021	Instructional Leadership	77,990	15,000	92,990
0023	School Leadership	580,207	-	580,207
0031	Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	266,825	84,855	351,680
0033	Health Services	74,342	-	74,342
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	233,263	-	233,263
0035	Food Services	9,692	313,292	322,984
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	520,755	-	520,755
0041	General Administration	503,644	-	503,644
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,088,544	-	1,088,544
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	123,845	-	123,845
0053	Data Processing Services	143,889	-	143,889
0061	Community Services	21,644	-	21,644
0071	Principal on Long-Term Debt	45,530	-	45,530
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt	4,979	-	4,979
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Public Schools	356,891	-	356,891
0093	Payments to Member Districts of SSA	4,000	-	4,000
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	73,652	-	73,652
6030	Total Expenditures	9,339,769	1,499,464	10,839,233
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(174,263)	(4,804)	(179,067)
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7915	Operating Transfers In	-	-	-
8911	Operating Transfers Out	-	-	-
	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	-	-	-
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	(174,263)	(4,804)	(179,067)
0100	Fund Balances -- Beginning	7,482,672	9,322	7,491,994
3000	Fund Balances -- Ending	\$ 7,308,409	\$ 4,518	\$ 7,312,927

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Lake Level—Rain report

Gauge Reading	Feet below spillway	Rise	Rainfall past week	Rain to date	
2355.95	16' 7"	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 3,945,403,908 billion gallons left available at the intake or 40% capacity or 12,108 acre feet. Subtract 11,772,681 MG for evaporation this week in January that leaves 3,933,631,227 BG available as of today.

White River's daily average demand for 2010 was 1.40 million gallons per day for all White River Customers.

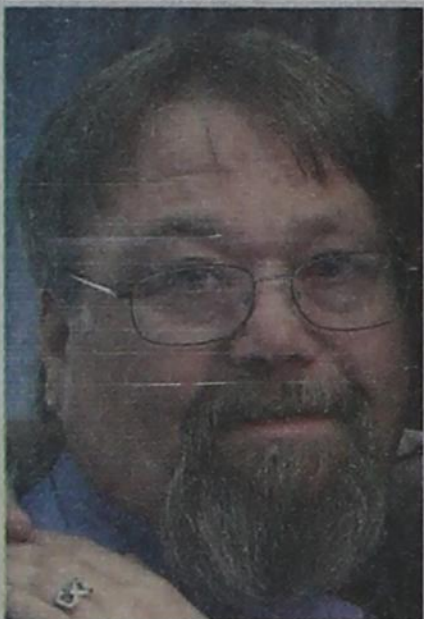
The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the Lake Level rises.

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

Obituaries



JACK MOORE

Services for Jack Moore, 50, of Post will be at 2 PM Friday at the First Baptist Church. Interment in Terrace Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Jack died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011 in Post. He was born Oct. 25, 1960 in Lubbock to Jim and Shirley Moore. He married Ralonna McDaniels on Aug. 26, 1996 in Post. Jack was a graduate of Post High School and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife Ralonna Moore of Post, 2 Sons: Keith and Kirt Moore both of Post, 4 Daughters: Erica Moore and Tamara Moore both of Post, Sheakell Moore of Lubbock and Summer Reed of

Abilene, 1 Brother: Joe Moore of Post and Grandmother: Allene Riddle of Aspermont and 13 Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Jim and Shirley Moore.

Visitation will be Thursday from 6 until 7:30 at the Funeral Home



MARY WINDHAM

Mary Landreth Windham, 86, of Post, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock. Services were held 2:00 pm Wednesday January 24, 2011 at the Post Church of Christ. Paul D. Jones officiated. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Born at Chelsea, Oklahoma to Arthur Roscoe and Georgia Mae (Mack) Tuggle.

August 10, 1924. Mary graduated from Sasakwa high school and married Nuel R. Landreth June 18, 1942. Nuel preceded her in death Sept. 16, 1980. Mary worked for Garza County Appraisal District, Cockrum Printing, Post Insurance, First National Bank of Post and Postex Cotton Mill (Burlington Industries). She married Everette (Heavy) Windham in September of 1991. She remained active in her church and community. She was a long time member of the Post Church of Christ. Survivors include: Her husband: Everette Windham of Post; One son: Nuel A. Landreth of Post; Two daughters: Patricia McCowen of Denton and Teresa Crenshaw of Post. Two stepsons: Jerry Windham of Post and Danny Windham of Abilene; One stepdaughter: Wyanza Basinger of Slaton. One brother: Sidney Earl Tuggle of Midwest City, Oklahoma and one sister: Faye Mildred Reed of Wichita, Kansas. Four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Seven step-grandchildren and 16 step-great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were: Don McCowen, Darren McCowen, Kristopher Crenshaw, Gene Reed, Mike Reed and Corby Windham.

Memorial...

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end with the salutation "Rest in peace Brother". A small uncluttered bench sits in front of the memorial and it will be lit at night for all to see. All labor associated with the memorial was donated by caring citizens who wished to be a small part of the remembrance

"He became a part of the community instantly," said Lt. Michael Taylor of the Garza County Sheriff's Office. "He was a brother - to lose a brother makes us come together." The community as a whole has deeply felt the loss of one of our own, someone we had come to know and love, and one we

quickly came to depend on. His loss will continue to be felt for a long while. Though his position as a state trooper may be filled, his place within our hearts will not be. He will long be remembered for his love of life and his willingness to be the first to volunteer when help was needed.

The memorial will hopefully serve to remind all who see, of the sacrifices made by one of those who would risk and ultimately gave his own life to serve and protect his community, his county and his state.

Sgt. Rueben Garcia expressed his appreciation at the outpouring of support from the citizens and law

enforcement. County Judge Lee Norman and City Mayor Theresa Harp were in attendance as well.

"Our community and law enforcement is better for having known Jonathan McDonald and we will always be thankful for who he was and what he stood for. As we said in the Navy, 'Fair winds and Following Seas' until we meet again", Just my thoughts-Michael Taylor.

Officers attended the ceremony from Midland County S.O. Honor Guard, Lynn County S.O., and a large gathering of D.P.S. Command Officers. It was a very befitting ceremony honoring our fallen brother.

Animal Hospital...

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husband and the dream of owning their own businesses one day. Kristi says she feels she has been blessed in many ways since coming to Post to reside. "We love the community and we look forward to raising our sons here and becoming more a part of the Post community," says Kristi.

After graduating Sul Ross University Kerry went on to Texas A & M College of Veterinary Medicine where he graduated in 2002 with a degree as Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He began his career by practicing at a mixed animal clinic in Odessa for 6 years and he has practiced in Meridian at a predominantly equine practice. He then moved to San Angelo to work at an all small animal clinic from 2009 to 2010 before deciding to get back into a mixed animal practice.

Dr. Wink tells us, "This opportunity is a new adventure for us. Other clinics where I have worked at have been in larger cities with large clientele that you might see only once a year. I love working in Post because my clients are not only people I see during a 30 minute appointment, but might also be someone I run into at the grocery store, church, or while eating out. It really allows for a "personal" relationship with my clients. It's the one thing that has truly made me believe we are supposed to be here."

Dr. Wink specializes in horses and small animals, but offers services and products for all species of pets. He says, "During my first year open here, my cattle work was very limited. Since that time, I've practiced and honed my bovine skills. I am now

able to offer palpation and breeding soundness exams to area ranchers."

The clinic, former home of Caprock Veterinarian Clinic on US Highway 84 is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 5:00 with extended hours on Thursdays and open Saturdays by appointment only. Emergencies services are available by calling 806-495-3726

On February 1st we will host a come and go day where we will serve drinks and cupcakes to show our thanks to our clientele for their support during our first year in business. Come out and register for one of the multiple drawings for products and services. We will be here from 8:30 until 6:30 and would love to have our clients stop by to say hello. We appreciate the support this community has shown our business and our family.

Post Notes...

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whatever project you are working on or want to begin: crochet, knitting, cross stitch, quilting, etc. Call 495-4148

for more information.

495-2980 or Frank Tobias at 495-3057.

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

Post High School Calendar

Post Middle School Weekly Calendar
January 10-31, 2011
1/24/11-MS Basketball Girls At Roosevelt Boys Here
1/31/11-MS Basketball Girls Here Boys at Slaton

Faculty/Staff Birthdays

1/4-Yvonne Hill

Post Elementary Calendar

February 2nd- Lifetouch Spring and Class Pictures
February 7th - Report Cards go home.
February 25th- 12:30 Dismissal

Post Elementary Notes

Wednesday, February 2nd- LifeTouch will be at the elementary school to take both individual and class pictures. Pictures are taken in the morning. Information will be coming home soon with your student.
Monday, February 7th- Progress Reports will come home with your student.

Call (806) 495-3461 for tickets

At the Antelope Arena in Post Sunday, February 27 4 p.m.

Call (806) 495-3461 for tickets

\$9 adults, \$7 students, \$5 ages 6 & under
Buy your tickets in advance at the Chamber office, 131 E. Main or at the door the afternoon of the game

Thanks for reading!